

Horizon PTO



January 2019

It has been a busy school year for students, teachers and parents. Here is a recap of the many events PTO has been involved with since last summer. Many thanks to all of the PTO volunteers who generously give their time so we can continue so many great programs at Horizon!

6th ANNUAL WALKATHON

Horizon raised nearly \$20,000 for this year's walkathon!!! This money is already being put to use to pay for such items as: Reflex Math program, alternative seating, books, items for special education programs, student events (dunk tank, sock hop, etc.), teacher conference meal, maintenance of school gardens, ice cream social and more! Thank you to all the Horizon families that made this event successful and to all of the volunteers that made this a fun event for the students. Special thanks to Nancy Gragg for coordinating this amazing event!



SAVE THE DATE

January:

- 8 PTO Meeting, 7 PM in Library
- 24 Get Air Spirit Night, 5-10 PM
- 28 Box Top collecting begins

February:

- 2 Purple Party, 3:30-7:30 PM @ JMS
- 8 Box Top collection ends
- 12 Joint PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM @ Wallace
- 24 Warrior Lanes Spirit Day, 12-2:00 PM

March:

- 1 Bingo Night, 6:30-8 PM
- 12 PTO Meeting, 7 PM in Library
- 18-22 No School, Spring Break

April:

- 9 PTO Meeting, 7 PM in Library

May:

- 2 Fine Arts Night, 5:30-7 PM
- 14 5th Grade celebration
- 14 PTO Meeting, 7 PM in Library

DON'T FORGET!

Amazon Smile: Shopping on Amazon? Make sure to go to [AmazonSmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1523051) (smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1523051). Select Horizon Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Inc. as your charity of choice and Horizon receives a percentage of all your Amazon purchases!



SUMMER READING SPLASH

Over 150 students participated in Summer Reading splash earning prizes (bookmarks, books, freeze pops) just for reading over the summer! For those who read over 1000 minutes over the summer, they got the opportunity to dunk a teacher sitting in the dunk tank. Thank you to Jacque Feuerhelm for coordinating this great event and to all of the volunteers who helped make it a huge success.



SOCK HOP

The 2018 Sock Hop was a ton of fun! More than 300 kids attended the event, decked out in their amazing Halloween costumes, on October 26. Students and their families enjoyed music thanks to DJ Patrick Porto with Receptive Sound, snacks donated by the Johnston Fareway store, a martial arts game with the Johnston DOJOS crew and lots of delicious (and sticky) Cotton Candy thanks to the Edwards Family/Cotton Candy Kids! We collected over 200 items to help Ms. Meyer continue to meet the needs of all the kids who visit the nurse's office. The Edwards family donated \$210 from the cotton candy proceeds to the Horizon PTO. Kohl's Department Store helped us run our concessions stand and donated \$500 to the PTO! Thank you to all the parents and Silver Cord students who donated candy and/or helped during the event. Most importantly a huge shout out to all the families who attended!

BOX TOPS

Congratulations to Mrs. Parson's fifth grade class! Their class won the box top collection contest and enjoyed a class pizza party. They collected almost 600 box tops. As a school we raised over \$700 that the PTO can now use to fund special projects and field trips for Horizon teachers and students! A special thanks to Kayla Bousum for coordinating this great fundraiser and to everyone who cut and prepared the box tops to be sent in.

BOOK DRIVE

We collected 1442 books during the 2018 Book Drive. Additionally, because of the All For Books coin collection, \$450 dollars worth of new books were purchased with Scholastic dollars at the fall book fair. Books and treats were delivered to Windsor Elementary by PTO volunteers and PBIS winners Emerson and Hayes Harned (K), Sophia Limke (1st), Paden White (1st), Maddy Bell (2nd), Nolan Gilroy (2nd), Ali Morgan (3rd), Essie Gragg (3rd), Sophie Sampson (4th), Paityn Anderson (5th) and Carly Gezel (5th). Thank you to everyone who donated books, provided treats and helped deliver everything to Windsor. The amazing 3rd graders received a popcorn party on December 20 for collecting the most books - 516! Below are the totals for each grade level. Thanks again to the wonderful Horizon families, teachers and administration for the continued support!

Kindergaren - 125
1st grade - 45
2nd grade - 161
3rd grade - 516
4th grade - 185
5th grade - 410



PTO PAMPERS TEACHERS

During Parent/Teacher conferences, PTO sponsored two meals for our hard-working teachers. The week of conferences is long and busy, and we are so grateful to our volunteers who help with this meaningful and much-appreciated event. Teachers enjoyed Costco pizza one night, and on the second night, Johnston Schools Nutrition Department brought in pulled pork for sandwiches. We completed the meal with coleslaw, cheesy potatoes from Jethro's, potato salad, and lots of delicious desserts! Thank you to everyone who donated an item(s) to help make the meals complete! Thank you to Natasha Wheeler and Susan Thairu for helping with meal set-up! And a special thanks to Jeremy Schwanebeck and Greg Copeland for hosting the meal in your art rooms and helping with set-up! We appreciate this group effort to shower our teachers with love and kindness!

SPIRIT NIGHT SUCCESS

Horizon families love to eat out to support our school!! Thanks to everyone who has participated so far, including these awesome businesses: Chipotle, Texas Roadhouse, and Price Chopper! We have raised nearly \$500 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 2019!

PRICE CHOPPER GIVES

A huge THANK YOU to Price Chopper for supporting Horizon. They hosted two events including the Hot dog lunch and hot cocoa with Santa. Price Chopper donates all the supplies while PTO volunteers and their families man the booths. Between these events we have raised over \$400!



DOJOS ALWAYS WILLING

Dojos Family Martial Arts in Johnston is always willing to help us show our kids how to be their best. This fall they spent time at Horizon teaching our kids how to handle bullying. No karate chops required! They also volunteered on a Friday night during the Sock Hop to instruct the kids and show them some moves. Horizon students love learning from Dojos. Thank you for everything!

ORIGINAL WORKS

The Original Works program allows families to purchase items with their child's artwork printed on them. This fundraiser raised around \$2,000 for the Art Department. These funds will be used to purchase much needed art supplies for our children to use in class. Thank you to the volunteers who spent an evening processing the orders!

BOOK FAIR

Horizon hosted another very successful book fair during fall conferences. All proceeds from the book fair are given to the library to purchase additional books. Special thanks to Patti Brinkmeyer and Nicole Nowinski for organizing the BIG event and the many many volunteers needed to make this event happen!