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PTO News

The officers of New Horizon School L.A - P.T.O would like to wish you all a very happy Eid-UI-Adha and a prosperous New Year.

Come and join in the school activities and show your support. Please remember not only does your active participation in school shows your child that you care it also sets a great example for the spirit of volunteering. You will also complete your service hours.

We will be having our Hajj simulation on December 4th. Come and enjoy the potluck lunch. Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 12th. at 3:45 p.m. Please plan to attend. Student of the Month Awards will be given.

Winter Break

Kindergarten through fifth grade will have their winter break from December 22nd, 2008 until January 2nd 2009. Monday January 5th is a faculty workday with no school for the students. School will resume on Tuesday, January 6th.

There will be a winter program for Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten. Parents have the option of bringing their children to school or taking the break. However, there will be no credit for tuition.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students may enroll in the program for a fee of \$15.00 per day. Please call the office to reserve your space by Friday December 12th.



Happy Birthday!

November

Raiyan Ausaf
Sameer Hossain
Zeynep Karamete
Nasha Santoso
Sumaita Hossain

December

Ebrahim Faisal
Rayhans Santoso
Naglla Ahmed
Nawal Alitar
Joseph Halawani
Sayema Rahman
Khatija Shervani
Aliza Arya
Wahid Momin
Salma Sudarmadji

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

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From the Principal's Pen...

"Our Children Our Future"

Our Mission
We are dedicated to providing academic excellence in an Islamic environment.



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Shahida Alikhan

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Assalamu-Alaikum. It has certainly been a busy few months since the school year started. We've had many events and plan to have several more before the winter break.

Alhamdulillah, we have accomplished many successful events such as-Back-to-School Night, Ramadan activities, our Fall Fundraiser, as well as 'Who Wants to be a Champion' contest. This year again we combined it with family night and had Islamic and general knowledge questions for parents as well. It was a lot of fun. Special thanks to Nishat Alikhan for preparing the contest. By the grace of Allah (SWT) each of these events went off beautifully. I want to take a moment and thank all those who participated, organized, and helped make these events successful. I want to thank the faculty, whose hard work and dedication has carried on, our wonderful parents for their support, and our students, without who the school would cease to exist.

This year Eid-UI-Adha will be before the winter break. We shall have our Hajj Simulation on the 4th. of December before Eid holidays. Please join us and witness your children going through the steps of hajj and celebrate Eid by participating in the potluck lunch.

As this calendar year draws to a close, I want everyone to reflect on not only their own year, but that of the world. I want everyone to remember the purpose of New Horizon - LA and its commitment to providing high quality academic and character education and its dedication to nurturing spiritual growth and developing God consciousness through the teachings of Islam.

New Horizon-LA strives tirelessly to develop for its student's self-assurance as American Muslims with a commitment to honoring family, being involved in their community and to respect others. New Horizon-LA continues to aim to foster ethical values in our students towards becoming productive and responsible members of our global society, since its inception in 1984.

I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year, enjoys the break, and comes back enthusiastic to go forth in 2009. May Allah (SWT) grant everyone a safe and happy Eid-UI-Adha, a restful winter break and a great 2009.

Shahida Alikhan-Principal

Values and its Aspects

November Thankfulness

- * Be thankful to Allah and for your religion
- * Be thankful for your health, your mind and for what you have
- * Be thankful for who you are, your family and your community
- * Show thankfulness through your deeds and actions

December 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

MPAC Convention

Register now for the 8th Annual MPAC convention on Saturday, December 20th. at the Long Beach Convention Center. The convention will explore the theme of "A New Era, A New Role", featuring leading thinkers, media professionals, and community leaders. Please visit www.mpac.org for more information.

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Pre-School News

Assalamu-Alaikum. The preschoolers are adjusting very well to the classroom environment and emerging on the track of learning. The children exhibited tremendous progress in grasping the concepts presented in their lessons through reading new books, coloring, pasting and vocabulary. Physical Education is enjoyable, they all like Mr. Ricky and his P.E activities with music. We are concluding our first trimester having done the letters A-K, numbers 1-7, five basic shapes and colors. We have also learnt two surahs. I am very happy to see the children progressing academically, socially, morally and spiritually. Inshallah we will keep on achieving the best for our children with the help of you wonderful parents our ever dedicated Principal and always ready to go "Teachers".

We preschoolers and teachers are grateful for your generous help towards the wish-list items. Alhamudillah our Fall Benefit dinner on November 15th, 2008 was well attended. Inshallah very soon we will see the remodeled pre-School playground. We bought different leaning activities for the Pre-School. Hajj Simulation is planned for Thursday December 4th. Hope to see you all. Lastly wishing all families a Happy and peaceful New year.

Zainab Nigebant

Pre-Kindergarten News

The cookie paper wrapping sale is now finished. I was hoping for 100% participation from my parents. But big thumbs up for Zaid's family for making an effort to make a huge sale. Thanks to all the parents for coming to the Fall Benefit Dinner and showing your support. For the next school event it would be nice to see all my parents. Studies have shown that involvement of parents in their child's school plays a very important role in their overall performance. Just a reminder ahead of time to mark your calendars to be a part of our Hajj Simulation on December 4th. InshaAllah we will have a Eid-UI-Adha potluck.

Month of November is all about healthy habits, nutritious food and cleanliness. The children had a blast walking to he neighborhood Ralphs. It was a great experience for the students to watch and wait for the green lights and then cross the street. The manager gave them a warm welcome and showed them different areas of the store. Produce, diary products, frozen foods, bakery, pharmacy and many more new vocabulary words were introduced. The best part of the entire fieldtrip was the Goody bags. They proudly walked back holding on to their goody bags and started to munch on it as soon as they reached school.

It was amazing to hear names of the Presidential Candidates and on Nov. the fifth more than half of the class came back with the news about the President Elect. The weekly reader helped them to find out more about the Election Day. The colorful pictures helped them with new vocabulary words related to the commander in chief.

Our school had joined the Shake Out drill and experienced the Big Shake at 10 am on November 13th. We talked about the safety and why it is so important to follow the safety rules. As we move on we will be learning about nutrition and healthy habits. Parents are invited to come to class with some healthy foods and talk to the kid's. It is very important to teach children about eating right from the very beginning. As we move on we hear stories about Indians and Pilgrims.

It gives me such a great feelings to see the students showing responsibility and maturity each day. Preparing for the Hajj Simulation will be another fun activity. They will have their passport and visas ready to perform the Hajj. This will be a learning process to know one of the five pillars of Islam. The end of the Hajj of course we will have a family potluck. Parents please fee to call me if you have questions or concern's.

Tauveer Hadi

Kindergarten News

Dear Kindergarten Parents. Assalamu-Alaikum. It is almost the end of the trimester and its amazing how quickly we have reached this part of the year. I am very pleased that everything is going very smoothly in Kindergarten. We are doing exciting activities in all the areas especially in Math and Science in order to strengthen the concepts.

The children have adopted themselves according to the class rules and have become more responsible towards turning in their homework, doing written assignments and following instructions in class.

They have gradually started blending sounds to read words. It would be of great help if you encouraged them to read little signs and captions whenever possible to improve their reading skills.

Children are frequently gaining exposure to science via themes and working on activities in class. These include using sensory perception like taste, touch smell and hearing. They will also observe transforming between states of nature by freezing and melting and getting acquainted with all the textures.

Tahira Zainab

First Grade News

The first graders have dived into 3 number addition problems in math. They are putting their "thinking caps" on and trying their best. In Language Arts, we are learning how to write a short paragraph using the Writing Process. Spelling high frequency and short vowel words, writing correct complete sentences, and recognizing the different parts of speech are the stepping stones to better writing. Autumn has set in and students are learning that recording the temperature on a weather log helps to see how the weather is changing...Science is definitely all around us! In Social Studies, students are learning the importance of teamwork in the neighborhood and community. What a wonderful group of learners this year!



Second & Third Grade News

Dear Parents, Assalamu – Alaikum!

The second/third grade students have been busy and are in full swing with the academics. We are at the close of the first trimester. It has been a challenging journey educating your children. They are completely involved now with the school and its schedule. They have been doing a lot of extra curricular activates as well. They will be going through their final tests for the first trimester and their report cards are due soon

The "Family Night" and "Who Wants to be a Champion?" was a great success. Even here, the students did a great job. My heartfelt congratulation to all the students who participated in this event. We had "Fall Benefit Dinner" and the students gave a good presentation. Soon we will have the **winter break** in December. I want the students to enjoy their break, but I also want them to spend some time to do their basic studying. I will be sending out packets for CTP - 4 preparations, Insha Allah. Please make sure that your child does this with understanding and with full focus.

I express my deepest gratitude to all the parents for their concern, valuable suggestions and constant support. I also express my gratitude to Fouzia (Yanis') mom for supporting my class and me this year. She spends three full days of the week in my classroom volunteering. Most of all, she helps students who need a one-on-one in improving their academic skills. May Allah bless her always! Thank You Fouzia!

Remember it takes an effort on both our parts when creating the future Muslim leaders of the world. Please work with your child, most of all with basics in Math and Reading. It is with your motivation that they will be successful. Once again, I thank you very much for all that you have done for the school and my class. I also take this opportunity to wish you all a **Happy Eid-UI-Adha**.

Shaheda Inshad

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



Wishing you all a Peaceful Holiday Season & a Happy Eid Al-Adha & New Hijrah Year

Fourth & Fifth Grade News

Assalamu Alaikum and what a blast these first few months have been! There is much to report as these first couple of months disappear over the horizon. The students have successfully taken several field trips, completed studying ecosystems and space in science, and we're zooming through our vocabulary book. We are also well on our way to cover all the major Math and English concepts before Spring Break.

As Fall Finals are fast approaching, I want to implore parents to please ensure that students get plenty of rest and eat a nutritious breakfast everyday. Students should be studying at least 1 hour each night to prepare for these exams. I want to wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving!" and "Eid-ul-Adha Mubarak." This first trimester, of what I imagine will be an incredible year of school, is almost coming to an end. And all I can say is "Wow!" How these days have just whizzed by us. My students have made progress and I look forward to seeing that reflected on these next tests.

In December we will be visiting the American Museum of the West, to experience life as a Native Americans in an uncharted new America. We will learn about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans that settled this amazing country. In the next few months, we will be very busy flying through the earth and conducting various experiments in science, experiencing new people and places in reading, and learning the fun new concepts in math. Please remember that I am always reachable by e-mail nishukhala@yahoo.com. My page on www.schoolnotes.com is continuously updated, if you want to see what we are doing or review my classroom policies.

I want to wish all of you Eid Mubarak and a safe, enjoyable, restful holiday. Insha'allah, the next trimester will be very exhilarating!

Nishat Akshan