



## NHSP WEEKLY BULLETIN 6-8-2020

**CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN: All-School Parent Meeting is scheduled for THURSDAY, JUNE 25. Two presentations will take place, one at 9 am and one at 4 pm. It will be the same presentation for both meetings.**

Dear New Horizon Pasadena School Community,

Looking back on this school year, we can feel proud of ourselves and grateful to God. We made it!! We made it through all the ups and downs to arrive here at the end of the school year. We did some incredible problem-solving, creative and critical thinking, and stretching of our brains this year. We can all look back and see progress and change and transformation. Every one of us has now built new skills and abilities through the individual and collective challenges that have demanded that we adapt, be creative, be strong, and stay faithful.

If there is one thing this year has taught us, and it has taught us many things, it is patience and not just patient in a passive sense, but patient in an active sense. In the English translation of the word *sabr*, they often use two words to capture the meaning -- patient perseverance. We can all agree that this year has given us an opportunity to patiently persevere.

I pray that God gives you all ample reward -- for students in being amazing learners and carrying on whether on-campus or online, for parents in your efforts to support your children, for teachers in your efforts to engage students on a very different platform, and for everyone in our school administration for working at all hours and on weekends to keep our school operations going.

And I am deeply grateful for each and every one of you in this blessed New Horizon community.

Last Friday, we enjoyed meeting the staff at Friends-in-Deed and sharing the news of the gift from the New Horizon community. The Executive Director shared these words in a follow-up email: "We are not only grateful for your incredible generosity, but for our relationship and the time we just spent with you and getting to share and be in conversation and personal connections." He also mentioned our gift in the Friends-in-Deed newsletter, adding, "We are so grateful for our friendship with the school and with the local Muslim community - thank you!"



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

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. On Friday, June 5, Governor Newsom issued new directives for the gradual

reopening that includes private schools. CAIS (California Association of Independent Schools) also issued important guidelines that day to California independent schools. We will be reviewing this information closely and updating our current planning process. 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 25**. 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.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer!

In peace,  
Mrs. Al-Sarraf

## IMPORTANT DATES

Tue., June 9 Last Day of Instruction / 8th Grade Retreat (9-11 am)

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 (10-11 am); Eighth Grade Graduation (4-5 pm) (see details in emails from division heads, Mrs. Seedat and Ms. Ansari)

Thur., June 25 [All-School Parent Meeting Re: Fall Planning](#)

Please go to the **Family Portal** for an updated calendar, announcements, and information under Resource Documents. All past bulletins, HOS emails, and other communication pieces are available in Resource Documents.

Password to above activities: nhsp2020

## END-OF-YEAR PLANS

Please read the following documents which outline the procedures for this week.

**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 have emailed families of K, 4th, and 8th grades with specific instructions for graduation events.

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



## TIME FOR SUMMER AND SUMMER READING!

We hope that you will find ways to enjoy your summer while staying safe and healthy.

Reading is an amazing way to have fun in summer since you can go places without leaving home, AND it helps improve children's vocabulary and writing at all levels!

Read the [Lower School Summer Reading Requirements](#) and the

[Middle School Summer Reading Requirements](#).

Don't wait till the end of summer! Start reading at the beginning of summer!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Fourth Grade Promotion

You have completed your elementary journey and are now ready for middle school! With the Middle Schooler for a Day program and

several visits to MS this year, and your hard work in fourth grade, you should be able to make a smooth transition. Wishing you all the best in Fifth Grade!



### Kindergarten Graduation

What a special day for our Kindergarteners! You have completed your Kindergarten program and are now ready for First Grade! We are so happy for you, watching you grow into the individuals you are today. All that learning you did in Kindergarten will help you in all of your years ahead in life. Wishing you all the best in First Grade!



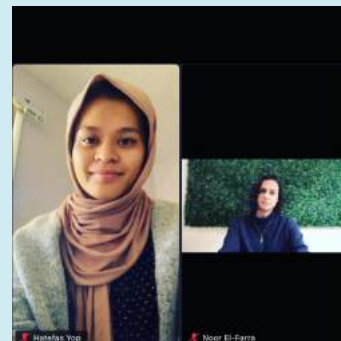
### Eighth Grade Graduation

It is your time now! It is your time to shine and to reflect on your years at New Horizon and what you have gained on this journey. As you pack your "suitcase," you will choose to take some things with you and maybe leave others behind. We hope you will come back to NHS to visit or volunteer and to share your wisdom. Wishing you all the best as you go to high school!



### Epic Words Spoken Concert!

Thank you for everyone who attended the Words Spoken virtual concert last Saturday, June 6th. Alhamdulillah, we had over 54 households watching the program. It was an amazing line-up with talented and powerful performances from Omar Offendum, Clarissa Bitar, and Hatefas "Hati" Yop. Special thanks to the artists as well as the awesome and dynamic MC Noor El-Farra (NHSP Alumna). More images and clips will be posted this week on social media.







## THE BIG REVEAL

We presented the BIG REVEAL today at the All-School Closing Assembly --



the NEW Lower School playground structure! As you know, the previous play structure was damaged in the Fall due to the fire on the outside of the fence. Since the structure was damaged in more than one place, there really was no other choice but to install a new structure entirely.



We wanted to add a nature feel to the new structure as well as captivate the interest of the kids with some exciting new features. Thanks to the help of Ziad Khan, Chair of the Facilities Committee, we connected with Landscape Structures who also provided a considerable discount due to the school's unfortunate situation with the fire. As we looked at various possibilities, we talked with fourth graders (New Horizon Navigators (leaders of lower school)), presented them with different images and possibilities, and gathered their feedback.



Over this time that we have been staying at home, Ms. Klosterman, Director of Finance and Operations, has been working with the insurance company to pay for the structure and its safe and professional installation. She supervised the contractors doing the installation, and it was finished in late May.

We are looking forward to setting up ways for students to use the structure in the fall following safety guidelines.



## NHSP SUMMER REIMAGINED

Have you wondered what summer might look like without on-campus 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](mailto:kklosterman@newhorizonschool.org).



## THE "NEW" NHSP ART SHOP

**Father's Day is Coming!** Celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 21st with great summer items for a Father fun-day outing. Get student artwork on creative gifts from the NHSP Art Shop ranging from t-shirts, travel mugs, and beach blankets.



The Art Shop is open all summer long, so go and browse for more fun items to enjoy the summer time days.

[Visit the Art Shop today!](#)

**Get Free Shipping! Use Code "FREESHIP620570387"**

Order minimum \$45 US/\$80 INTL. Ends Jun 12 '20 5PM CDT. Excludes INTL Wall Art and Shoes.

## 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 [Disney Launchpad program](#) 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:



**Disney**  
**AMERICAN EID**  
CASTING SEARCH  
**Live Action Short Film**

A Short Film Low-Budget Submission Video on Demand Program to be Distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures

For a production shooting later this year  
**No Acting Experience Required!**

SEEKING PEOPLE TO PLAY THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS:

**[AMEENA]** Actor to play 8 or 9 years old, Pakistani, a girl with strong determination and a big heart. Ameena has recently immigrated to the USA from Pakistan. In her new home for just two months, Ameena learns that her favorite holiday Eid is not recognized as a national holiday. She will have to go to school and her parents will have to go to work. In addition to this, Ameena notices her older sister Zara has been really sad after the move. After learning about petitions from the environmental group at school, Ameena circulates a petition in hopes of getting the day off to celebrate the important holiday for herself and her sister. When Zara learns of this, she yells at Ameena for highlighting what is different about them to the whole school. Meanwhile, Ameena gives up and concludes that she may never celebrate Eid again or get her best friend back. She is surprised when she walks into her classroom the next day to discover that her parents have collaborated with her teacher to have a special Eid celebration in the classroom... \*Actors that speak Urdu a plus.

**[ZARA]** Actors to play 13, Pakistani. Zara is Ameena's big sister. Zara desperately wants to fit in at her new school in the United States - and doesn't want to do anything to draw attention to herself. She wants to be called Z, practices speaking with an American accent and wears clothes that show her legs. When she learns that her sister is petitioning for them to get Eid holiday, she gets furious. Trying desperately to make new friends, Zara ignores the special friendship she has with her sister... \*Actors that speak Urdu a plus.

PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SUBMIT YOUR SUBMISSION:  
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**[ALTAF]** Actor to play 40, Pakistani, a hardworking man and devoted father. Even though he has to start from scratch in the USA, Altaf is happy to give his daughters a life he wished he had growing up. He believes he is doing the right thing for his children but has to learn on how to handle the growing pains that come with big moves... \*Performers that speak Urdu a plus.

**[JAMILA]** Actors to play 39, Pakistani. Jamila is a loving mother. Jamila carries the demeanor of a strict mother with a soft spot for her children. She goes to evening classes while working full time. She misses home as much as her daughters do but stays strong for her children... \*Performers that speak Urdu a plus.

**[DADI AMI]** Actors to play 70, Pakistani. Living in Pakistan, Dadi Ami is the family's grandmother - and Ameena's, the youngest daughter, favorite person in the world. In a video call, she tries to console Ameena when Ameena complains about her first Eid in the United States. She offers her encouraging words... \*Performers that speak Urdu a plus.

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## COMMUNITY & COVID RESOURCES

### Stay Current with COVID

Get information from the [State of California COVID Page](#), [L.A. County COVID Page](#), [LA County Public Health Page](#).

### 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](#).

**GIVE NOW**

**STAY CONNECTED**

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