



NHSP WEEKLY BULLETIN 4-13-2020

Dear Families,

I hope that Week 5 of remote learning is off to a good start today. We have added some new features last week and this week including:

- * Snack time or Lunch time with classmates (PS-8)
- * Supervised independent learning sessions for K-2

These new features have provided more social connections for our students as well as more learning support during their day. (Grades 3-8 already have scheduled optional tutorial sessions in their days).

The administration and faculty are currently finalizing the updated assessment protocols for third and fourth quarters, and we will be sending this information by the end of the week.

Parent Meetings

I enjoyed meeting with parents via Zoom last week for a Parent Coffee, along with the school leadership team. We were able to address some questions and get a sense of how people are doing. We would like to offer future meetings (sans coffee due to Ramadan!), and we'll let you know when.

For this week, we have a Parent Meeting scheduled for **Wed., April 22 from 4-5 pm** with Dr. Heather Laird of Muslims and Mental Health. Her topic is: "How to social distance well at home with your children without falling into an abyss." Here is the Zoom link for the session: <https://zoom.us/j/4565305779>

Helpful Article

As we continue to live in a space that is unprecedented and new for all of us, it is helpful to think about what are the feelings and behaviors we may be noticing in ourselves and our children. I came across this article from CNN that provides some guidance through these uncharted waters. Perhaps it will help us understand better the what and why we are feeling. [That Uncomfortable Coronavirus Feeling](#)

Earth Day Anniversary

in this bulletin, you can see how you can commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day this Wednesday with tips from our very own Learning Naturalist, Mr. Levi. Have you seen this picture of lions napping in Kruger National Park? Some animals are enjoying the extra space with humans staying at home.



Ramadan is Coming!

On my not-so-good days, I worry about how I will manage in Ramadan this year. On my better days, I believe that God will give us the strength and the patience if we turn to Him and ask for His help. As we know, He does not place a burden on us greater than we have strength to bear.

We will be sharing some ideas for how we can give our children the spirit of Ramadan through their school connections with optional daily Qur'an recitation during lunch, setting aside time for group prayer with one of their teachers or fellow classmates, and scheduling "fun" Ramadan activities. More will be forthcoming on this!

Have a wonderful week, and may your Ramadan begin with light and love!

In peace,
Mrs. Al-Sarraf

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed., April 22 - 4-5 pm - **Parent Session with Dr. Heather Laird: "How to social distance well at home with your children without falling into an abyss"**

Wed., April 22 -- 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

Thur., April 23 - Annual Online Art Auction Bidding Ends

Fri., April 24 - Ramadan begins

SCHOOL NEWS

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

On behalf of the amazing New Horizon Pasadena team of teachers and staff, we thank all of our wonderful students and parents for their many and varied expressions of gratitude last week.

Nighthawk Walk Challenge - Results are In!

Coach Jess would like to commend all of those who are exercising during this time and a special thanks to those of the students, parents, and staff who sent in their walking steps for the week-long Nighthawk Walk Challenge. Here are the results:

1,065,320 STEPS or 535.5 Miles -The Equivalent of one person walking to Arizona!
Keep on walking and staying healthy during this time!



Annual Online Art Auction

We're reaching out to current families and the entire New Horizon community of alumni families, friends, and supporters to join our Annual Online Art Auction of student and community art.

Bidding ends this Thursday, Apr. 23!

Just a few days left to view the beautiful art pieces and to bid.

Register at www.biddingowl.com/NHS -- and whether you bid or not, you can enjoy the amazing and beautiful artwork of our students and community.

Summer Camp Poll

Thank you to those who responded to our poll. Sixteen (16) individuals responded. These are the results to this question:

"If conditions are favorable, how likely are you to enroll your child in NHSP Summer Camp?"

Likely 56.3%
Not Likely 43.8%

The school is still in the process of making a decision about Summer Camp. We should have more details in the coming weeks. Families can register for summer camp and get the **15% discount by May 15 (new deadline)** with the following **REFUND POLICY**:

- The \$100 registration fee will be refunded IF the conditions for re-entrance to the campus are not favorable before first day of camp.
- The \$100 registration fee will be refunded IF families cancel by June 15.

You can go to our website for [NHSP Summer Camp Registration](http://www.nhsp.com/SummerCampRegistration).





FROM THE NHSP PEACE GARDEN:

It's the 50th ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY!

This Wednesday, April 22, is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. It is a great time for conversations about the effect of our actions on our world and how we can be better stewards of our earth.

Our Learning Naturalist, Mr. Levi, has put together a video about Earth Day 2020 and what we can do at home. It also includes links to resources.

[Earth Day 2020 Video from Mr. Levi](#)

FEEDING OUR SPIRIT

Weekly Khutbas

Here is the link for last week's khutba:

[Mr. Siler's Khutba 4-17-2020](#)

For this week's khutba by Mr. Siler, look for our email on Friday morning, April 24.

Please use the khutba as a beginning point for your family's noon prayer. Be sure and let your children call the adhan, iqama, lead the prayer, and make du'a.



PAY IT FORWARD

Our thoughts and prayers are with all schools, businesses, healthcare workers, and families that have had to adjust to many changes, conditions, and continue to handle challenges during this time. In times of crisis, the strength of communities can persevere, and acts of bravery can prevail. I wanted to share some ways we can support each other and the community right now.

- 1) **Stay Informed:** The current Covid-19 health crisis is changing rapidly so please stay informed with the latest news and information as well as guidelines for your local area. Information from the [City of Pasadena Public Health News-COVID-19](#) and from the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- 2) **Support Hospitals:** Local hospitals are dealing with more Covid-19 cases, and our medical staff are in the frontlines with limited protection. Please reach out to your local hospital to see if there are any supplies that you are able to donate. For example, Huntington Hospital in Pasadena: [How You Can Help Huntington Hospital](#)
- 3) **Support Local Businesses:** It is an important time for us to support local businesses that are under strain due to the current crisis. We will be featuring businesses each week during Ramadan. Here are some businesses connected to the school and community that are open and available for business:

[Glendale Small Animal Hospital](#)
[Grove Pharmacy](#)
[JB Wholesale Roofing & Building Supply](#)
[Zweet Café](#)

If you are a business in the community that is open and needs support, please send an e-mail to Arefa Vohra, Senior Advancement Associate, avohra@newhorizonschool.org, so we can help promote your business.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

From the Center for Muslims and Mental Health:

CLASSES -- Art for the Tender Heart, Art for the Heart, and Parenting in Modern Times are just some of the classes offered on a weekly basis by Dr. Heather Laird and the Center for Muslims & Mental Health. Go to [Muslims and Mental Health Classes](#) for more information.

From the Islamic Center of Southern California:

"Muhammad: A Life of Light" with Edina Lekovic
Sundays, 10:30 am - 12 pm

TAKE THE POLL



What is this? (Take a guess without Google!)

1. A fish scale

Select

2. A scaly anteater

Select

3. A pine cone

Select



RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S POLL

Thank you to the 33 people who responded.

1. The human eye - 24.2%
2. Sequins on a dress - 27.3%
3. 'Eye of Sauron' Galaxy - 48.5%

CORRECT ANSWER: The "Eye of Sauron" Galaxy!

GIVE NOW

STAY CONNECTED

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