## Elementary News

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### Visiting Day - 9:00 AM - Noon and stop by the office before going to the classroom, visit with your child’s teacher!

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<td>First Day of 2016-17 School Year!</td>
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<td>Mandatory Parent Workshop - each child must have at least one parent or family member in attendance. Kindergarten—6:15 PM First/Second Gr. - 6:30 PM, Third/Fourth/Fifth Grade - 6:45 PM, please leave your child at home!</td>
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<td>First Homework assignments come home, please return on Thursday, Aug. 24th.</td>
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<td>First Library Trip– wear your green polo and bring your library bag</td>
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### Welcome Back to School!
REMINDERS . . .
> New Horizons Green Polo shirts must be worn on all weekly trips to the Palm Harbor Library. The green polo shirt must be worn on all Field Trips to insure your child’s safety. A NHCDS Polo shirt should be worn daily as part of your child’s uniform.

> Classes begin promptly at 8:30am for all Elementary students. Please drop your child off at the Belcher entrance between 7:00 - 8:30 am so they begin their day on time. Students arriving before 8:05 AM will be charged a before-care fee. Classroom doors will be locked off the Nebraska drive so please only use this drive if your child is arriving after 8:30 AM and you must sign them in at the office.

> Dismissal - We ask that parents not get in our car line until 2:55pm. We ask that all parents place a name card on their dash board so that we know who to bring to your car. The bright sun and reflective windows continue to make this process difficult.

> Fitness t-shirts will be needed M/T/W/TH each week. If you need to purchase an additional shirt please see Lauren.

Please remember our parking lot speed limit is 5 MPH and to buckle your child before leaving the school grounds.

Parent Workshops
Tuesday, August 16th

Kindergarten
6:15 PM
First/Second Gr. - 6:30 PM
3/4/5 Grades
6:45 PM

Parent attendance is required on this evening as your child’s teacher explains your child’s daily activities, events and responsibilities. Each teacher will review homework policies and how you can assist your child at home. Learn how to be a partner in your child’s education.

What you need at home for your student at homework time?
- Students need a quiet space at a table or desk to do their homework.
- Items needed to keep at home include: glue, glue stick, scissors, markers, crayons, pencils and wide rule notebook paper.
- Students need a routine, homework time before other activities, playtime, TV or computer.

Activities Fee

Your activities fee of $145 covers all your child’s expenses for field trips, transportation, guest speakers/programs and pizza lunch once a month. Since we pay for our trips months ahead of time, if your child is absent we are not able to refund any of these fees.
Welcoming in a new school year!

As we begin our new school year, we want you to know the staff working with your children.

In the office you can find Ms. Lauren Albritton, who can answer all your billing questions. She will also be the person you will see if your child arrives at school after 8:30 AM. Please note that no matter the circumstances, a tardy is a tardy, even if it is Mom’s fault. Lauren can make any changes to your files like new phone numbers, e-mails, etc…

Mrs. Kim Trocin will be teaching weekly music classes, and twice weekly Spanish classes. All curriculum decisions are made by Mrs. Trocin so please bring questions to her about your child’s studies.

Also in the office you will find Mrs. Margie Rose-Langes and Ms. Jan Clark. When Mrs. Trocin is not available they will handle discipline issues and emergency decisions. Ms. Clark will also work with our After School Teachers to plan afternoons for our students.

In our Kindergarten classroom will be Miss Tori Fraelich.

In our First/Second Grade classroom will be Mrs. Amy Slutz.

In our Third/Fourth/Fifth Grade class will be Mrs. Maggie New.

Mr. Mike Curro will be our Fitness teacher this year. He will be working with Mrs. Trocin to provide a year of fun filled exercise, games and activities.

In our After School Program, you will find Ms. Jan Clark. During our After School Program, students will be given an afternoon snack, time for homework, outside and inside play time.

At anytime you need to contact the school you can do so at:

727-785-8591
newhorizosele@tampabay.rr.com
newhorizosofc@tampabay.rr.com
Music Notes
We will begin the year in music learning the instrument groups of the orchestra. We will learn which instruments are woodwinds, brass, strings, percussion. We will get a chance to play some of the instruments from each family. Recorders and music books will be needed this year initially so we can start beginning notes and proper hand positioning.

Fitness Facts
Welcome Back! I am Michael Curro the new fitness teacher. I consider this job an honor. My focus will be on discipline, high standards, achievable goal attainment, stressing the value of a positive mental attitude in the pursuit of a high level of physical and mental fitness. Walt Disney once said, “If you can dream it, you can do it!” Please ensure your child eats a healthy diet and gets ample hydration. I look forward to sharing many successes and victories with you all throughout the year.

Spanish
We will begin our year in Spanish by learning basic greetings. Learning how to greet each other and ask someone’s name, expressing how you feel will be our first lessons. We will then move into the Spanish alphabet, colors, numbers and animals.

Gracias

MindUp Program
MindUP™ teaches social and emotional learning skills that link cognitive neuroscience, positive psychology and mindful awareness training utilizing a brain centric approach.

MindUP™ is a research-based training program for educators and children. This program is composed of 15 lessons based in neuroscience. Students learn to self-regulate behavior and mindfully engage in focused concentration required for academic success. MindUP™ lessons align with all state standards including Common Core and support improved academic performance while enhancing perspective taking, empathy and kindness as well as fostering complex problem solving skills.

Founder Goldie Hawn collaborated with neuroscientists, cognitive psychologists and educators to create MindUP™, a program that fosters a classroom-learning environment where a child’s ability to academically succeed and personally thrive is maximized and directly linked to their overall state of well-being. Rigorously researched and accredited by CASEL, MindUP™ has been proven to reduce stress, improve academic performance, strengthen abilities for concentration and help children and educators thrive in a setting that becomes a community of learners.

MindUP™ nurtures optimism and happiness in the classroom, helps eliminate bullying and aggression, increases empathy and compassion, while resolving peer conflicts in schools.

MindUP™ prepares teachers with the instructional shifts needed to achieve maximum academic performance using the Common Core academic standards. MindUP™ also aligns with the Marzano Framework for dynamic educators.

MindUP™ serves thousands of children globally each year, preparing children to be able to navigate 21st century challenges while maximizing opportunities for success in life.

Superflex
Superflex is more than a superhero! It’s a curriculum designed to teach younger (primarily 3rd-5th grade) students how to regulate their behaviors and become stronger social problem solvers. Professionals and parents alike use this engaging teaching approach to help students learn about their own inner Superflex (their superheroic, flexible social thinking) and the related strategies they can use to outweigh and outsmart various social challenges, represented by Unthinkable characters, such as Glassman, Brain Eater, One-Sided Sid, Mean Jean, and others.

Every one of us is a Social Detective. We are good Social Detectives when we use our eyes, ears, and brains to figure out what others are planning to do next or are presently doing and what they mean by their words and deeds. This entertaining comic book offers different ways that can be reviewed repeatedly with students to teach them how to develop their own social detective skills. Enjoy watching your students and kids blossom day-by-day into successful Social Detectives!
Rewards Don’t Have to Be Expensive to be Effective

Children love rewards. Until they become self-motivated, rewards may help motivate them to behave and do well in school. The good news is that the best rewards involve time, not money.

Consider these for example:
♦ Special one-on-one time with you.
♦ Getting to stay up late.
♦ Sleeping in one morning.
♦ Skipping a chore.
♦ Breakfast in bed.
♦ Having a friend over for dinner.
♦ Living room camp out.
♦ Backyard picnic.
♦ Feeding bread or scraps to birds or squirrels.
♦ Extra play time.
♦ Getting to choose a meal, homework time, bedtime, etc.
♦ A trip to somewhere your child wants to go (museum).
♦ Playing “parent” for a day.
♦ Cooking privileges.
♦ Going to mom’s or dad’s work.
♦ A special space in the house your child can call his own.
♦ Help with a chore or with learning a new task.

Happy Birthday NHCDS Students

Ben Brodlieb

Carter Grace

Hope your birthday is as awesome as you are!