



New Horizon Weekly

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Message from the School Head

With the beginning of a new year comes the opportunity to start fresh and make new goals. The teachers began the new year with a workshop on Differentiated Instruction which provided a number of strategies and resources for addressing the needs of all learners based on readiness, interest level, and learning styles. While these ideas are not entirely new to many of our faculty members, it is always great to have a refresher course to inspire teachers to add to or change some aspect of the learning environment. Finding ways to make instruction more effective and our students more engaged are important goals for the school, and it is my hope that your children will continue to enjoy a stimulating and enriching learning environment for the duration of the school year.

Another feature of this time of year is the admission of new students to the school. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families, and I encourage everyone to make them feel at home. They are:

Shaden Nasser	PS 1
Tamara Nasser	PS 1
Nourah Boodai	PS 2
Ramy Badrawy	PK
Maya Matthews	PK
Arva Syed	Grade 1
Mohammad Shirmohammadi	Grade 7

May God bless you all with a prosperous and healthy new year.

Mrs. Al-Sarraf

Children's Drop-Off Time

We would like to remind you that the school opens daily at 7:30 am. Therefore, it is a dangerous practice and against the school policy to drop off children prior to 7:30 am as there is no adult supervision on either the lower or middle school campus before the school is officially open.

Box Top\$ for Education

We hope that you and your children are rested and ready to head back to school after the Winter Break. Please keep in mind the Box Top\$ for Education program during your weekly trips to the grocery store. Please bring in your

completed collection sheets (for grades PS – 4th Grade) and Zip lock bags (MS students) this **Friday, Jan. 12**. Our box top coordinator, Farah Bhatti will collect them in the afternoon.

Don't forget both the student who collects the most box tops AND the grade that collects the most box tops will win a prize. Happy clipping!

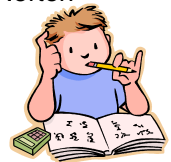
Yearbook Ads

All parents can submit ads to the yearbook by **March 2**. Please see the attached form and prices. Whether you want to advertise a business or just send a nice message to your student, you can put an ad in the yearbook for a fee. We strongly encourage parents of 8th graders to put an ad in the yearbook as a special message of congratulations to your graduates. This will be an important milestone in their lives, and printing this message in the yearbook gives them a memory for life. Businesses can submit ads as well.

Homework without the Hassle

A Seminar by Noel Janis Norton

New Horizon School
Friday, Feb. 2, 2007
6:00 - 9:00 PM



Great homework habits begin early, and in this seminar, parents will be given the tools to make homework a hassle free experience for both parents and their school-aged children. Noël will teach her essential "school success skills" and discuss important links between self-reliance, confidence and motivation.

\$25/person, \$40/couple (pre-sale)
\$79/person, \$125/couple (at the door)
Childcare available upon request at \$10 per child
See the attached flyer or call (626) 795-5186
Ext. 125 for more information.

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate the following members of our school community who just returned from performing Hajj: Mr. Abu Saleh, Mrs. Bitar, Dr. Kholaki, Mr. and Mrs. Omerdin, Mr. and Mrs. Rizkana, Mrs. Shirmohammadi, Mrs. Ali (3rd)

grade teacher) and Mrs. Zayat (Middle School Arabic and Quranic Studies teacher).

May God reward their efforts to fulfill their Islamic duty. *If you know of other parents who also performed Hajj this year, please let us know so we can acknowledge them as well.*

Lower School

Mad Science – Explore the Earth, Moon, Mars... and Beyond!

If you would like to join the next session of Mad Science, complete an application and leave it with Ms. Reyna at the Lower School office. The cost for the 6 week session is \$103.00. Mad Science requires a minimum of 10 students per class. Don't delay, sign up today! Classes take place after school, every Monday starting **Jan. 22**.

Kreiman Chess Academy

Chess class is scheduled to begin again this **Friday, Jan. 12**, but we must have a minimum of ten students to continue with the class. At this time, we only have four students who have signed up. If we do not get an additional six students, we will have to cancel the class. If you are interested, please sign up as soon as possible.



Extended Care – Phone Contact

For those families who use the extended care program, we have a new contact number for our staff: **626-644-0553**. We are hoping this will help make the staff more easily accessible. The number is also posted on the main front gate of the school.

Congratulations to Ms. Al-Salman

Over the Winter Break Ms. Al-Salman got married! We wish her and her husband, Zubair Syed, much happiness as they begin their future together.

Raising A Reader Award Ceremony – PS 1&2 and Pre-K

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Raising a Reader program. The Pasadena Public Library wants to honor you at an Award Ceremony on **Saturday, Jan. 27**. All students will receive a certificate of completion and blue book bag so that they can continue filling it with books from their local library to read with mom and dad. The ceremony for New Horizon students will take place at the Pasadena Central Library in the DRW Auditorium at 2:30 pm.

Middle School

Support the New Horizon Nighthawks!

The Boys Sports Club will play basketball against Gooden School next **Wednesday, Jan. 17** and the girls will play basketball against Barnhart on **Friday, Jan. 19**. Both games will take place at New Horizon School at 3:30 pm. Come and cheer for your team!

AMC8 Math Competition

The American Math Competition for students in 8th grade and below awards students for their scores within a class and in a school. This year we are pleased to announce the following winners:

First Place

Fifth Grade	Ali Kamal and Sami Khan
Sixth Grade	Nasser Akkari
Seventh Grade	Haseeb Khan
Eighth Grade	Sana Jahani and Adel Kamal

Second Place

Fifth Grade	Jenna Seede
Sixth Grade	Sadek Zayat
Seventh Grade	Yasmine Ibrahim, Mona Lutfi and Tariq Soliman
Eighth Grade	Natalie Aljamal, Lugene El-Harazi, and Fatima Sharaf

Third Place

Fifth Grade	Omar Karram and Elias Shehadeh
Sixth Grade	Farah Aqrabawi, Zaina Kholaki, and Rima Sabih
Seventh Grade	Ali Minty and Yusef Trad
Eighth Grade	Tamara Elkadi and Hatem Rady

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Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you had a great winter break. Welcome back.

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated food and drinks for the food sale and helped with the sale after the LS Winter Performance.

Special thanks to Mohammed Youines for the amazing job he did on New Year's Day for the game parking. The PTO made \$520 for the school.

We will be selling ice cream during lunch on Wednesdays from now on. The cost is \$1.00.

Scrip

We would like to remind you to continue supporting our school by purchasing Scrip. Our first order of the new year will go out on **Tuesday, Jan. 16**. Please place your orders by filling out an order form (available on the school website as well as the LS and MS offices) or via email at mkarramus@yahoo.com no later than 8:30 am that day.

Summer Opportunities Fair Westridge School Saturday, February 3, 2007 10 am – 3 pm

This annual event provides a wonderful way for parents and students to explore many exciting summer opportunities that are available to school age children, 5 to 18. The Fair features programs that accommodate all budgets and areas of interest. Please see the attached flyer for more details.