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Value and its Aspects

January Fairness & Justice

- * Treat others as equals with fairness and mercy
- * Treat others as you would like to be treated
- * Speak justly and be firm in upholding justice
- * Be fair with all people, good and bad and be fair with yourself.

February Responsibility

- * Be responsible towards Allah before anybody else.
- * Be responsible for your body, your belongings and the environment.
- * Be responsible for our actions, duties, school and knowledge.
- * Be responsible for your time and your money.

New Horizon Annual Walk-a-Thon
Please join us for a fun filled morning on Tuesday, February 16th. From 10:00 am-12:30 pm. A walk around the block which will culminate at IHOP for pancake brunch.



Happy Birthday!

January

May AlSaleh
Sanaa Keval
Callista Permana
Basem AlSaleh
Shayan Islam
Imen Guechtouli
Amber Ahsan
Rahma Sudarmadji
Muhammad Ibn Dawud
Abdullah
Elan Bacchus

February

Saamiya Ahmed
Sara Zain
Aliza Khan
Aya Kherici
Mansur Ibn Dawud Abdullah
Shakira Easmin
Firdausi Sudarmadji

Place
Stamp
Here

In the Name of God, The Compassionate, The Merciful

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"O my Lord! Advance me in knowledge." Quran (20:14)

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Dedicated to providing
academic excellence in
an Islamic environment.

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Business Manager
Shahana Malik

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Tasneem Keval

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From the Principal's Pen...



Assalamu Alaikum. On behalf of the staff and students of New Horizon School, I wish all of our families and the community a very happy and safe 2010 and the Hijri Year 1431.

My wish for each one is that you make a conscious effort to take time for yourselves, and enjoy the precious moments with one another.

Time is passing by and how we are spending it, reminds me of Surat Al-Asr. With the passage of time, man is at a loss except those who have faith and do righteous deeds and join together in truth and patience. We need to remember that time is a gift of life and we need to reflect on how we are spending it in the service of Allah (SWT) and if we are at all. We should evaluate the past year and make resolutions for improvement in 2010 & 1431 Hijri. Every minute of the day that passes does not come back. The only thing time leaves behind is your deeds. Whether you wasted your time or spent it wisely making a difference in our children's lives, it is very important to appreciate our children and raise their self worth and self esteem.

This passage of time reminds me of the twenty five successful years of growth and striving for excellence in providing quality education to our American Muslim children in an Islamic environment at New Horizon School - LA. As we celebrate this 25th anniversary year, I invite each and every one of you to join us in celebration of this milestone by participating whole heartedly in all school programs and events.

During this time, we reflect on the past and envision the future. With this in mind, we will be celebrating our 2nd Alumni Reunion and honoring Mrs. Kay Alford who taught our students, then became a part of the administration as the Vice Principal. She then took charge of the library and music and is now ready to retire. Mrs. Kay Alford has worked closely with teachers since the second year of inception. She has always supported our mission and made significant contributions in the growth of our school.

The next event on our calendar is our annual Walk-a-Thon followed closely by our Science Fair. The Spelling Bee is coming up in March which will be followed by several other events in the last trimester. I look forward to seeing everyone at all the events scheduled to take place till the end of the school year. Please come support our students and our school.

*Shahida Alikhan
Principal*

P.T.O News

Assalamu-Alaikum Parents! Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Winter Break.

Well, it's time to get back to work as we need volunteers to help us with lunches and school programs. We want you to start getting sponsors for the Walk-a-Thon and attend the Science Fair. I hope you will make time to get involved in all our school activities. Please remember that not only does your active participation in school show your child that you care, it also sets a great example for the spirit of volunteerism.

Anne Henderson, a noted researcher who has spent more than 20 years studying parent involvement in education, says, "Its never too late for you to become more involved with your child's education. When schools work together with families to support learning, children tend to succeed not just in school, but throughout life."

The PTO is the helping hand for New Horizon School. We need to be involved in all the school activities for our children's self-esteem and self-worth. *Jessica Arya & Taskin Momin*

Save the Date!
2nd
Annual Alumni
Reunion & Benefit

Dinner Honoring Mrs. Kay Alford for her services to New Horizon School-LA on Saturday, March 20th, 2010.

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Pre-School News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum. Allamduallah, may this year bring us many opportunities and wonderful days filled with challenges and successes. Ameen. We started the New Year with zest. We have the Family Night, Quran Competition on January 29th. Our preschoolers will participate and I am sure it will be a huge success. Insha'allah, we are looking forward to the Science Fair and the "Walk-a-thon." Hope we will have your full participation in these programs.

In the coming months, the Pre-schoolers will move forward with their alphabet from "M-R" and the numbers "1-12". They will continue doing the colors, shapes and opposites. We will also be concentrating more on their language development, gross motor and fine motor skills. For our annual science fair project this year, we will do an experiment with water based soluble materials and we will also explore the phenomena, that certain objects are lighter and can float on water, while others cannot.

Arabic language plays an important part in our Pre-School. Children learn and speak simple words and sentences. They can count in Arabic, which is great. In Islamic Studies, children are learning about the values of Islam and the ways to practice it. Do come and visit our Pre-School classroom and our fine art section. "Fun in Snow" which has been prepared by the children. Come and see how creative our Pre-Schoolers can be! and we want to show everybody, how hardworking and high achievers our Pre-Schoolers are and who will be our future mountain hikers Inshallah. I would like to thank Allah (SWT) for His grace and my class parents for their continuous support and guidance. Lastly, we welcome our new student Danah Alamri and her family to our school.

Zainab Nigehbani

Pre-Kindergarten News

Dear Parents. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. It was good to see all the students back to school after two weeks of winter break. We have several activities lined up for the month of January. We will be getting ready for the Family Night in which there will be Quran Competition. Please be ready to taste the delicious food and dessert. Make sure that you keep yourself updated by reading the weekly bulletin every Monday.

It is great to see the Pre-Kindergartners' back to the daily routines. We are concentrating on our fine motor skills and learning to print our names correctly. We learned all about being fair, friendly and kind using the teachings of the great leader MLK and showed the students how his teachings ties with the ISLAMIC VALUES. This month we will also prepare for the Science Fair and work on our science project. Parents make sure you come and visit the school when the boards are on display.

As we move on further it will be great to visit the Zoo and learn more about animals. What is the difference between wild and tame animals? The students will have a first hand experience while at the Zoo. Here is your chance to sign up and help us on our trip and finish your volunteer hours. Also we will be learning about farm animals and find out all about the tools and equipment that the farmer uses, and takes care of the animals to bring delicious cheese and milk to our dining tables. Thanks to Ms.Kay for bringing in all kinds of picture books related to our themes.

February will be the month of President's day. The students will learn all about the Commander In Chief. Using weekly reader we will find out about Air Force One, White House, First Lady, the current presidents, favorite foods and games. Also we will learn and watch clips on YouTube about our President. It will be interesting to know about his family as there are two little girls in the White House.

Thank you for your support and to all my volunteer parents who come and watch the students when we have our staff meetings. It means a lot when you appreciate us taking care of your children especially after you are in our shoes watching them.

Tauveen Hadi

Kindergarten News

Dear Kindergarten parents, Assalamu Alaikum, Alhamdulillah we have entered the second trimester of school. The previous one was full of exciting activities. This one Inshallah will be the same. The kindergarten class will be preparing for a class science project for the New Horizon School Science Fair. Learning becomes very interesting for students as we engage them in activities and a little variety can go a long way towards keeping our children occupied in the learning process.

Please try to involve children in different activities at home and also help them in learning spelling words for the test. Encourage your child to read regularly as it will help him/her to write a few sentences in their journals on any topic.

We have also been learning about staying safe and healthy. Our objectives include: identifying the importance of eating healthy meals, identifying healthy eating habits, identifying ways to stay physically fit and identifying the importance of exercise to personal health. Please join us for the upcoming Quran Competition and family night.

Tahira Zainab

First Grade News

Greetings of Peace. Our first graders have started the New Year with written New Year's Resolutions and ways to achieve their goals. I think we are, again, off to a great start! I hope to refresh students' minds with a brief review of the material learned before Winter Break and then launch the rest of the curriculum. There is definitely much to be learned in the months to come. In Science, students will be learning about weather and temperature and their science projects will be reflecting this theme. In Language Arts, we will be focusing on writing complete sentences, picking up on various parts of speech, and continue with the writing process. We will also be doing a lot more reading in the classroom. In order to bring students to the grade level reading fluency, please read with your child at home. When students read a certain amount of books this quarter, they will receive certificate and a small prize! So yes, read, read, read with your child.

Tamera Wong

Second & Third Grade News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum. I hope that all of you have started the New Year on a happy note. With our busy pace in school, the second semester is in full swing with the academics and all the activities coming up.

Students are busy preparing projects for the upcoming Science Fair. The Young, amateur scientists are bustling, collecting materials and conducting experiments for their projects. It is a marvel to see how they come up with such wonderful ideas. My only request to all parents is to help the child, rather than actually do the project for the child.

As January comes to a close and February draws near, half the school year has elapsed and another set of tests will be coming in. To help your students during these times make sure they get plenty of rest and study hard from as early as at least a week prior to the test date.

I express my deepest gratitude to all the parents for their concerns, valuable suggestions and constant support. This year, InshaAllah, will be an eventful experience for your child. Together we can ensure that the experiences this year will not only be enjoyable, but also very rewarding.

Shaheda Inshad

News from Social Studies Classroom

Assalamu-Alaikum! I hope you are well rested by now after the Winter Break! It was nice to see the 2nd graders come in to their Social Studies classroom with revived energy, Allhumdulillah, being right on track so far this month of January working on concepts related to Theme 3 "People At Work". They have explored that people have both needs and wants and will consume and produce various goods and services and as a result, people have created many different jobs for everyone in our communities. They will learn the general process of how some goods are made for everyone and understand that goods are always on the move reaching far distances to meet people's many needs. They will work on making puppet like figures of people who hold important jobs in our communities this month. The students will play various types of games both in their inter-teams and as a whole group relating to the current theme, as well as related to past themes covering landforms and the fifty states. In February, the students will begin exploration of Theme 4 "Our Nation's Story" by understanding the creation of their country and discover how the first Americans came to explore and settle the land that is now the United States. They will learn how to read a flow chart, a map scale, will re-visit word webs, and will continue writing to their Muslim pen pals in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, inshallah!

Tauveen Koval

Fourth & Fifth Grade News

Assalamu Alaikum and Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed your breaks and caught up on some much needed rest. As for me, I made a spiritual Umra and spent time re-connecting with Allah. No rest, of course, but I've come back ready for all the exciting events and curriculum I'm going to cover in this next part of the school year. As you are all aware, the students are quite busy these days working on their science projects, for the approaching Science Fair. I want to remind everyone that these projects are to be completed in class, but will require trips to the library.

To all my 4th and 5th grade parents and students, I just want to say that this year is moving fast. Stay on top of the work, or it can become overwhelming. We are coming up to the next set of mid-terms. Portions were distributed. Many students are making excellent progress and I look forward to seeing that reflected on these next tests.

We will be taking various field trips, preparing for various events, and generally be busy during the next few months. We will spend a good portion of that time reviewing key concepts learned in the first half of the year and applying old concepts in new ways. Please make sure your students are getting their necessary rest and eating nutritious meals to avoid falling sick during this flu season. Proper attendance and staying on top of homework are the keys to a successful academic term.

Please feel free to e-mail nishukhala@yahoo.com if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding your student or an assignment. I want to wish all of you an enjoyable, exciting rest of the school year, and insha'allah we will all be successful!

Nishat Alikhan

* Words of Wisdom ! *
* "None of you truly *
* believes until he wishes for *
* his brother what he wishes *
* for himself." *
* Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) *



Science Fair

It is once again time for our budding scientist to start working on their science fair projects. Class teachers have given out the science fair project package to the students. Suggestions for project ideas, time line, additional guidelines, and important information about the scientific method are also included. If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher. If you need to purchase a science fair board they are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from the office.

Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 25th, from 3:30 to 5:00. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.