



# NEWS ON THE HORIZON

Your weekly newsletter about our school!

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## FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MRS. CANTRELL

Dear HAW Families,

Thursday greetings! This has been a great week of teaching and learning at HAW. We are quickly settling into school mode and new routines. Thank you for your partnership and choosing HAW. Our students have been on time and ready to go each day. And, that is not always easy.

You know what else happens when we get back together for a new year? Germs happen. To reduce the spread of germs and illness, we ask that you keep your child home until he or she is fever free or symptom free for 24 hours without medicine. Sending kiddos back to school before they feel better affects our entire community. Our health assistant, Mrs. Angelica Aragon, is always available to consult with you before sending your child to school.

This week, our morning message has been about respect. Respect is one of our core values at HAW and is mentioned in our Bears Pledge. We practiced respect in our words and actions in the hallways, cafeteria, at recess, and in our classrooms. Ask your child what he or she remembers from the morning announcements each day. And, if you are new to us, I tell some pretty funny jokes on Thursdays.

**SAVE THE DATE!** We are so excited to announce our Back to School Open House. Join us on Tuesday, September 10 from 5:00-6:30. Our buildings will be open for our families to tour (including our new Annex that house our music and art rooms). As our partners in your child's education, we ask that at least one parent or guardian attend and choose one of two meetings offered. The informational meetings will be led by me and Mrs. Andrea Gallegos. Our PTO Officers will be on hand as well. More specific information coming soon!

As partners in your child's education, we are going to disagree this year. It happens. But, it is important to remember that we all want what is best for your child. Your kids become OUR kids. We are just as invested. Always start with your child's teacher when you have a question or concern. Write down your concerns and ask for a meeting. Sometimes a face-to-face meeting or a phone call is best. Texts or emails can be misinterpreted. And, let's model respect for our kids.

Enjoy the weekend with your family. **GO BEARS!**

With a smile,  
Mrs. Cantrell

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Students cannot be signed-out early after 3:00. Students and staff are ending their day and preparing for dismissal.
- School starts at 7:45. If your child arrives to school after 7:50 you must sign him/her in at the office and he/she will be marked tardy in our attendance system.
- When your student is going to be absent from school please do the following:
  - Let the teacher know via class communication app (classtag, remind, class dojo, etc)
  - Call the office at 998-0459 and leave a message on the attendance line.
    - Include:
      - 1. Parent name
      - 2. Student name and grade
      - 3. Reason for absence
    - If email is preferred, email [attendance@hawest.net](mailto:attendance@hawest.net)
      - Include:
        - 1. Attendance in the subject line
        - 2. Student name and grade
        - 3. Reason for absence
  - **SAVE THE DATE!!!** Back to School Open House: September 10th 5:00-6:30
  - If you would like to donate items for the store, please click <https://a.co/cDYUSHE> to see our wish list. Contact Andrea Gallegos if you have any questions, [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net) or ext. 107.
  - Our music teacher, Ms. Brandt would appreciate any help with getting a classroom set of ukuleles. [Donors Choose link](#)

## HORIZON ACADEMY WEST BEARS PLEDGE

HAW B.E.A.R.S.

Be brave in everything you do

Eager to learn

Achieve your best

Respect yourself, others, and your environment

Show kindness to all

# HAW STUDENT ASSESSMENT AT A GLANCE

- Istation
  - We will continue to monitor your child's progress using Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP) for literacy and math. ISIP is a computer-adaptive assessment that is completed monthly. Your child receives items based on his or her individual ability. Every item presented is based on the response to the previous item. The purpose is not to give your child a score or grade but to determine how to best support their learning. ISIP generates reports that show your child's progress and identify instructional needs. With the information from these reports, teachers are able to determine the next steps for instruction. Teachers will share ISIP results with parents throughout the year.
  - Students have started completing the ISIP assessment for August.
  - ISIP will be completed the beginning of each month.
- WIDA Kindergarten Screener
  - WIDA Screener for Kindergarten is an individually administered paper-and-pencil test that helps educators identify students as English learners (ELs). During registration parents with Kindergarten students or students new to New Mexico complete a Language Use Survey. The results of this survey indicate if students need to be screened. If students qualify as an English Language Learner, English Language Development (ELD) services are offered and students take the ACCESS assessment in the Spring. Currently the WIDA is being administered as appropriate and parents will be notified of the results.

## HAW BEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

We love sharing the great things our students do in the community. It is especially nice when we can relate it to our BEARS PLEDGE. We will continue the recognition this year. If you would like to share information about your child in our newsletter, email information and photo to [agallegos@hawest.net](mailto:agallegos@hawest.net).



Aria (3rd grade) and Madelyn (3rd grade) played each other in the High Desert Stampede soccer tournament this past weekend. Way to work hard and try your best!



Dominic and Elias Arrossa helped pack 37,000 meals on Friday, August 16th. They volunteered their time with Feed My Starving Children, an organization that provides meals to children around the world. They volunteered at Sagebrush Church. Great community service!!

HORIZON ACADEMY WEST PTO

# SPIRIT WEAR

## for sale!

Adult & Youth Sizes \$20



Adult V-Neck \$24



Scan QR code(s)  
for easy  
ordering.

Pull over hoodie  
Adult & Youth Sizes \$35



Zip Up  
Adult & Youth Sizes \$45



**Sizes and  
quantities are  
limited.  
Orders will be  
placed as needed.**

Questions/Concerns?



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