

# Elementary News

October 2015

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## DATELINE

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>K Field Trip to Urban Oasis Hydroponic Farm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>First/Second Gr. Field Trip to Busch Gardens</b>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>October 15</i>	<b>PIZZA K-5th grades Skating (K)</b> 
		<b>Open House 6:30 PM</b> <i>Please bring your child!</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 16</b>	<b>Multi-age Field Trip to Science Fest</b>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>October 19</i>	<i>Parent/Teacher Conference Day - Fun Day Available</i> <b>Report Cards</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 22</b> 	<b>Elementary School Pictures - wear a uniform shirt!</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 30</b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day, come dressed in Halloween colors: orange, black, yellow, white or purple</b>



## Harvest Festival

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Parent Volunteers requested!**

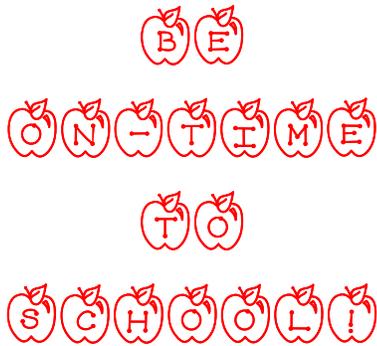
***Elementary Scarecrow Contest!***

Pumpkin Activities in the afternoon!

## We need you!

### Harvest Festival 2015

To volunteer contact Lauren at 785-8591 or [newhorizonsofc@tampabay.rr.com](mailto: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.



**No one should do for a child what he or she can do for themselves!**

*-C. Killerlain*

**We learn and retain:**

- 10% of what we hear**
- 15% of what we see**
- 20% of what we both hear and see**
- 40% of what we discuss with others**
- 80% of what we experience directly or practice**
- 90% of what we attempt to teach others**

***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

**Mrs. Minnie Schroeder**

September is nearing its end and our children so enjoyed their visit to Publix this month. We will be visiting Urban Oasis, a hydroponics farm, this month as we start our new science study.

Our new science focus will be mainly on plants and seeds and extend into bugs and insects. October brings with it the supposed changing of the seasons and a favorite holiday of most children. Our harvest festival is eagerly anticipated as well as our first skating trip of the year.

In the area of Language we continue to work with our word families, beginning consonant sounds and will be spending more time on word limits. We continue to extend our written pieces and it is pleasing to note more letters being heard in some words. We still practice our letter sounds on a daily basis through song and other activities.

Our author studies for this month will be Lois Ehlert and Eric Carle. We will also be starting our first chapter read aloud in James and the Giant Peach written by Roald Dahl. We are very excited each Friday when we have our guest reader and want to thank all of you who have taken the time to come in and read to us.

In the area of Math we have progressed from our patterns to equation creation. Addition is our focus at present and we will also be spending some time creating and interpreting graphs. We are still working on increasing our counting range and number identification. Please continue to point to the numbers when counting to assist them in this endeavor.

October will see the end of our first grading period and I am looking forward to meeting you all individually to share your child's progress at our parent/teacher conferences. We have our Open House in October and are very excited to show our parents what we have accomplished so far and what keeps us busy during our day at school.

## First/Second Grade Investigators



by **Mrs. Amy Slutz**

The first and second graders have developed a fluid routine within the classroom and are eager to begin their discovery of the rain forest this month. Not only will the students become familiar with the layers of the rain forest, but they will gain knowledge of the plants and animals that live in the rain forest. We will also discuss weather, environmental issues and the importance of the rain forests around the world. On October 8<sup>th</sup> our class will have an opportunity to participate in Zoo School during our field trip to Busch Gardens. There we will learn about many different animals, their habitats and how they adapt to their environment.

In our Language Arts studies we will become familiar with the vowel pattern chart. Students will learn how to dissect words with concentration on long and short vowels, consonant blends, magic "e", bossy "r" words and consonants plus the "le" ending. The students will begin building sentences while utilizing correct capitalization and punctuation. Finally, we will begin to learn and/or improve our cursive letter writing.

Our math studies will focus on addition and subtraction while continuing to review our place value skills, skip counting and comparing

numbers. Students will begin to interpret and gather information for graphing and will be introduced.

Please note the following upcoming events: October 19<sup>th</sup> - Parent/Teacher Conferences, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Festival, our Open House will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 P.M.

## Multi-Age Experimenters



by **Mrs. Maggie New**

During the month of October the Multi-age class will begin to focus on "Travel in Space". At the end of this unit the students will visit the Kennedy Space Center on November 6, 2015. We will be concentrating on the International Space Station and the New Horizon Satellite, each student will make diagram of their own space station. Please encourage your child to use the NASA website which contains great student up to date videos and information about space travel.

Our read aloud classroom book will be *Numbered* by David Lubar this book is a great introduction to the value of math skills. On October 16<sup>th</sup> we will participate in the ScienceFest at USF St. Petersburg campus. This is a STEM event which will introduce the students to robotics and physicists as well as space travel. We will take part in a science workshop that serves to encourage students to explore new technologies.

Our math class will concentrate on rounding, multiplication and division. We will explore the properties of multiplication and the value of scientific notation when exploring space and beyond.

The month will end with our annual Harvest Festival on October 30<sup>st</sup>. Parent help is needed. It is a non uniform day so wear your fall colors.

Please use the green communication folders to let the staff know if your child is leaving early or is going to be absent. All class work that is incomplete is homework and due the next school day.

October 15, 2015 Open House 6:30  
 October 15, 2015 Pizza Day-wear your Green Shirt  
 October 16, 2015 Science Fest  
 October 19, 2015 Parent Conferences  
 October 30, 2015 Harvest Festival

# Spanish



Hola parents! We have spent the first month of school learning basic Spanish greetings - Saludos!

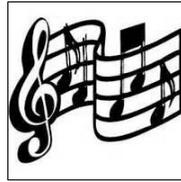
The students and I have practiced greeting each other, asking how we are, what is your name, learning good morning, good afternoon and good evening. We are now continuing with learning the Spanish Alphabet colors, and our numbers in Spanish. *Hasta luego!*

## Fitness Corner

Fitness has been off to a great start. I have noticed gains in discipline and knowledge. Leadership and confidence are beginning to surface and develop as students take charge and lead our warm ups. Physically, we have been focusing on upper and lower body major muscle strengthening as well as muscle and cardio endurance. I have had to encourage some of my enthusiastic students to know their limits, to work within their abilities, don't over do it! The game of the month is soccer to put to use the agility and balance drills we have been learning.



# Music News



Students have successfully learned the music instruments of the orchestra. The music families: woodwinds, brass, strings and percussion. We are now moving forward with learning our notes and terms needed to play the recorder. Recorders have been given to all students. 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



Taylor Vogt



George Palmer

## Students of the Month

**K** - Andrew Plaksiy  
**1/2** - Rayne Vilmanis  
**Multi-age** - Julianna Plaksiy

## Spanish

**Students of the Month**  
**K** - Carlie Glowacki  
**1/2** - Sebastian Alemar  
**Multi-age** - Kristian Hayward

## Music

**Students of the Month**  
**K** - Lucy Glowacki  
**1/2** - Sebastian Alemar  
**Multi-age** - Jacob Mandell



## Fitness Students of the Month

**K** - Andrew Plaksiy  
**1/2** - Robert Noguez  
**Multi-age** - George Palmer

## Bravo



**students!**

## New Horizons Country Day School Field Trip Policies

Your assistance and cooperation is greatly needed to ensure proper adult coverage on our trips away from the school grounds. Please see your child's teacher to volunteer for these events. Since space is limited, your child's teacher will decide how many adults can attend each trip away from the school, allowing all parents to share in the pleasure of these special outings.

A class calendar of trips and special events will be prepared by your child's classroom teacher at the beginning of each month. A reminder flyer will be sent home just prior to each trip. Please note these dates so your child comes to school prepared.

Listed below are the field trip policies:

1. **All field trips will originate from New Horizons Country Day School.** Students must arrive at school and depart for trips with their teacher/class. Students may not meet the class at the designated destination.
2. If a student arrives at school late and misses the class' departure for a planned trip, they may join another class until their class returns from the outing.
3. Classroom teachers are responsible for arranging for parent volunteers to attend field trips. An adult must accompany the class/teacher in the van on each trip.
4. If parents must cancel on a volunteer commitment, a **48 hour notice** will be needed so the teacher in charge can arrange for another volunteer.
5. **New Horizons green polo** must be worn on all field trips and weekly trips to the library. **If your child arrives without a NHCDS green polo, a new shirt will be given to your child to wear and you will be billed by the office.**
6. If you sign up to drive your own vehicle on field trips, you may only transport your child and must follow the school van to and from the designated destination. If the class size necessitates that a parent drive more than their child, a New Horizons staff member must ride in the vehicle.
7. Visits to gift shops by students while on school related trips are prohibited. At no time will children be asked to bring in money for gift shop purchases. **Parents need to refrain from making purchases** while on school related trips.
8. Field trips have been planned for the age appropriateness of the class. We ask that all siblings stay home.
9. **Students and attending parents must plan to eat with the class in the style in which the class is eating.**
10. **Discipline is the responsibility of the teacher.** We ask that parents refrain from correcting children. Volunteers must be prepared to assume responsibility of a small group or positioning themselves for supervision using proximity control.
11. According to licensing policies, New Horizons is prohibited from applying sunscreens or lotions on children. Therefore, the parent is responsible for applying these items prior to the child arriving at the school.
12. **Smoking and cell phone use is prohibited both on school grounds as well as on all field trips. Please leave cell phones at home when attending field trips.**
13. In the event of an emergency, parent volunteers are requested to remain with the school group until emergency personnel arrival.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kimberlee W. Trocin  
Executive Administrator/Owner





## *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**