

Horizon PTO



December 2017

BOX TOP SUPERSTARS

Thanks to everyone who turned in Box Tops this Fall! We earned \$844.50 cash for our school in Box Tops. Mrs. Busby's 4th grade class collected the most and earned a pizza party. Keep collecting and we'll be having another contest in Jan/Feb to earn a popcorn party! Ask your friends, neighbors and grandparents to save Box Tops for you! Thank you to the following people who helped cut box tops and labels: Jennifer TeKippe, Julie Tutaj, Kayla Bousum, Jenny Kronlage, Susan Adair, Pam Shroyer, Alyson Erickson, Julie Kosman, Billi Dale, Claire Sowder, Michele Krebs, Nancy Gragg, Lindsay Wierson, Cheryl Cenname, Reagan Taylor, and Emily Crain. You all are cutting champs!! And a huge thank you to Julie Tutaj, our educational rebates coordinator, for organizing the collection!! You rock, Box Top Julie!!



DON'T FORGET THESE AMAZINGLY EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT HORIZON

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SAVE THE DATE

January

- 3 Return to School
- 9 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm in Horizon Library
- 15 No School
- 21 Warrior Lanes Spirit Bowl, Warrior Lanes in Waukee, 12-2pm
- 29 Box Top collection begins

February

- 6 Roller Skating, Skate North, 5-8pm, \$3 admission, \$3 skate rental
- 9 Box Top collection ends
- 13 Joint PTO Meeting, 7pm at Timber Ridge (all elementary schools and Dr. Lunn)
- 19 No School
- 22 Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night, 3-9pm

March

- 1-7 Spring Book Fair
- 2 Bingo Night, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- 6 PTO Meeting, 7-8pm in Horizon Library
- 9-16 No School, Spring Break

PTO PAMPERS TEACHERS

On Thursday, November 16, Horizon PTO sponsored a meal for teachers during conferences. That is a long, busy day for teachers, and we are so grateful to our volunteers who help with this meaningful event. Johnston Schools food service brought in delicious pulled pork and we completed the meal with salads, cheesy potatoes, baked beans and super-yummy desserts!! We also pampered our teachers with treats throughout the week including: yogurt and granola, popcorn and candy, protein and granola bars, and a "leftover lunch" on Friday after conferences!!

Thank you to Wendy Lambert, Emily Crain, Christie Steinbock, Leah Tokheim, Becca Johnson, Jacque Feuerhelm, Megan Thorpe, Brooke Hakert, Lindsay Wierson, Ashley Moreno, Debra Ayers, Kayla Bousum, Sandy Chan, Jill Boom, Lynae Lair, Betsy Burkhardt, Pam Shroyer, Darci Dooley, Katie Coen, Michelle Bryngelson, Meggan Boyle, Rashmee Virmani, Kari Uhl, and Tammy Arbuckle for your donations - they made the meal complete!!

PTO would also like to thank everyone who helped with set up and clean up for the meal - Meggan Boyle, Christie Steinbock, and Jacob Knox - you are appreciated!

Jeremy Schwanebeck and Greg Copeland - Thank you for hosting the meal in your art rooms and helping with set up!

Braedi Brownell and Lindsey Cornwell went above and beyond on conference night taking orders for teachers who had tight schedules and delivering food so that they could eat! Thank you!



SOCK HOP

The Sock Hop was a success again this year! Over 350 children attended the Sock Hop with their families on October 20. It was a fun night filled with dancing, snacking and laughing...plus some awesome Halloween costumes. A special thank you to Dojos Family Martial Arts for hosting a game again this year, Patrick Porto the fantastic DJ, Kohl's and Silver Cord volunteers for helping us staff the event, the Edwards Family for donating \$175 to the PTO with their yummy cotton candy fundraiser, and the Johnston Fareway for providing drinks and snacks for the event. Lastly, a huge thank you to the Horizon families who volunteered at the Sock Hop, donated items to Ms. Meyer to use in the nurse's office, and provided items for the concession stand: Missy Collins, Michele Krebs, Emily Crain, Lauren Smith, Billi Dale, Katie Coen, Christie Steinbock, Brooke Hakert, Susan Lucas, Sherri Gezel, Susan Adair, Leah Denny, Nicole Cowell, Melissa Grimm, Kim Becker, Nancy Gragg, Patti Brinkmeyer and Jill Boom. And a huge thanks to our Sock Hop coordinator, Meggan Boyle...You sure do know how to throw a party!!





SUMMER READING SPLASH

In September, 144 students were given the chance to dunk a teacher on the playground over the lunch recess periods for reading more than 1,000 minutes during the summer. 199 students received a new book for reading at least 500 minutes and all 218 participants were given a frozen treat just for participating. Over 353,739 minutes were read by these students! WAY TO GO, Horizon readers!! Summer Reading Splash record sheets are distributed and posted on our website in the Spring. Volunteers who helped make this event a success are: Becca Johnson, Tiffany DeBoef, Christie Steinbock, Tammie Marshall, Kendra Slings, Nancy Gragg, Mary Balvanera, Kylie Jackson, Leigh Wiegel, and Jill Boom. A very special thank you to hard-working and ultra-organized Jacque Feuerhelm who coordinates the event!!

FAREWAY'S ROUND UP PROGRAM

A huge thanks to Fareway Food Stores in Johnston for their November round-up program to support our PTO's. Each elementary school in Johnston received \$200! Thanks to those of you who "rounded up"!!



4th GRADERS AT THE MOVIES

On November 21st, Horizon PTO sponsored a field trip for Horizon 4th graders to see the movie "Wonder." Before seeing the movie, they read the book as a class and discussed important topics like bullying and facing adversity. The students loved this culminating activity and drew so much inspiration from Auggie (the main character). Most importantly, they learned to always "choose kind."



JOHNSTON STRONG T-SHIRT UPDATE

Johnston Strong T-Shirt Update!

A big thank you to our Johnston School District families!! The total amount raised from sales of Johnston Strong apparel was \$9,025.67. Each PTO in the district will receive a check for \$1,128.20.

PTOs and the Board also donated money to purchase limited edition Johnston Strong t-shirts for each staff person in the district! We are so proud to be #JohnstonStrong!



BOOK DRIVE

Wow! Horizon students collected 1281 books for McKinley Elementary school in Des Moines for the 2017 Book Drive. The 4th graders won the grade level competition by collecting 325 books. The 3rd graders deserve an honorable mention for collecting 307 books. Each grade level collected over 100 books! Way to go, Horizon! We also donated \$750 worth of new books purchased at the book fair with Scholastic Dollars earned through the All for Books coin collection – special thanks to Patti Brinkmeyer and Billi Dale for helping coordinate. PTO volunteers and Horizon representatives delivered the books and treats to the McKinley Staff on December 6. The school librarian is excited to hand out books to students in order to help build home libraries! A HUGE thank you to all the families who donated books and the following PTO volunteers who provided treats: Laura O'Brien, Missy Collins, Reagan Taylor, Christie Steinbock, Nick Murphy, Tiffany DeBoef, Angela Rosenboom, Meggan Boyle, Nancy Gragg, Shawna Lode and Jill Boom. And a special thank-you to Meggan Boyle, our Book Drive coordinator!



SPIRIT NIGHT PAYS OFF

Horizon families love to eat out to support our school!!! Thanks to everyone who has participated so far, including these awesome businesses: Chipotle, Gusto Pizza, Texas Roadhouse, and Panera. We have raised nearly \$1,000 this school year at our spirit night fundraisers...What an EASY way to have fun and support Horizon PTO!! Hope to see you at future events. Mark your calendars for these dates in 2018!!

Sunday, January 21st 12-2pm
Warrior Lanes
90 SE Laurel St- Waukee
987-4840



Thursday, February 22nd 3-9pm
Chuck E. Cheese
1431 22nd St-West Des Moines
223-9430



SKATING PARTIES ARE A HIT AND WE STILL HAVE ONE MORE!

Thank you to those of you who attended our skating parties in September and December! Be sure to put **Tuesday, February 6th** on your calendar and join us for some skating fun! Parties are at Skate North (just East of Perkins on Meredith Drive), run from 5-8pm (come anytime!), and cost \$3 admission (\$3 for skate rental). Hope you can make it!!



PRICE CHOPPER TEAMS UP WITH HORIZON

Price Chopper of Johnston approached Horizon PTO about working together during events at the store and supporting the school with donations. In October, we grilled hot dogs, and in December, we helped serve up hot cocoa and coffee during their wonderful Santa event. Price Chopper was able to donate over \$250 dollars to Horizon PTO from these two events. Thank you SO much to John and his wonderful crew, Alyson Flowers for organizing, and the following people for volunteering: Alyson Erickson, Christie Steinbock (and kids), Angel and Brees from Johnston High School, Jill Boom (and kids), Linda Hennings, and the Flowers kiddos! Look for future events at the Chopper in 2018!



THE FALL WILD WEST BOOK FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

THANK YOU to everyone who gave generously of your time to pitch in with setting up, decorating, cashiering, making copies, cutting certificates, counting coins, stapling, counting out flyers, making posters, taking inventory, and for supporting our book fair. We couldn't have done it without you! We collected \$1503.48 in change during our All For Books Coin Challenge! This money goes directly to your child's teacher to use at the Book Fair, and PTO matches 50% of what is raised and purchases new books for a local school in need. Because of your service and everyone's generous donations and purchases, we sold a total of 2472 books at our fair! These purchases raised \$1437.09 in cash for the Horizon Media Center, \$2250 in Scholastic Dollars to fund gift certificates for teachers, students and volunteers, and donate \$750 in NEW books to McKinley Elementary School. That's a total of \$4437.09 raised to support literacy! It was a fun and busy week....we can't wait to do it again in March! Thank you to our Book Fair Co-Chairs for planning such a successful event: Patti Brinkmeyer, Nicole Nowinski, and Billi Dale!! We appreciate you!!



CHARACTER COUNTS T-SHIRTS AND ALL-SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

All School Picture Day was Monday, October 9th – We made a “J” for Johnston! Thank you to the Johnston Fire Department for giving our photographer, Jason Mrachina, a bird's-eye view of all the students and staff at Horizon as they posed on the playground! Sandra Mrachina, our Character Counts shirt and All School Picture coordinator – thank you for your time and energy spent with this project. It is much appreciated!! A big thanks to Jeremy Schwanebeck and Greg Copeland, our art teachers, for their help in executing the all-school photo design.



5TH ANNUAL WALKATHON

Horizon students worked together to raise over \$17,600 for our school's PTO! The Walkathon is such a great fundraiser because it lets our school keep 100% of the money raised and promotes fitness — a win-win! These funds allow us to fulfill our purpose of enhancing learning experiences for all students. On October 4 we celebrated our fundraising efforts with a Fall Fitness Day. Students spent time walking on the Summit track, dancing with Mrs. Roquet, and eating fruit provided by Hy-Vee. And the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse stopped by for some dancing and lots of hugs! Students who raised more than \$10 were given the opportunity to throw a ninja star (frisbee) into our soccer goals to hit some targets!! All prizes were delivered to students the day before the Walkathon Celebration. 28 students earned a Subway lunch and had a very special lunch with Mrs. Cornwell, Mrs. Carlson, and the Ninja Bug Man, Tyler Smith. They had a great time posing for photographs and asking him about his experience on the show!! Tyler Smith, a Horizon alum, was so gracious and we appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to brighten the day of our top fundraisers!! Three classes met their goal of raising more than \$1,000. The top fundraiser in each class got to challenge their teacher to a Pie Face Showdown at the conclusion of our Walkathon.

Here are the top three classes and the amount of money they raised:

Mrs. Elliot - \$1,720 Mrs. Peterson - \$1,588 Mrs. Schaefer - \$1,017

Several parents volunteered their time on the day of the Walkathon. Thank you to these people, as the day would not have been possible without your help!! Christie Steinbock, Nancy Gragg, Michele Krebs, Jacque Feuerhelm, Linda Hennings, Sara Moore, Debra Ayres, Angie Dicken, Katie Coen, Jill Hoff, Alyson Flowers, Jennifer TeKippe, Reagan Taylor, Becca Johnson, Melissa McDaniel, Keri Nelson, Kim Magalski, Missy Collins, Lindsay Wierson, Meggan Boyle, and Shane Larsen. Teachers and all staff...thank you for supporting us during this fundraiser and getting your class excited to help Horizon!! We look forward to supporting you and all the tremendous work you do for our kids...you are amazing!!

**Thank you to our Walkathon business sponsors!!
Please support these local businesses and be sure to tell them "thank-you" for supporting Horizon!!**

