

New Horizons Country Day School Elementary News

August/September 2014

DATELINE

Friday	August 15	Visiting Day - 9:00 AM - Noon and stop by the office before going to the classroom, visit with your child's teacher!
Thursday	August 21	<u>Mandatory Parent Workshop</u> - each child must have at least one Parent or family member in attendance. Kindergarten - 6:00 PM, First/Second Grade - 6:20 PM, Third/Fourth/Fifth Grade - 6:45 PM, <i>please leave your child at home!</i>
Friday	August 22	First Homework assignments come home, please return on Thursday, August 28th.
Friday	August 29	Library - wear your green polo and bring your library bag
Monday	September 1	Labor Day - School Closed
Thursday	September 11	Patriots Day - wear Red, White & Blue, blue jeans acceptable! Multi-age Field Trip to Glazer Museum
Tuesday	September 30	Non-Uniform Day

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 8:10 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.

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



Parent Workshops

Tuesday, August 27th



Kindergarten - 6:00 PM
First/Second Grade - 6:20 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.

Supply Fee

Your supply fee of \$110



covers all your child's needed classroom material needs for the entire school year, if your child needs to replace a lost recorder or library bag, please see Lauren in the school office.

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.

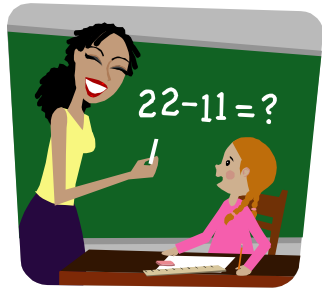
The good news is that the best rewards involve time, not money.

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.



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 8:35 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 classed. 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 class you will find **Mrs. Minnie Schroeder**.



In our First/Second Grade classroom will be **Mrs. Amy Slutz**. Mrs. Slutz will also be tutoring students with special academic needs.

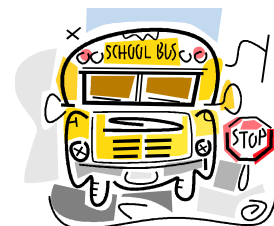
In our Third/Fourth/Fifth Grade class will be **Mrs. Maggie New**.



Miss Jessica Lauth will be our Fitness teacher this year. She will be working with Mrs. Trocin to provide a year of fun filled games and activities.



In our After School Program, you will find **Mrs. Jessica Lauth and Mrs. Michelle Iacolino**. During our After School Program, students will be given an afternoon snack, time for homework, outside and inside play time.





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 not be needed till later in September. Please look for an email and/or note for when recorders will be required in class.

Fitness Facts



Miss Jessica Lauth has joined our teaching team for Elementary Fitness and After School this year.

Fitness will begin this year with stretches, muscle building activities and games to evaluate your child's fitness level. Then we will begin a unit on Baseball. Ball skills. Skills addressed will include batting, throwing, ground balls, catching will be practiced.

They will learning the rules of baseball, and participate in playing the game.



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 dive into the Spanish alphabet, colors, and numbers.



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 outwit 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!