

NHSP WEEKLY BULLETIN 6-1-2020 Updated

NOTE: We are resending the Weekly Bulletin with a correction in the End-of-Year Plans section in the Alpha Family Grouping and Appointments document for Wednesday, June 10. All other information is the same.

Dear Families.

June is upon us, and we find ourselves reflecting back upon this year of many tests and opportunities. Before we come to the end, we now find ourselves contemplating yet another challenge to our world -- one that is now flooding our hearts, minds, and streets around the country -- the issue of racial injustice. It is not a new issue, but one whose wounds continue to fester and create pain when yet another tragedy occurs.

While we try to make sense of very recent events in Georgia and Minnesota, I pray that God guides us to be strong as a community and to stand together against injustice in our collective humanity. And to always find ways to enjoin what is good in this world.

With the end of school around the corner, there are number of important happenings in these next two weeks, so please read today's bulletin carefully.

This **Friday**, **June 5 at 9 am**, I hope you can join us for a **Conversation with Friends-in-Deed** to learn more about what they do here in Pasadena and to share with them the news of their portion of our Ramadan Appeal contributions.

Thank you to all those who helped us reach over \$33K, about \$5K of which will go to Friends-in-Deed to help our neighbors affected by COVID-19, poverty, and homelessness. This meeting is for parents and NHSP staff.

I also invite you to enjoy our exciting event this **Saturday**, **June 6 at 4 pm** -- "Words Spoken with Omar Offendum." Also featured are Hati Yop, spoken word artist, and Clarissa Bitar, Oud artist. You can register here. We had a virtual rehearsal last week, and they are all amazing! Don't miss it!

For the week of June 8 and **end-of-year activities**, please see the section below, "End-of-Year Plans," for ALL relevant links to the details for the week of June 8.

Don't forget to join your children for our <u>All-School Closing Assembly</u>, a tradition each year, next **Monday, June 8 from 8:30-8:50 am**.

As we work on closing out the 2019-2020 school year, we are also hard at work with the planning for the 2020-2021 school year even in the midst of many uncertainties. Our school leadership team has been developing scenarios based on the most recent communications from L.A. County Office of Education,



California State Superintendent, California Dept. of Social Services, California Dept. of Education, and the CDC. We would like to share more about the process and the status of the plans with a presentation at an All-School Parent Meeting on Thursday, June 28. There will be two meeting times to allow families flexibility as to which time works best for them -- one at 9 am and one at 4 pm. We will send out reminders in the next couple of weeks.

Please note: we will have one final Weekly Bulletin next Monday, June 8 as we close out the year.

I wish you all the best for these final days of school!

In peace,

Mrs. Al-Sarraf

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Fri., June 5 Conversation with Friends-in-Deed at 9 am (for parents and NHSP staff)

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

Mon., June 8 All-school Closing Assembly (PS-8) 8:30-8:50 am

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

Wed., June 10 Return/Pick-up Day - By Assigned Appointment Only (see doc below)

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)

Thur., June 28 All-School Parent Meeting Re: Fall Planning

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

Password to above activities: nhsp2020

END-OF-YEAR PLANS

Please read the following documents which outline the procedures for the week of June 8.

Return and Pick-up of Materials - Wed., June 10

- Return/Pick-up Materials 6-10-2020
- Alpha-Family Grouping and Appointments
 Updated List

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

NHSP Car Parade Guidelines & Time Slots by Grade Level

School Celebrations

LS and MS Directors will be sending out special emails this week to the K, 4th, and 8th grades with specific instructions for graduation drive-throughs.

- 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!

5 Days Left til Words Spoken concert: Get your tickets today for our Words Spoken virtual concert 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.

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: NHSP Summer Reimagined. 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.







THIS WEEK'S VIDEO: ENJOY A <u>FINAL</u> VISIT TO THE PEACE GARDEN BEFORE SUMMER

Thank you, Mr. Levi, for keeping us in touch with the Peace Garden during these past 2 1/2 months. The garden is a source of beauty, peace, and joy which we can experience even at a distance thanks to your weekly videos.

Families, please take a few minutes to watch this video with your children:

Peace Garden Video 6-1-2020.

A CASTING OPPORTUNITY FOR DISNEY+

From Aqsa Altaf:

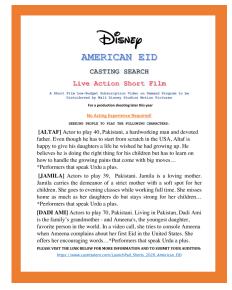
My name is Aqsa Altaf and I'm a writer & director based in Los Angeles. Recently, I got selected by <u>Disney Launchpad program</u> as one of the six directors to make a short film for Disney+. My film is called *American Eid* and its about a 9 year old girl Ameena who just immigrated to the US from Pakistan. She wakes up on Eid and finds out that she has to go to school (she got 4 days off on Eid back home).

The film follows her petitioning to make Eid a public holiday at school.

We are currently in the process of casting for children and adult roles. No acting experience is required.

Here are the Disney Casting Search flyers:







THE "NEW" NHSP ART SHOP

Father's Day is
Coming! Sunday, June
21st is Father's Day. Get
student-created and
beautiful gifts from the
NHSP Art Shop ranging from t-shirts, mugs, and
beach blankets.

Visit the Art Shop today!

COMMUNITY & COVID RESOURCES

Stay Current with COVID

Get information from the <u>State of California COVID Page</u>, <u>L.A. County COVID Page</u>, <u>LA County Public Health Page</u>.

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 **LA County Update** that offers a number of resources and information about two important initiatives to help reduce fear, anxiety, and stress: **WeRise2020** and **Headspace**.

FINAL QUIZ OF THE WEEK: FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES - FOR AGES 10 & UP

Take the Weekly News Quiz for Students! (from May 26, 2020)





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