



New Horizon Weekly

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Reminder

Minimum Day – this **Friday, May 4**. Pick-up at 12 pm.

Appreciating Our Teachers

"The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book." – **Author Unknown**

We are so appreciative of our wonderful teachers whom we know are the best. They are the best because they do teach from the heart, and they care about every child in their classroom. Their spirit of dedication and commitment to providing an enriching learning environment makes a great impact on the students and the school. Let us take the opportunity this week to thank our teachers with the best form of appreciation: a note of thanks.

Spring Pictures

Spring picture packets arrived last week. Please make sure to turn in your payment by this **Friday, May 4** OR return the pictures. If you take any items out of the package, you are responsible for paying for them.

Spring Testing (Week of May 7 – 11)

Standardized testing is one measurement the school uses to assess student progress. Students will be taking the ERB CTP4 during the week of **May 7 - 11**. Please be sure that students have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each day. *Students who are absent may not be able to make up missed tests.*

Timeliness for Testing

We would like to thank you in advance for making an extra effort to bring your children to school on time during testing week. It is so important that the students can have a few minutes to settle in before beginning testing. If you need to reach your student during the school day for any reason (drop off lunch, etc.), please remember the school's policy that all visitors/parents must check in at the office

Summer School

The deadline for our summer school applications was **May 1**. To date, we have only received a few applications and a couple of inquiries. If there are any families out there that are planning to sign up for summer school, we need to know immediately. Please stop by the Lower School office and complete an application. Summer school is for students in preschool - 6th grade.

Parent Surveys

The administration considers it important to give parents opportunities to give feedback to the school. One way we do this is the Parent Survey. This year, we have put the survey online so that parents can complete it easily, and the school gets the feedback immediately. We would like to have you complete the surveys by **May 25**. Please read the instructions below:

- In the next few days, you will receive emails that will contain the links to the surveys.
- Be careful of the "OPT-OUT" option when you receive the email. You have the option to not participate online. However, if you select "OPT-OUT", you will be excluded from any online participation permanently. There is no way to reverse this selection.
- Each family has to fill out a teacher survey for each of your children's teachers. If you have multiple children who share multiple teachers, you only need to fill out one survey for each teacher.
- In addition to the teacher surveys, each family needs to fill out a general survey about the school and the administration.
- If you don't receive the survey emails by next week, that means we do not have a current email address for you. Please email your correct email address to Mrs. Ansari at nansari@newhorizonschool.org. Otherwise, you need to fill out the paper version available in the offices.
- Once you have completed the surveys, print out the last page of the general survey (It should say "Thank you for completing the survey.") and turn it into the school office with your family's name written on it so that you can receive 2 parent service hours.

Student Appreciation Day

Next Fri., May 11 is Student Appreciation Day. It is our opportunity to thank our students for what they bring to the school – their unique personalities, their love of learning, and their amazing sense of humor! Students can wear free dress and will receive a special treat during the day. In addition, that weekend will be a homework-free weekend.

Box Top\$ for Education

As a result of all your efforts clipping Box Tops, we received a check from General Mills for \$94.10. Thanks to Farah Bhatti, our Box Top Coordinator, and all of our parents, students and staff who participated in the campaign which ended on February 28. Keep clipping! We will have one more collection of Box Tops prior to the end

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of school. **Remember, you will receive 2 service hours for 50 Box Tops.**

Company Matching

Many employers match employee donations, providing an additional source of income for New Horizon and an easy way to maximize your donations. Check with your company's Human Resources Department to see if they match your charitable gifts. If you have any questions, call Fatima Cash at 626-795-5186 ext. 128.

Sign up or renew your commitment to e-Scrip

If you have not done so already this year, please sign up for e-scrip at www.escrip.com. Register your credit, debit or grocery store cards, and New Horizon will automatically receive a monthly donation from e-Scrip. You must renew your commitment with e-Scrip every year for the school to continue receiving donations. Bring in a copy of your electronic confirmation form and a completed form, and **you will receive 3 service hours.**

Los Angeles County Science Fair Winners

This past Saturday, thirteen of our students participated in the LA County Science Fair, which exhibited projects of students from about 80 schools around Southern California. We are very excited to announce that two of our students achieved special recognition for their projects:

- Hana Lemseffer, 7th Grade, Third Place in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Shereen Karam, 7th Grade, Honorable Mention, Microbiology

Hana will now go on to compete at the California State Science Fair in May. We are very proud of all of our students for their accomplishments in the field of science. This is the fifth year in a row that our students have achieved at the winner level in the LA County Science Fair. Special thanks to the teachers for their dedication in providing their expert guidance in our special Science Fair Workshop preparation program and to the parents for supporting their students' efforts in this important area.

Open House – Friday, May 25

We hope to see you all at our Spring Open House.



Lower School

Classroom Volunteer for Preschool 1 & 2

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Noor Aly, a fulltime volunteer who is helping with PS 1 & 2.

1st Grade to Visit Casting Pond in the Arroyo

On **Fri., May 4**, our first graders will visit the casting pond in the Arroyo. They will look at the seasonal changes that have taken place since their winter visit as well as capture a few tadpoles and watch them grow into toads. Once the toads are full grown, they will be returned to the Arroyo.

The Zoo Mobile is Coming to PS and Pre-K

Lions, tigers and bears usually live at the zoo, but on **Friday, May 18**, the zoo is coming to New Horizon. But we

don't think they'll be bringing any lions, tigers or bears! We're looking forward to the collection of animals they will have to share with us. All of our preschool and pre-K students are invited to attend the show.

Lunch Noodle Donations

The lower school regularly provides students who have forgotten their lunches with a hot noodle lunch. The school does not charge families when their child forgets a lunch. We are asking that if your child has received a hot noodle lunch to please donate some lunch noodles to the Lower School to replenish our supplies.



Middle School

7th Grade Channel Islands Trip

The liability form and \$40 fee for the 7th grade class trip is due **this Friday, May 4**. Students will be receiving their food assignments this week, and they **MUST** bring them to school by no later than **Monday, May 14**. Students are expected to be at school on **Wednesday, May 16** by **NO LATER THAN 6:30 a.m.**

Attention: 8th Graders

Please turn in your four pictures from infancy to the present to Mrs. Challyandra or Ms. Ansari as soon as possible. We are working on the graduation slide show.

8th Grade D.C. Trip

Students need to be dropped off by the parents at LAX by 4:00 a.m. at the United Airlines terminal (Terminal 7) on **Sunday, May 13** and picked up by 7:30 pm on **Wednesday, May 16**. Please make sure to review the yellow sheet of Information & Reminders. Remember: Students **MUST** have a picture ID for the trip.

8th Grade Graduation

Graduation fees of \$75 are due by **Friday, May 25**.



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We would like to thank all the wonderful teachers and staff for their hard work throughout the year, providing a quality education and a close and warm environment in which our children can grow. We would like to thank the parents who have been helping during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your involvement and efforts are much appreciated.

Scrip update for the Month of April

Thank you to all of our parents, staff and community members who purchased scrip in April. We are pleased to announce that the PTO made a profit of \$519 for one month. **The last scrip order of the year will be placed on Tuesday, May 22 (the deadline to turn in order forms is Mon., May 21).** Please remember to purchase scrip for all of the celebrations that are coming up, such as Father's Day, graduations and weddings. Also, you can purchase scrip for your summer plans- for airfare, hotels, grocery and gas, just to name a few items. Please refer to the total listing of scrip retailers on the school website.