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Mark Your Calendars!

- School Spelling bee on Thurs. April 1st.
- Spring Break Kdg.-5th grade. Fri. April 2nd. to Fri. April 9th.
- Family Night-Costume Party & Talent Show-Friday April 16th.
- Earth Day Wed. April 21st.
- 2010 Interschool Spelling Bee Thurs. April 29th.
- Spring Open House and Arabic Day Fri. May 7th.

Values and its Aspects

March Honesty

- * Be honest with your words
- * Be honest with your actions
- * Be honest and keep your promises
- * Be honest, it is the best sign of your strength
- * Be honest, specially when you are tempted not to do so.

April Commitment

- Be committed to Allah and your faith
- Be committed to personal excellence and the highest level of learning
- Be committed to your family and your community
- Demonstrate commitment through actions



Happy Birthday March

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Zahin Hossane
Sarah Merzougui
Luis Amaya
Sophya Mirza
Amina Khaleel
Yanis Guechtouli

April

Kareem Elmanzalawy
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Quote of the Month

"All our dreams can come true-if we have the courage to pursue them."

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

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From the Principal's Pen...

Assalamu-Alaikum. Stepping into Spring brings new beginnings.... A time to look ahead and plan not only for the rest of the year, but for the next year.

With this in mind the enrollment packets with tuition and financial aid information was sent out. Please read the contracts carefully and return them with the registration fee of \$125. If you have not done yet. This will help us in planning for next year. After April 14th, the registration fee will be \$150.00

We are at the end of the second trimester and end of the year activities are fast approaching. I would like to encourage you to continue to attend the programs and support your children's effort and the school. Invite your friends and family and talk to them about our school. Encourage them to register. I had talked to you in the past and would like to talk again about perception and how it could influence and change the quality of our life.

If you have the right and positive perception you can not only be happy yourself but keep people around you happy.

There are two ways to look at every situation in life.

Is the cup half empty?
Or the cup half full?

It is amazing how our perception can be changed by our attitude. For example, think about God and then look at these letters:

N-O-W-H-E-R-E. You can assume that God is NO WHERE or God is NOW HERE.

Follow this advice and you can improve the quality of life. Always remember that you are loved, even when it doesn't seem like it. Believe in yourself and your values. Don't sell out when things go wrong.

Don't let anything get you down, always bounce back up. Set goals for your future and never settle for anything less. Realize that there are others in the world with much bigger problems than you. "So lose not heart nor fall into despair, for ye must gain mastery if you are true in faith" Surat Al Imran.

Appreciate the good things in your life, and be thankful for the time you have with your loved ones.

Spend more time with your family and friends. Appreciate the simple things in life, and don't get caught up in material things.

If you follow that advice you can't go wrong! So the next time you're looking at a situation in your life, Is the cup half empty? Or is the cup half full? Be an optimist and see the cup as being half full. Before long, your attitude will rub off on others, you can make the world a better place by simply making yourself a happier person.

Shahida Alikhan

Time to Register

The enrollment packets for 2010-2011 school year have been sent. Please complete the contract and turn it in with the registration fee of \$125 by April 14th, 2010.

P.T.O News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum! The school year is coming to an end and there's still a lot to do. I am asking everyone to please come together and try to make these last few months memorable.

Spring Open House & Arabic Day is on May 7th. Please pass the word around to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. They can tour the school and see what a great job our teachers and students are doing. Don't forget that we are all partners in learning with our student's and teachers. Good partnerships are based on a common goal, a shared effort, and good communication.

If someone asked you to name your biggest responsibility in life, you'd undoubtedly say being a parent. Parents know that their most important and challenging job is raising happy, healthy, successful children.

Parents volunteering in school events makes a difference in your children's lives. Its never too late to get involved. According to Joyce Epstein of John Hopkins University "a volunteer is anybody, anytime, any place, who supports school goals or children's learning." So please sign up and be a part of the upcoming school events.

Taskin Momin
P.T.O Vice President

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Pre-School News

Dear parents of pre school children, Assalamu-Alaikum. I welcome all new pre-schoolers to New Horizon School LA. My class is a colorful mosaic of lovely energetic bright students. Alhamdulillah! Our Sports day went well and our Pre-schoolers the highlight of the event. Regarding the learning we teachers and Pre-schoolers are learning everyday something new and the experience is rewarding, as well as challenging. Sometimes the younger ones see and learn from the older students, but at times old ones start acting like their younger counterparts. In either event the experience is rewarding. It is fun to watch and wait for any situation to arise.

The old students are almost ready to go to the next class, they have learned the alphabets A - V, with associated sounds and words. They will continue learning up to Y through the end of April. Together we have successfully learned numbers up to 12. Currently children are reinforcing number and object association, along with learning how to carry our matching/rearrangement of jumbled-up letters, working on recognizing the three basic sizes of Big, Medium, and Small and finally revising shapes and colors.

Children are frequently gaining exposure to science via theme work and in-class activities. These include: using sensory perceptions like taste, touch, and smell (with fruits and food) and life cycle (Butterfly). I would like to thank all the parents for their understanding and cooperation . Please continue to stay involved in your child's learning.

Zainab Nigehbani

Pre-Kindergarten

Parents I hope you all enjoyed the Science Fair. Sure your students came home with stories about their project. It was fun combining our cooking lesson into a science project. Thanks a bunch Ms, Keval for your help. Well then we had our big day, all the students were excited as it was sports day and pre-k bake sale. As always parents your participation in the bake sale is highly appreciated. Trip to the Zoo was fun and the students got to see many animals.

Yes we can see the signs of spring—the days are little longer and warmer. The students will learn the changes by learning that animals come out of hibernation, flowers bloom, seeds start growing and there are new off springs all over in the animal world. As we were learning about the life cycle of a butterfly it was fun watching a video clip of metamorphosis on you tube and then continue with the project. It is great to see that each student have their own interpretation about the theme learnt and the end product was unique and different.

Our daily routine is to improve our language and vocabulary. We have lot of pretend play and there is social interaction and communication among the students. The students are learning opposites by using flash cards and then completing work sheets. Writing names, numbers, and letters is done often so that the students can improve in their fine motor skills. We are also working on our YUMMY ALPHABET BOOK.

Parents here is a reminder for you –the candy sale will be coming to an end soon and if it's possible you can get volunteer hour by selling more than one box.

Tauveer Hadi

Kindergarten News

Dear Kindergarten Parents, Assalamu Alaikum, March has gotten off to a great start. We are all amazed at what great readers our kindergartners are becoming. Reading is a very involved task to master, so patience and consistency are very important when working with emergent readers.

In math we are working on how to read a calendar, which is a practical skill with important applications in children's lives every day. We are also focusing on Time, Writing Numbers from 1-100, addition and subtraction problems and in science we have been learning about the important role of the sun and various weather patterns during seasonal changes. Hope to see you all on April 16th at the costume party and talent show.

Tahira Zainab

First Grade News

Spring is here and the year is almost coming to an end. I want to thank parents, first of all, for helping their children with homework, encouraging good behavior, and supporting school fundraisers and events. When I see parental involvement, I know there is definitely a "new horizon." We will continue to need all parents' efforts in the last few months to come!

As for the students in the 1st grade, they will be working hard in all subjects to meet state standards. Students have finished learning how to write Friendly Letters and are now learning Instructional Writing, "How To..." papers. For some who are struggling with the basics, we are spending more time on recognizing spelling patterns in words so that they become better writers. Addition and subtraction are the two fundamental operations in math so improving their arithmetic skills has been our classroom objective thus far. They will need these math skills in later grades. I can see their motivation to learn, and I will continue to motivate them through positive reinforcements and making classroom learning an enjoyable experience.

Tamera Wong

Second & Third Grade News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum. The second/third grade students have been quite busy with their academic and extra curricular activities. Our next big, competitive event is the "Spelling Bee," and all the students will be participating in the contest. I have given out the spelling list sometime back. We will be using words from this list for the spellings every week. Students need to memorize the spellings well.

We will be starting to prepare for the CTP-4 testing soon. All tests will be based on these tests, from now on. I will be sending home extra practice worksheets for practice, especially during the Spring Break. We will be discussing these in class as well. Make sure that the students complete these worksheets on time. I really need your cooperation in this regard. Practice for these tests is very important. Besides these students will have their regular tests and homework. Please make sure all work is done on time.

We also have the Annual Benefit Dinner. Students will be taking part in one or the other event. Please support the school in this regard and have them participate in this event. Remember, it takes a village to raise a child.

The students are excited and look forward to moving on to the next step in their educational life. Your help and cooperation is deeply appreciated. Please keep in touch with me for the betterment and progress of your child. Together with the guidance and help from Allah (SWT), we can make the life of every child, a better one. It is a pleasure to be a part of your child's life. I also take this opportunity to **thank you** all for all the support you have been rendering towards making this school year a great success, Insha Allah.

Shaheda Inshad

Fourth & Fifth Grade News

Assalamu Alaikum everyone! We have been very busy here at school, with Winter Finals, Math competitions, the Science Fair, the Annual Alumni Reunion, field trips, & the School Spelling Bee. The 4th & 5th graders took part in a global math competition entitled "World Maths Day," where students had the opportunity to answer as many questions as they could in 60 second rounds, while playing students from around the world. They completed their Science Projects – completely in-class – quite a feat!

Academically, I'm proud to announce that we are completing our curriculum and will soon start our formal CTP IV Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, & Grammar reviews. We will also be preparing for WrAP testing in May.

We have many exciting events coming up. Spring Break, the Costume Party & Talent show is on April 16th, then our Earthday Celebration on April 22nd, the Interschool Spelling Bee, Arabic Day & Spring Open House, the Spring Fair, and many more field trips! The rest of March and April promise to be very exciting months. So during Spring Break, try to take time to get some rest, read some books, complete all assigned homework, and get ready for the last 10 weeks of the school year to be action packed!

Nishat Akibhan

Sports News

I would like to thank you for your participation in sports day. Your help made the day an enjoyable and exciting one for our students.

The PE classes are going very well and it's hard to believe that we are getting close to the end of the school year. Kdg. to grade fifth are doing a unit on hockey, with each class doing age appropriate hockey activities. Pre-K and Pre-S are doing a variety of movement activities and learning to play games where the movement skills are used.

The Social Studies classes are also going very well. Grade four is completing a unit on the West and they have nearly completed their textbook. Grade five are about to start a unit on the civil war.

Ricky Kabins

News from Social Studies Classroom

Assalamu-Alaikum. Alhamdulillah, the second graders are on track this month of March covering Theme 4 "Our Nations Story" where they have been studying about the first Americans who discovered, explored and settled our great nation the United States which your child is an integral part of. They enjoyed learning about the contributions our early Native American Indians made towards shaping America. They completed their Native American Indian Dream Catchers where legend has it that the bad dreams are caught in the web and evaporate through the beads allowing the good dreams through! In April, they will continue exploring our American government, its rules, laws, many symbols, and how to be a good contributing citizen. They have also been using their skills to compare/contrast subjects with the use of Venn diagrams, infer cause and effect relationships, make educated predictions, and research timelines. They are working hard and I expect them to work **even harder** since they are fast approaching the third grade.

Tasneem Keval

Gala Exhibition of Children's Work and Arabic Day

Please join us on May 7th. to applaud our children's efforts. See what they have learned this year. Visit the classrooms and participate in the quiz that the teachers and students have prepared for you. This is your chance to visit the classroom with your child and visit the next year's class as well.

As we are celebrating the Arabic Day too, please dress up in ethnic Arabic clothes and bring an Arabic dish of finger food. Invite your friends and family to see the gala.