



# New Horizon Weekly

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## Campus

### Message from the School Head

I am grateful to each member of our school community for their commitment to the New Horizon dream. Without our combined efforts, we would not be where we are today. I hope you have a wonderful summer, and I am looking forward to the many exciting opportunities for growth and achievement in the 2007-2008 school year.

-- Mrs. Amira Al-Sarraf

### Surveys



This year we had about a 25% increase in parent response on the school surveys. We truly appreciate your feedback, especially the many comments and suggestions we received. Please see the

attached document which provides a summary of the results and responses to some of your comments.

### Yearbooks are Here!

We still have some copies of the yearbook left for \$30. You can purchase your copy at the lower school, middle school or main office.

### DVD of Open House SlideShow for Sale

If you would like to have a copy of our popular Open House slideshow as a memento of 2006-2007 school year, please send an email to Nahid Ansari at [nansari@newhorizonschool.org](mailto:nansari@newhorizonschool.org) by this **Friday, June 8**. Your copy will be available for pick up at the main office on Tuesday, June 12 (the last day of school). We made every effort to include at least one picture of every student in our school in the slideshow. The cost is \$10.

### PAC Try-Outs

The Middle School tryouts for our popular Performing Arts Club will take place this **Friday, June 8** from 3:30-4:30 pm. Please keep in mind that the students must meet a minimum academic and citizenship requirement to be able to join the PAC. Students need to bring the signed permission form that was already distributed to them. Without this form, they cannot audition.

### Registration Forms

Please make sure to turn in your students' registration forms by next **Tuesday, June 12**. If you are not able to do so, the LAST day for registration is Wednesday, August 15.

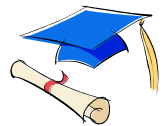
It is our goal to avoid ANY late registrations this year as this makes it very difficult to prepare for the new school year. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us achieve this goal.

### Last Day of School – Tuesday, June 12 - Minimum Day – Pick-up at 12 pm

Please remember that this year the last day of school is a minimum day. All students (except 8<sup>th</sup> graders) need to be picked up at 12 pm. See the note in the MS section regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade pick-up.

### Invitation to Graduations

Please join us for the Kindergarten Graduation on **Wednesday, June 13 at 9 am** in Adaya Auditorium. The program will begin promptly at 9 am. Breakfast will be served following the ceremony which should conclude around 10:30 am.



Please join us for the Eighth Grade Graduation on **Wednesday, June 13 at 5 pm** in Adaya Auditorium. The program will begin promptly at 5 pm. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony which should conclude around 6:30 pm.

### Alumni Reunion– Sat., June 16

Current eighth graders and alumni are welcome to attend our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Alumni Picnic on **Saturday, June 16** from 2-5 pm at Two Strike Park in La Crescenta. See the attached flyer for more details.

**Don't forget Father's Day on Sun., June 17!**

## Lower School

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

All fourth graders and their parents need to remember that their promotion is **Monday, June 11** at 10:00 am in Adaya Auditorium. Students must come in their full dress uniforms. Parents, be sure to bring your cameras!

### Kindergarten Graduation

Our annual graduation takes place on **Wednesday, May 13**. All students need to be brought to the Aldeen Library

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at 8:00 am to prepare for the ceremony, which will begin at 9:00 am in Adaya Auditorium.

## Summer Reading

Our annual reading assembly took place on Monday, June 4. We had a visit from the librarians of La Pintoresca library. They performed a short skit to encourage our students to join their local libraries and read during the summer. We also talked about our summer reading assignments. Summer reading packets went home today, **Wednesday, June 6**. Our summer reading party will take place in September. The ticket to the party is a completed summer reading packet. Don't be left out, and remember to read over the summer.

## Middle School

### Wacky Day – Thursday, June 7

Middle schoolers can enjoy a day to be a bit wacky as we near the end of the school year. Students may wear wacky clothes within regular free dress guidelines. Students will either need to wear wacky or wear the regular PE uniform.

### Return Arabic Books

Students who have borrowed Arabic books or tapes from the school's or class libraries need to return them by this **Friday, June 8**.

### MS Drama Performance– Friday, June 8

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and seventh grade acting elective students are invited to join us for the MS Drama Performance this **Friday, June 8** from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. With monologues, skits, and a one-act play, the performances promise to be entertaining, amusing, and verrrrrry interesting!

### Book Return & Locker Clean-Out– Fri., June 8

Students may return clean and undamaged textbooks this Friday during Book Return. Students in grades 5 – 7 will receive credit towards the fall book fees. Eighth graders may return books as a donation to the school. All students should bring a plastic bag on Friday for all items in their lockers.

### Magic Mountain– Mon., June 11

Please turn in \$10 as soon as possible for the Magic Mountain trip. Remember to come to school by 8 am and to be picked up from school by NO LATER THAN 6 pm. Be sure to wear cool clothing, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and to bring money for lunch. If you are not eligible to attend this trip, do not come to school on Monday.

**Free Dress Days – Fri., June 8 and Mon., June 11**

### Awards Ceremony and Closing Assembly – Tuesday, June 12

Students need to wear **full uniform** for the morning assemblies on Tuesday, June 12. They may bring a change of clothes for class parties later that morning.

## Important 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reminders

For the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat (**Fri., June 8**): please wear free dress, bring \$10, and an item for the time capsule.

Graduation Rehearsal will take place on **Tuesday, June 12** from 12 – 2 pm. Eighth graders should NOT be picked up at noon like other students.

For Graduation, please wear:

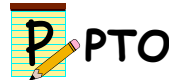
- Girls – Dressy and modest clothes and shoes.
- Boys -- Dark pants, oxford shirts, ties and dress shoes

On **Wednesday, June 13**, 8<sup>th</sup> graders need to be at the school wearing their gowns by 3 pm.

The **Graduation Dinner** for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held at Villa Sorriso from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm on Wednesday, June 13 following the graduation. Parents need to pick students up by no later than 9:30 pm at the school.

## Middle School Summer Reading

Middle schoolers have the regular summer reading requirement of three books in English from the AR list and one book in Arabic. Students need to fill out note cards for each book they read PLUS one book report according to a specific format. Please go to the school's website under "Summer" to find out the exact requirements for each grade level. This is for incoming fifth through eighth grades. *The book report and note cards are due the first day of school.*



The PTO members would like to thank each one of our families for supporting them in every way throughout the school year. With your help, we were able to reach our goals. We wish you a very nice and relaxing summer. Thanks again.

### Muslim Girls' Camp

The Muslim Women's League is proud to announce the Muslim Girls' Day Camp which will be held at Westridge School for Girls located in Pasadena from **Monday, August 13** through **Friday, August 17, 2007**. Campers, ages 6 – 12 years old, will experience an all-girls day camp with a variety of fun games and field trips. For more information, contact the Muslim Women's League at 626-358-0335 or via email at [mwl@mwlusa.org](mailto:mwl@mwlusa.org).

### "Celebrating Diversity" - Sunday, Sept. 9

Little Star Friends will be hosting an Inter-racial and Inter-faith Diversity Day focused on Discovering Our Similarities to be led by Native American elders of the Crow Nation Reservation. Students from the Muslim, Christian, and Jewish communities around Los Angeles are invited to attend. The program will be held on the middle school campus from 9 am to 5 pm. Please see the attached flyer for more information.