

NHSP WEEKLY BULLETIN 5-26-2020

Dear Families.

I hope you all enjoyed a blessed Eid this past weekend. It was a very different Eid day as we are usually used to going to prayer, getting together at Eid Breakfast, spending time with family and friends, and going out and about for fun activities.



We have been given some challenges but also opportunities to see just how well we can adapt and change, and I imagine we all had the chance to create similar Eid experiences this year -- just at home, and not outside!

I pray that your families are all healthy and well at this time as our county, state, and country move into re-opening. I continue to work with our local schools to gather expertise as we all find ourselves in the same boat working diligently to create possibilities for returning to campus in the Fall.

In the coming month, as we wind down the school year, we would like to schedule an All-School Parent Meeting to share with you our process and the status of decision-making for Fall. I will let you know when this meeting will take place. It will be a presentation with a chance for families to send questions ahead or through the chat feature. We also plan to hold two meetings at two different times to allow for different schedules. The meeting will be recorded.

For now, we are preparing for our end-of-year procedures and celebrations, and we look forward to seeing you all, even at a distance, during the week of June 8-12.

Please be aware that I will be sending very specific and important in the Weekly Bulletin on June 1 and a School Update on June 5 to know how you can participate in the Return/Pick-Up, Car Parade, and School Celebrations. We ask that you PLEASE READ ALL COMMUNICATION as it is a matter of health and safety for ALL.

In peace,
Mrs. Al-Sarraf

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri., May 29 Author Visit for PS-2nd Grade (see info below) (12:30-1:15)

Tue., June 2 Incoming Kindergarten Orientation (for PK families) (8:30-9:30 am)

Sat., June 6 Words Spoken with Omar Offendum @ 4 pmREGISTER HERE.

Mon., June 8 All-school Closing Assembly (PS-8)

Tue., June 9 Last Day of Instruction / 8th Grade Retreat

Wed., June 10 Return/Pick-up Day - By Assigned Appointment Only

Thur., June 11 Fourth Grade Promotion (drive-through); All-School End-of-Year Parade (at scheduled times by grade level)

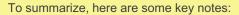
Fri., June 12 Kindergarten Graduation (drive-through) (10-11 am); Eighth Grade Graduation (drive-through) (4-5 pm)

Please go to the Family Portal for an updated calendar with all the important activities in May and June.

Password to above activities: nhsp2020

END-OF-YEAR PLANS

During the week of June 1-5, we plan to send out ALL the necessary information for parents for the final procedures for the close of school. We ask parents to carefully read all the information to be prepared for the various appointments and activities.





All families will need to return any or all school materials (textbooks, devices and library books etc.) taken home, and pick up materials, projects and items the children have at school. This will be by ASSIGNED APPOINTMENT ONLY.

- All families will be assigned to a group from A-L with a time slot to arrive at school.
- Each family will be directed to enter the school's parking lot and open their car trunk.

End-of-Year Car Parade - Thur., June 11

We would love to celebrate the end of the school year with all of our families at our All-School End-of-Year Car Parade! We will be sending details on the route and the timings per grade level. We ask that families closely adhere to these timelines as these are the requirements set by the County of Los Angeles and City of Pasadena. Have fun with your car decorations and signs!

School Celebrations

We will be coordinating special celebrations to celebrate the milestones for Kindergarten, ^{4h} grade and 8th grade. Please look out for more information that will be specifically sent out per grade level.

- Thursday, June 11: Fourth Grade Promotion (drive-through) from 9:00-9:30 am
- Friday, June 12: Kindergarten Graduation (drive-through) from 10:00-11:00 am
- Friday, June 12: Eighth Grade Graduation (drive-through) from 4:00-5:00 pm



Omar Offendum in Virtual Concert!

Get Your Tickets Today. Our "Words Spoken" event will now be an epic virtual live concert on Saturday, June 6th from 4-6p.m. featuring Omar Offendum, (NHSP Parent, Hip Hop Artist, Poet, Peace Activist), Clarissa Bitar (Palestinian Oud Player), and Hatefas "Hati" Yop (Cham Spoken Word Artist). Just \$30 per household. For more event details go to our Facebook Event Page and get Tickets Here. Questions? Contact advancement@newhorizonschool.org.

Only \$30 per household!

2020 RAMADAN APPEAL EXCEEDS GOAL!

Many thanks to those of you who participated in our 2020 Ramadan Appeal and helped us exceed our goal of \$20,000.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude from the generous support we received from students, parents, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, Board, friends, and community for New Horizon Pasadena and for Friends in Deed. We really appreciate every gift, and it has truly made a significant impact for both organizations. Alhamdulillah, our Ramadan Appeal **raised over \$33,000**, and Friends in Deed will be receiving 15% of proceeds with a donation totaling \$5,040.



We hope you can join us on **Friday**, **June 5** for a Zoom conversation with Friends in Deed leadership and staff to hear about their important work and share our Ramadan Appeal results. More details coming soon



AUTHOR VISIT COMING SOON!

We are excited to invite Heba Subeh, author of *How Much Does Allah Love Me*, to share her book and talk about her passions: writing and faith. She is determined to spread this passion to children so that as they grown up, they can become confident Muslims who are strong in their convictions. Ms. Subeh earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and is pursuing an additional degree in Islamic Studies from California Islamic University. She currently resides in Southern California with her husband and three daughters and is thrilled to join us on the Zoom platform on Friday, May 29 for our Preschool through 2nd Grade. Join the Author Visit 5-29-2020 from 12:30-1:15.

You may purchase her book at:www.prolancewriting.com/how-much-does-allah-love-me

NHSP SUMMER REIMAGINED

Have you wondered what summer might look like without oncampus summer programs? We have too, so we started reimagining a summer WITH fun activities kids can do online with our amazing team



We're excited to offer:

- Cooking in Arabic, Nature Travels with Mr. Levi, STEM Creations, Art!, Young Author's Workshop, and Game Jam along with Motion Commotion and Mindful Meditation
- Look for even more details in next week's Bulletin!
- Our Summer Reimagine Team of teachers currently consists of Mr. Levi, Mrs. Megan Arnold, Mr. Gerardo Martinez, and Miss Kyla. We will be adding more members to the team.
- Dates: July 6 31
- Time: 9 am 12 pm
- For Entering PK-6
- Register Here: <u>NHSP Summer Reimagined</u>. The cost is \$125 per week.
- Deadline to Register: June 15
- If you would like a refund from your previous registration, please contact Kim Klosterman at kklosterman@newhorizonschool.org.





THE "NEW" NHSP ART SHOP

Find the perfect graduation gift today! Graduation day is coming up and the NHSP



Art Shop has many options for the perfect grad gift from artistic t-shirts, phone cases, mugs and





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PEACE GARDEN?

See what's happening in the garden this week with Mr. Levi, Learning Naturalist.

Here is this week's **Peace Garden Video 5-26-2020**.

COMMUNITY & COVID RESOURCES

Hiking Trails

The County of Los Angeles has reopened previously closed parks and trails this past Saturday, May 9. For important guidelines from County of L.A., please click **here**.

Coping and Mindfulness Resources from LA County Public Health

May is celebrated nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month to spotlight the importance of mental health issues and access to care for everyone. Check out this <u>LA County Update</u> that offers a number of resources and information about two important initiatives to help reduce fear, anxiety, and stress: <u>WeRise2020</u> and <u>Headspace</u>.

Resources for Children

Children may not understand the full scale of the crisis, but they are definitely listening. So here is some expert advice on how to have these important conversations and how to keep your child safe and reassured when their normal social routines are disrupted. (There's a story book too.)

QUIZ OF THE WEEK: GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA - COUNTRIES AND CONTINENTS

Take the Geography Quiz!



GIVE NOW

STAY CONNECTED

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