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Values and its Aspects

September Self Restraint & Control

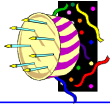
- * Think before you act.
- * Control your actions and temptations.
- * Control your words and habits.
- * Control your anger.

October Generosity

- * Give from what Allah gave you
- * Give freely, sincerely and without reminders
- * Give, even if what you have is little
- * Smiling is a form of giving and genuine advice is worth more than money

It is Time for FUNDRAISING!!

The Cookies and Wrapping Paper sale time is here. We have sent the brochures and letters explaining all the details. Prizes will be awarded to all sellers. Please start selling! Your cooperation is highly appreciated. We request each parent to sell at least 5 items. The last day to order is Oct. 16th.



Happy Birthday! September

Aman Alvi
Anasse Kherici
Zineerah Siddique
Arman Arya
Camilia Ahmed
Shiza Khan

October

Sanaa Keval
Karim Diop
Gulsum Karemete
Alisha Islam

"The deeds most loved by God are those done regularly, even if they are small."

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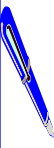
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"O my Lord! Advance me in knowledge." Quran (20:14)

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From the Principal's Pen...



Assalamu-Alaikum Everyone and once again welcome to another exciting year at New Horizon School-Los Angeles. Another summer and Ramadan came and went and another school year has swung in.

At this time, I would like to welcome all the new families to New Horizon School-Los Angeles, along with the returning ones. Alhamdulillah, we have 19 new students who joined us this year. I would like to welcome our dedicated and hardworking staff from last year, with a new member Tasneem Keval as the school secretary and social studies teacher, the board and the new PTO officers and room parents who have already started their new responsibilities.

This year NHSLA has much to be thankful for, the new students, the new and the returning staff who came with a renewed spirit and much energy, geared up and ready, the board, the PTO, and of course the parents - without whom, the school would not exist. The dedication that all of these parties have shown towards the betterment of the school is truly remarkable.

Alhamdulillah New Horizon School turns 25 years old and we are planning a huge celebration to make this milestone. We have scheduled a celebration benefit dinner at The Queen Mary in Long Beach on Sunday, November 22nd, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Our students are preparing for a presentation and we expect all of them from 1st to 5th grade to attend and participate. We want all our parents and their families to mark the date and plan to attend this historic celebration too.

I just can't believe that 25 years have passed. These 25 years have taken a full circle with some of our students who have progressed in their lives and are either coming back with their children to school or contributing in the growth of New Horizon.

We have grand children of the school from the first four years of kindergartners who graduated from Fremont in South Pasadena and it brings back beautiful memories. These 25 years have brought so much growth both horizontal and vertical to the New Horizon School System. We have four schools now with over 600 students and are considered one of the renowned Islamic Schools in the country. We are thankful to our Founders for their vision and commitment and will be honoring them at the celebration.

We are working on preparing a video and our current students will be taped on Friday October 9th in their classrooms and various school settings.

We are putting together a souvenir book too and need ads and messages. Please try and get at least one ad or message which will help us off set the cost.

Once again, welcome to this new school year and brace yourselves for an extremely busy and eventful year. As September fades away and October dawns on us, I urge everyone to keep warm, wash hands, drink plenty of fluids to stay healthy as the flu season is on its way. When it gets cold please make sure all children come to school with sweaters or sweatshirts as they may get cold when they play outside. Continue to comply to the school policies and read the bulletin regularly.

Shahida Alikhan-Principal

Save the Date!

New Horizon School - LA Campus
Celebrates its 25th
Anniversary on Sunday,
November 22nd, 2009
at The Queen Mary in Long Beach.

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



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Pre-School News

Assalamu-Alaikum. Warm welcome and greetings of peace to all the preschool children and their wonderful families. I am Ms. Zainab and I teach Pre-school. I want to invite you to be a part of the informative and challenging world filled with the spirit of excitement and learning in our Pre-School.

The Preschoolers and we teachers spend the first few weeks to get acquainted with each other making friends. Every child is unique and special to us. The Pre-Schoolers are developing communication, identification and memorization skills and are responding well to instruction. The children are also getting used to the daily routine of the class and school.

We have started to learn our letters and numbers and have done the letters A-C, Numbers 1-3. In Islamic Studies, the children are learning Surahs from the Quran "Al-Fatiha" and "Al-Ikhlâas", the names of five prayers and some basic Islamic rules along with Islamic songs. In Arabic studies, they are learning the basic spoken Arabic words. Children are encouraged to express their imagination through arts and craft, coloring and painting.

Finally thanks to the parents who came for the "Ifar Potluck". We will be going to LA County Fair on October 1 and I would like my parents to help me in supervision. Once again, I would like to welcome all the children to the threshold of knowledge of creative learning through our daily experiences. Finally, we appreciate your co-operation towards the well-being of our school and for the education of our children.

Zainab Nigobhani

Pre-Kindergarten News

Assalamu-Alaikum Parents. What a blessed month to start the new school year. Welcome! we started the year by getting to know each other and by learning all about our surroundings inside the classroom and out on the playground. My goal is to build positive and nurturing relationships with children. We started off by getting to know each other and learning to accept the new friends in class. The days were shortened during the month of Ramadan. I would like to thank the parents for co-operating and picking up the children early.

It was a great learning experience for the students to share food items and toys with the needy people by bringing the items to school. They learned all about fasting, special prayers and Zakat. Thank you parents for coming for the Ifar Potluck and bringing delicious food to share with your school family.

We will be learning all about our family and students will be able to learn vocabulary related to family. We will share pictures of our families and talk about them. Themes like apples, leaves and trees will be covered. As it is Fire Safety week we will have a fire safety stop, drop and roll. The students will have first hand experience as the fire fighters will visit the school with their fire truck. October seems to be a very exciting month as they will also learn about Columbus Day.

Parents please feel free to call me in my office hours. You are always welcome to address your concerns. My e-mail address is tanveerhadi@hotmail.com.

Tanveer Hadi

Kindergarten News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum and welcome to the new school year. Alhamdulillah Kindergarten started this year with great enthusiasm. They are settling in very well in class. We started with introductions and discussed the "First Day Feelings". We reviewed letters and numbers from A-Z and 1-20. Students are doing great as they are turning in their homework regularly and learning sounds in reading.

We will soon be planting seeds in small pots, to see how living things grow and change in our science class. Our field trip to chuck-e-cheese was fun and the students had a great time. We will be having parent teacher conferences in October. This is a time for us to get together and talk one-on-one about your child's progress.

It was a pleasure to meet all the parents at our annual "Back-to-School Night" and I hope that I explained most of your concerns. Once again I would like to invite parents to volunteer in class and for field trips and school functions. Your participation is greatly valued. Thank you.

Tahira Zainab

First Grade News

Dear Parents, Welcome to a new school year! It is comforting to know that, like me, students are getting pleasantly adjusted to the classroom rules and school routine. They are also learning how to fill out their own Homework Log and have ready their school supplies, such as 3 sharpened pencils and an eraser. We are definitely getting off into a great start!

My goal is to bring our beginner readers to the level where they need to be at the end of 1st grade and to bring our more advanced readers to a more challenging level. I will surely need all of your support. Assisting your child with homework and reading daily with him or her will help take our whole group to a higher pedestal. I also believe that the minds of students are enriched when we provide learning with hands-on, minds-on activities, an integrated curriculum, and the use of technology. Since I was here last year, I can see that New Horizon School uses all these things. I hope that my daily energy and passion will instill in our children a life-long love for learning.

Tamera Wong

Second & Third Grade News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum Alhamdulillah, we started the New Year with the blessed month of Ramadan. Welcome to another exciting new school year at New Horizon-L.A. I am Shaheda Irshad, and I teach Science, Reading, Language Art, Vocabulary, and Math for the Second and Third grades. I also teach Social Studies to the third grade. With lots of new exciting, challenging and rewarding curriculum ideas, 2009-2010 promises to be an exciting year for the students. With the guidance from Allah and your support, InshaAllah, I shall strive to make your child become a better Muslim and a good citizen of the world. Together we can make it a successful venture. If a child is provided with a nurturing environment, he/she will be encouraged to reach the academic and moral excellence. I believe the learning of a child requires the combined effort of both the parents and the teachers, so let us join hands for the benefit of your child.

As I get to know the students, I want to assure you that I will work to meet their individual needs throughout the year and that our class will be engaging in a variety of group and individual learning activities that all students will be able to benefit from Inshallah.

The responsibility of each student is to study, to maintain, to endure to overcome, and to understand the importance of failure to become successful. There is only one return for hard work, *success*. With work and concentration on the student's part, with involvement in their studies on your part, together we can ensure that their academic experiences this year will not only be enjoyable, but also be very rewarding.

Since we started, the 2nd/3rd Graders are trying to adjust themselves to the daily routine and the students have been working in full swing, in both academics and extra curricular activities. We are starting to do science projects during the science periods in the science lab. They have been enjoying every moment of it.

I hope you have all received my welcome letter and the supplies list. Please make sure that your child has all their supplies every day and cover all the books as these things are very important. I look forward to working together with you in the days ahead and may Allah help us with our duties to make our children better Muslims and citizens of this world.

Shaheda Irshad

News from Social Studies Classroom

Assalamu Alaikum, My name is Mrs. Keval and I am your Second Grader's social studies teacher this year! The children are starting off the year with Theme 1 about People and Communities. So far they have been learning about the importance of groups in our communities such as families, friends, our classroom and our school and the way people in these groups live, work and interact within their communities. They have been reading from their textbooks and working out of their workbooks. However, they already seem to know a lot about this subject as they have demonstrated their knowledge with the use of their K-W-L charts! They have been defining key vocabulary words by completing Vocabulary Word Webs and other types of Word Webs. They will be comparing and contrasting various related subjects with the aid of Venn diagrams.

In October we will continue our theme and explore living in cities, in suburbs and in rural communities. And then they shall be able to apply all of their knowledge gained and classroom skills set combined with their own imagination and creativity in building their own model community! This community will be well thought out and planned with their assigned team members with the use of all sorts of creative mediums, i.e. clay, construction paper, popsicle sticks, paint, etc. Inshallah, you will have a chance to see their model communities!

Tanveer Keval

Fourth & Fifth Grade News

Assalamu Alaikum, welcome back to school, and Eid Mubarak! This has been an interesting first few weeks of school, trying to adjust from those deliciously blissful lazy summer days to the fast-paced, always moving, hectic school routine. With the addition of Ramadan, our routine is even more chaotic than usual. May Allah bless everyone this Ramadan!

As the last couple of weeks of September roll on through, I want to welcome all of you to the 2009-2010 school year. To all my 4th and 5th grade parents and students, I just want to say, "Welcome to the Rainforest!" This first month, of what I imagine will be an incredible school year, has already gotten off to an exciting start. We have ushered in Ramadan, visited Masjid Omar, feasted at the Family Ifar Potluck, celebrated Eid, and enjoyed our trip to Chuck-e-Cheese. We are currently exploring the depths of the rainforests and discovering all the new things being a year older comes with. It is during our explorations and discoveries that we can truly be amazed at the wonder that Allah (SWT) has created around us! Our young explorers are gearing up to wander into a wonderful Back-to-School Night, an exciting trip to the Los Angeles County Fair, our Fall Midterm Tests, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and our first Family Night – "Who Wants to be a Champion?" Can you believe all of that will take place soon and it's only going to be the second month of school!

Alhamdulillah, this will be an exciting year full of academic, athletic, social, and emotional success for all of us! It will take all of our combined efforts to garner the success for our children that I know they are all capable of achieving. I don't need parent volunteers as such, except for in transportation during field trips. The only thing I ask is that you, the parents, work with your children to ensure homework is completed nightly. As the ancient African proverb says "it takes a village to raise a child." Our children are our future, so let's help make them successful, proud, and confident American Muslim citizens in this ever-changing, ever-developing world! Feel free to contact me at nishuhala@yahoo.com.

Nishat Akhbar