



Elementary News

DATELINE

<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>October 11</i>	<i>A visit from Weatherman Greg Dee</i> Report Cards
<i>Monday</i>	<i>October 16</i>	<i>Parent/Teacher Conference Day -</i> <i>Fun Day Available</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>October 17</i>	Elementary Individual School Pictures - wear any color uniform shirt! 
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>October 19</i>	PIZZA K-5th grades Skating (K/1) 
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>October 24</i>	Elementary Field Trip to Lowry Park Zoo
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>October 31</i>	Non-Uniform Day, come dressed in Halloween colors: orange, black, yellow, white or purple (please no costumes, a Halloween shirt is okay!)

Harvest Festival

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Parent Volunteers requested!

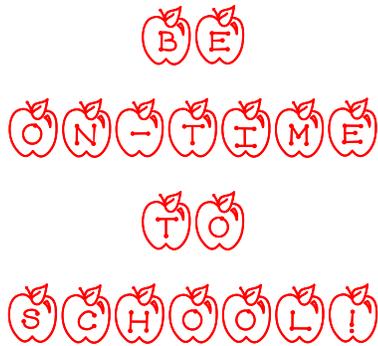
Pumpkin Activities in the afternoon!



We need you! Harvest Festival 2017

*To volunteer contact Lauren at 785-8591 or
newhorizonsofc@tampabay.rr.com*





School begins promptly at 8:30 AM each day. Children should be dropped off through the Belcher Rd. gate between 8:10-8:30 AM or in our before care school room beginning at 7:00 AM.

Be great and don't be late!

Students arriving after 9:00 AM will need a doctors note to enter school.

Emergency Procedures and School Security

As you are all aware, our schools security has become much tighter this school year. Parents and/or visitors must enter using their key card at our Belcher and Nebraska entrances. Your key cards only work on the Belcher entrance between 7:00-9:00 AM and 2:30-6:00 PM and on the Nebraska Ave. entrance 8 AM -4 PM.

Key cards can be de-activated, so please make us aware if your key card is lost. New Horizons has installed cameras in most of our classrooms that record the daily movements of children, staff and parents. Cameras also record our outdoor walkways and playground.

Always upon arriving at New Horizons to volunteer begin your journey in the school office. Beware there will be times that we will lock our classroom doors when occasions arise in the area to protect your children from outside intruders.

In the case of a building evacuation, we will evacuate from our buildings to the far end of our back parking lot. Once the proper officials arrive on our premises, we will follow their instructions on re-entry to our buildings or further evacuation from our premises.

Gardening News by Coach Curro

I am glad to see our favorite little sprouts (our kids) survived the hurricane! We started off this year with some basics. Such as, how do plants grow, what conditions are required, and the difference between organic and genetically modified organisms (GMO). The children realized they had a lot in common with plants. They both require lots of food, water, sunshine, and love in order to grow successfully. Our little gardeners worked hard to prep the soil for planting. Then we planted pumpkin, okra, radishes and flowers. Believe it or not it all survived the storm. After a few weeks of care, patience and a little luck we were rewarded with a bounty of radishes. The kids were brave and tried their harvest. As normal some liked them and some didn't. Most were surprised at the spicy aspect, if only we could get them to taste like bubble gum, haha! We will keep you posted as our harvest comes in!

It will soon be Flu and Cold season!

The best way to help your child prevent and avoid colds and the flu is to teach them:

How to cover their coughs, using their inner arm.

Use a tissue to wipe/blow their nose. Keep your hands out of your mouth and nose, off your face.

***How to wash their hands!
(sing the ABC song while washing)***

Drink lots of fluids and water.

Eat a balanced diet, stay away from junk food and sweets.



Know your child, please don't send them to school sick!

Children should stay at home if they have a temperature within the past 24 hours, vomited or diarrhea within the past 24 hours, sore throat, unidentified rash, or symptoms such as chills, sweats, uncontrollable sneezing or coughing.

Kindergarten Explorers



by Miss Tori Fraelich

Our Kindergarteners have been working hard! Despite losing a week due to Hurricane Irma, we have been progressing along nicely.

In October, we will be switching our theme to animals and their habitats. We will be taking a field trip to the Lowry Park Zoo with the other elementary classes this month! Within this topic, we will explore animals in their habitats and observe their behaviors while learning their eating and sleeping patterns and roles in our ecosystem!

In Reader's Workshop, we will continue to read aloud 4-5 books per day from either our authors of the month (James Marshall, Paul Goble and Denise Fleming) or related to our theme - animals! Students will start bringing sight words home which they will go over and learn to read with parents and with me in school. Along with this practice, students will begin being tested on their reading fluency within the next few weeks. Eventually, we will begin our weekly spelling test which is provided by our new spelling book we have recently started!

In Writer's Workshop, we have finished up our journal from the beginning of the year and are moving on to writing sentences and illustrating our own pictures in our brand new journals! These daily journal assignments will help develop their letter, word and sentence structure. They will be given a topic to write about each day - whether it's what they did the weekend before, their favorite memory or what they like about fall.

In Math, we will continue to work on tubbing! This is a method that introduces number concepts and addition. The kids take manipulatives of two different colors and learn how to add two numbers together. Skip counting by 10's will also be introduced by the end of the month!

In Social Science, we are still working on shoe tying.

Please be practicing at home with your child and try to send them in shoes that can be laced up. Along with this important life skill, we will also be discussing conflict resolutions and how to be a friend. This is such an essential topic for Kindergarteners who are developing friendships inside and outside of the classroom! I'm very proud of the effort each student has been putting into their work in the classroom and I can't wait to see how they grow in the month of October!

First/Second Grade Investigators



By Mrs. Amy Slutz

The month of October has quickly arrived. Our theme this month will be "The Rainforest". We will focus on the different layers of the rainforest and the various animals that inhabit it. Students will be using their kindles to research animals and learn what layer (s) they dwell in.

In language arts the students will be working with long and short vowels, consonant blends, magic-e and bossy-r during our guided reading sessions. Students will also be practicing their sight words weekly.

In mathematics we will continue extending our addition and subtraction knowledge as we begin working with more double digit numbers and focus more extensively on place value. It's hard to believe our first quarter will be coming to a close Friday the 6th. The students' first report card will be sent home Wednesday the 11th and Parent/Teacher conferences will follow Monday the 16th.

I am looking forward to meeting with all parents.

Multi-Age Experimenters



by Mrs. Maggie New

Due to Hurricane Irma we will continue to explore the weather happening around us. Please watch the weather or look it up on the internet daily before coming to school each day. We will use the information for our class weather chart.

We have begun our South American scrapbook project. The students are gathering and organizing information during social studies classes and will complete the project at home. Ask your child about the country they have chosen, you will see their packets of information on October 6th with all needed directions. After our trip to Lowry Park Zoo on October 24th each student will make a habitat display in class, please send in a cardboard shoe box for the project before that date.

Remember all 4th and 5th grade students need to know the times tables. We have begun multi number multiplication and division problems these take a lot of practices and patients so some students will be bringing class work home to finish for homework. Each student must show all their work so I can see where they might be having difficulty.

If your child is not eating a complete breakfast each morning please remind them to pack a healthy morning snack. We do provide a snack for those who forget but as your child grows so does his or her appetite.

Reading at least 15 minutes each day is an essential part of your child's homework. At this time students are keeping a reading log about the book they are reading. It will be part of their reading grade.

Spanish

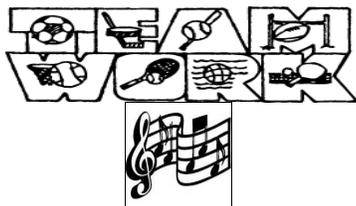
Hola a todos! During the month of October the K-1 students will continue with numbers in Spanish and then learn the names of animals in Spanish. First/Second and Multi-age classrooms are working now on animal names in Spanish to go with their classroom units.

Hasta la proxima mes!



Fitness Corner

The first two months of fitness have started well. We are currently in the pre-conditioning phase. My program is one that focuses on discipline, leadership, mental toughness, positive attitude, organization, teamwork, sportsmanship, and conditioning for the harder workouts to come. I will be training them for the Presidential Physical Fitness Test as well as for life itself. I started my monthly progress testing at the end of August. I teach my students to work hard and push themselves but to also know their limits. Please assist me in keeping them well fed and properly hydrated.



Music News

Students have successfully learned the music **instruments of the orchestra**. The music families: woodwinds, brass, strings and percussion.

We also have learned music notes and terms needed to begin playing our recorders. **Please take time to read my weekly music messages, it will have what needs to be practiced and/or needs to be done for homework.**

Thank you for your support of our music program!

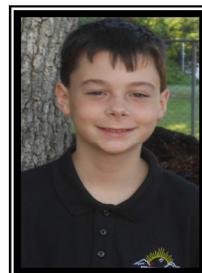
Happy Birthday



Marley Kelsch



Robbie Jordan-Erickson



Nash Turner



Students of the Month

K - Carter Grace

1/2 - Jaelynn Saunders

Multi-age - Sebastian Alemar



Spanish

Students of the Month

K - Ben Brodlieb

1/2 - Marley Kelsch

Multi-age - Nash Turner



Music

Students of the Month

K - Carter Grace

1/2 - Aaden Sinclair

Multi-age - Brianna Gaudio



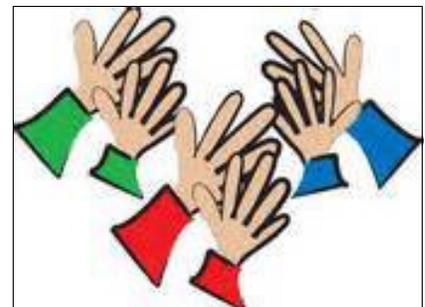
Fitness

Students of the Month

K - Anthony Mennone

1/2 - Jacob Buckmaster

Multi-age - Sebastian Alemar



Bravo



Help your child have a safe Halloween!

Kids love Halloween! They get to dress up and get free candy! What a perfect holiday! Give your kids some precious Halloween memories that they'll have for life. Some of you kids already know things that you can do to be safe, like how to cross the street, not to talk to or go with strangers and things like that. But we adults know how exciting Halloween can be and that can make you forget to be careful. Here's some tips that we have just for your kids, to help keep them safe on Halloween night! Some of these ideas are called "common sense" ideas, that means that they are things that you should know and use every day in life. You are never too young to learn!

Never, ever go into a strangers house or even ring their door for treats unless your parents are with you and say that it's okay. There are some people in life that aren't very nice to kids and you have to be careful. Always make sure that your mom or dad is within sight when you go out trick-or-treating.

Be careful when you cross a street. Make sure to look in both directions and make sure that there are no cars coming. If you have a little brother or sister with you, take their hand and help them get across the street, too. If the street has a stop light, wait until the cross walk light tells you that it's okay to cross now, but still check before you cross, look both ways.

If you are an older kid or young teen, and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with. This may seem like a pain but they are your parents and they love you. They just want you to be safe.

If your parents give you a curfew, be home when they say. It builds trust between you and them and they are doing it for your own safety. If you are going to be late, call them and let them know.

Vandalism is never cool! Throwing eggs at cars and houses is not cool. Someone has to clean it up and it could be you, if you get caught. You can also be arrested and punished as a juvenile. So, don't think that it's fun only if you can get away with it. It's never the right thing to do! Think about how you would feel if someone did that to your house and how bad it would make you feel.

Hurting animals is never acceptable behavior! Some people use Halloween as an excuse to hurt cats and that is just wrong! Not only is it illegal in most places to hurt or torture animals and punishable by law, you should never hurt a helpless living thing.

Have fun on Halloween but keep it safe, have some good, clean fun and your parents will trust you for many Halloweens to come! Showing them how responsible you can be will give you a feeling of pride and make them see just how adult you really are.

Happy 
Halloween