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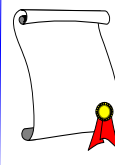
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Kindergarten & Fifth Grade Graduation & Annual Day

We are looking forward to an exciting occasion when our Kindergartners and Fifth Graders embark upon the next phase of their young lives. This momentous occasion will be held on Friday June 11th, at 5:30 pm. All students should be at school by 5:00 p.m. sharp. Parents please be in your seats in the Lecture Hall, so we may begin on time.

We shall also honor our Board members and PTO Officers. Hope to see you all there.



"Spotlight on Excellence"

We invite you to join us at the Award Ceremony on Wednesday, June 9th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Lecture Hall. We will recognize our students in grades Pre-School-5th. for their attendance and academic excellence.

We shall also be honoring the parents who have contributed to the school this year. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the ceremony will start at 8:30 a.m. Please make an effort to be there on time.



Happy Birthday! May

Sabiha Ahmed, Nadeen Aqiqi, Sirine Boussahoul, Layla Afify, Maimuna Chowdhury, Abdul Martorebo Tioby Malik, Fatima Khan Mostafa Elmallah, AbuBakr Elmallah, Basim Usman

June

Danah Alamri, Yazan Yousef, Sofia Abusaleh, Mohamed Abakar, Tahasin Rahman

July

Kamal Owens, Danielle Darundono Hamidou Guechtouli Maseena Usman Samiur Rahman, Amir Arya Anosha Anwar, Nabila Katamso, Yahya Ijza

August

Shaffa Rashid Omar Hassan, Nishat Brinta

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In the Name of God, The Compassionate, The Merciful

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

May / June 2010

From the Principal's Pen...



Assalamu-Alaikum! Let me begin with a good news. We had our interim WASC visit in March 2010 and Alhamdulillah we received accreditation for 3 yrs. till 2013. Thanks to everyone's hard work for this successful achievement.

Another school year is coming to a close with a few activities left. It is once again time for the tradition of caps and gowns, to say good-bye to our fifth graders who decided not to stay for 6th grade at the school and to welcome a new set of kindergartners upstairs to the elementary school.

Twenty five years have passed since New Horizon was first established and we have come a long way since then. We continue to provide new activities and value based programs for the students.

We had a successful 25th Anniversary celebration where we honored our founders for their vision, the board and staff for their dedication and recognized our Alumni. We had Mock Hajj, Science Fair, Second Annual Alumni Reunion honoring Mrs. Kay Alford for her 24 years of service to New Horizon School, Sports Day, Spring Open House, and Arabic Day, to name a few.

We continued the tradition of several competitions again this year which included drawing and painting, debate, who wants to be a champion, spelling bee & basketball match. We also had very successful family nights.

We had the fifth annual Interschool Spelling Bee.

It was hosted at New Horizon School-LA and was very successful.

This has been a busy year for me as I was invited to be on the Accreditation team for WASC at Pacomia Charter School. I was also invited by ISNA to give a presentation on Developing Partnerships and Establishing Parent Teacher organization.

Alhamdulillah, our Board with a dedicated Board Chair Sanjida Masud and other Board Members are working hard to take the school to the next level. I want to thank them all for their vision and goals for the school.

I would also like to thank the New Horizon families for their support and cooperation, for participating in the school activities, and making our programs successful. With our partnership, together we made a difference in our children's lives.

I thank our PTO officers for their help and support. They came forward to help and organize several events at the school. Last but not the least, I thank my wonderful team of faculty and staff for their untiring efforts and enthusiasm in making the school year a success. They put their heart and soul in all school activities.

As the school year is coming to an end, some of the best programs are still to come, such as the "Spotlight on Excellence Assembly", where students and parents will be

recognized for their achievements and contributions, Graduation and Annual Day, end of the year field trips, Fathers Day celebration and class parties. Continue to join in these activities and support our children. Do not miss our Kindergarten and Fifth grade commencement exercises and have a great summer!

Shahida Alikhan

P.T.O News

Assalamu-Alaikum Parents. The school is coming to a quick end. Thank you all for attending the Spring Open House and Arabic Day. The children gave a great presentation. Our next event is Teacher Appreciation week. The PTO will sponsor an event each day of the week. We will end the week with a Teacher Appreciation Social, on Friday May 28th from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm.

The last PTO meeting for this school year is on Friday June 4th, from 3:45-5:00 pm. Please make an effort to attend. Elections of the PTO Officers for the upcoming school year will be on agenda.

I would like to thank you all for giving me this opportunity to be the Co-President of the PTO this year. My sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who worked hard this year.

Taskin Momin

Our Mission
Dedicated to providing academic excellence in an Islamic environment.

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Pre-School News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum. The 2009-2010 academic year has almost come to an end and, assessing the performance of a large and smart group of children, we can declare it a success!

They have developed in areas of Language Arts, Pre-Math, Science, Arts and Craft. They have learned the alphabet, sounds of letters, associating words, many new and old songs, nursery rhymes, and stories with actions. The children also conducted many simple science experiments. Based on weekly themes, they know well about sea animals (crabs), farm animals, fruits, flowers and seeds. And with our computer, we learned egg hatching of butterfly, tortoise, fish, hen and duck. The children enjoyed coloring, block printing and pasting. They can trace and match the numbers from 1-10 and also recognize the letters and numbers in dodging method.

The end of this school year is as lively as the beginning. The start of the year was full of hopes, and the end is full of satisfaction and much gratitude. I want to thank all the parents for their support and help this year. I really loved working with your children. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of your child's developmental stage and may Allah give the best rewards for our efforts in future. Ameen

Zainab Nigebani

Pre-Kindergarten News

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the school year. Time has gone fast as we have been busy with all the different activities. Parents, as you might have noticed we are very busy with different activities and programs at the school. The best guide for you to keep track of activities is to regularly read the weekly bulletin which is sent out every Monday.

I am so proud of my Pre-K students who did a wonderful presentation on Spring Open House and Arabic Day. The Religious studies teachers worked very hard to prepare the students for the Arabic Day. It was amazing to see the little one's learning all the songs, the Hadith and the Suras. The children were very busy preparing for the Spring Open House and I am sure during your visit to the class your eyes must have light up to see your child's work on the bulletin boards.

As we are in our last trimester the Pre-Kindergartners are brushing up their fine motor skills and practicing to write letters, numbers and also their names. I see a lot of excitement in them as they are looking forward to move on to the next level. I am happy to welcome Mansib and Yousef to our Pre-K family. Our trip to Aquarium of the Pacific was a lot of fun.

I also want to thank all my wonderful parents for giving me a chance of playing an important role in their child's learning. It sure gives me a great feeling of achievement when I hear parents talking about the things their child says at home about the school. It was truly a pleasure working with your beautiful children as well as working with all of you.

Tawveer Hadi

Kindergarten News

Dear Parents Assalamu Alaikum! Well, it seems hard to believe the year is almost over. It was full of wonderful experiences and the children and I have grown and learned together. Each one of my pupil is a star and I wish them all the very best for the next year.

The first week of June will be very busy for us as the children will take their SAT 10 test. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast so that they are ready for the test.

Of course our end of the year celebrations will culminate with the graduation program. The Kindergartners are eagerly preparing for the day and we hope to see all of you there.

Finally please keep reading with your child to ensure that he/she is ready for 1st grade. I would like to thank all the parents for their support and dedication throughout the year. Your corporation meant a great deal to both me and my students.

Tahira Zainab

First Grade News

I am always impressed by the support and dedication of New Horizon parents. You have made this year a success, and when I look back at the year's accomplishments, I'm at awe by what we have achieved. Students went from writing words to forming a paragraph! It has been satisfying seeing their growth. However, there are a few more weeks left so we must not stop here.

Please continue to work with me in preparing students for their CTP4, which are the standardized tests. These exams will not be easy so we will be taking practice tests and getting students to become more comfortable with testing taking. Please make sure children get their rest and have a nutritious breakfast in the morning. In addition, please continue to make sure students do their homework and sign their Homework Logs. I want to express my personal and heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Tamera Wong

**Happy
Father's Day
from
New Horizon
School-LA**



**Come and join us on
Wednesday, June 16th.
for Father's Day
Breakfast.**

Second & Third Grade News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum. The second and third grade students have been quite busy with their academics and extra curricular activities. Besides their regular tests, they are preparing for the CTP-4 testing. I will be sending out work sheets for review in Math and Language Arts. Please make sure that your child works on it and brings it to school every day for revision. I really need your cooperation in this matter.

The Arabic Day and Spring Open House was a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one who helped in making it successful. Studies show that the involvement of parents at school helps in the overall development of a child. Thank you all once again, for all the help and cooperation that you have rendered to me in making this year a successful one!

It seems just yesterday that I had the honor and opportunity to be a part of your child's life. The year is almost ending. I had a challenging yet wonderful experience in teaching, sharing and getting to know each of these bright students.

At this time of the year, I express my deepest gratitude to Allah first, Fouzia, who has tirelessly been with me throughout the year helping me with all the challenges and needs the students and I faced. Thank you Fouzia! I would also like to thank all the parents for their concerns, valuable suggestions and constant support. It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of your child's life. I wish them all the success in life. Have a safe and delightful summer!

Shaheda Inshad

Fourth & Fifth Grade News

Assalamu Alaikum everyone! This year is drawing to a close! Feels like only yesterday this school year began, but as all good things must come to an end, so too must this year. Don't despair, there is still a lot more left to do before we can say adieu. These last weeks of school are going to be the busiest time ever.

The months of April and May were both exciting and hectic. We had the Interschool Spelling Bee, Earth Day, our Spring Open House and Arabic Day, Mother's Day Breakfast, and the Spring Fair and it's not over yet! These were all very successful events. Quickly following these events is the WrAP testing, the Spring Final Trimester testing, and of course, the CTP IV testing. These bouts of testing will be interspersed with review, review, and more review. Students will review quantitative reasoning skills, writing mechanics, grammar, reading comprehension skills, as well as other basic math and English skills. Our field trip to Aquarium of the Pacific was lot of fun.

The students are looking forward to all of the June end-of-year activities. Activities such as: Student Appreciation Day, One Notch-Up Day, the Spotlight on Excellence Assembly, and the elusive end-of-the-year overnight field trip. This year our students have decided that they would like to go to the Disneyland Resort for the overnight trip. Please expect the permission slips out soon. It is imperative that we know who all will be going among the parents and students, as we have to book the hotel rooms as soon as possible.

This, as mentioned earlier, will be the most exciting and toughest part of the school year. For this reason, parents, it is imperative that students eat nutritious meals and get plenty of rest. Please make sure they complete their review assignments for homework and come to class prepared daily with pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, and are ready to tackle the world of academia.

I want to thank all of you for making this year incredible. The students have made significant progress and I'm proud of every single one of them. I wish everyone all the best, a good summer, and am excited about taking them to new heights next year. Have a great summer and come back ready to soar!

Nishat Alikhan

Values of the Month

May

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 your actions

June

Excellence and Perseverance

- ◆ Be courageous enough to live by your values
- ◆ Pursue your dreams and don't give up easily
- ◆ Remember what the mind can perceive, the body can achieve
- ◆ Expect less from others and more from yourself

News from Social Studies Classroom

Assalamu-Alaikum, All! I hope everyone is doing well by the graces of Allah (swt). The second graders completed studying Theme 6 "Our Government" where they discovered that as US Citizens they have responsibilities to our communities and to our nation. And in return we are also guaranteed rights and freedoms by our government.

The children then went on to studying the final Theme 5 about America's People and how this nation's people come from many cultures to make a rich fabric of society. The children enjoyed connecting to the Italian-American children's tradition of making Italian Renaissance Masquerade masks. With much pride, they did a wonderful job of designing sketches of their masks and then painting them with broad strokes!

On another note, it is with great sadness that I write to you to tell you that I will no longer be working here as my husband is relocating our family to the east coast at the end of this month. I will miss the amazing organization that New Horizon School - Los Angeles is and I will carry with me only fond memories! I will particularly miss the children and the beautiful relationships I have been fortunate to make here only by the blessings of Allah (swt). Thank You! to all of the students for being you, and to all the parents for your persistence in supporting your child to be the best they can be, to my colleagues for your teamwork, and to Ms. Shahida for her dedicated leadership.

*Jazaak-Allah,
Tasneem Keval*