

Horizon PTO



JULY 2019

Thanks to all of the PTO volunteers who generously gave their time so we could provide so many great programs at Horizon this past year! Read on to see the opportunities available to get involved for the 2019-2020 school year.

SAVE THE DATE

August:

- 21 Meet The Teacher, 3-4:30 PM
- 21 Ice Cream Social, 3-5:00 PM
- 23 First Day of School!



DON'T FORGET!

Amazon Smile: Shopping on Amazon? Make sure to go to AmazonSmile.com (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!



SILVER CORD VOLUNTEERS

The Johnston High School Silver Cord Volunteers are a tremendous resource for the community. They help with many of the events PTO hosts including book fair, sock hop, bingo, conference meals, etc. This summer they even helped repaint the US map on the playground. If you know any students in this program, please thank them for their volunteer time. Without them, many of our activities would not be possible.

FIELD DAY

For the first time in Horizon history, field day was rained out. Students were able to be at the park for an hour before having to return to school. In spite of the rain, they still had a great day back at school. Our fast thinking teachers and administrators made sure they had fun playing games and watching movies around the building. Several JHS football players volunteered to help at the park and after the rain out, they came back to Horizon to help unload a truck of wet equipment and play bingo with the kids. This is a huge event and thank you to the many volunteers who took the time to make it special for our kids.





FINE ARTS NIGHT

Over 400 people attended Fine Arts Night! Attendees could grab a snack as they viewed their children's artwork hung around the building. A special thank you to the Silver Cord Students who volunteered to hand out snacks and Brooke Hakert for ensuring the evening went well for attendees.



BIZ TOWN

Once again, Horizon 5th graders had the opportunity to attend JA Biztown. This is such a fantastic opportunity for our students. Throughout the year, students work to prepare for their day at Biztown. They each complete a job application and are then placed in a business that meets their interests. Throughout their day at Biztown, students do their jobs so that the business can pay their rent. They receive two paychecks during the day that they deposit at the town bank. They invest part of their earnings and can then spend the rest at various shops by using checks, cash, or a credit card. They track their income and expenses in a checkbook ledger. There are students working at the bank, city hall, medical clinic, restaurant, newspaper, music store, construction firm, investment firm, and many more. Many students say it's their favorite thing about 5th grade (and they learn something as part of it!)

BOX TOPS

Congratulations to Mrs. McGrann's 2nd grade class! Their class won the box top collection contest and enjoyed a class popcorn party! They collected over 200 box tops. This year, Horizon raised \$941 that the PTO can use to fund special projects and field trips for Horizon teachers and students!



HORIZON READS

This was the 3rd year for Horizon Reads. This year, families received a copy of "Save Me A Seat" to read together. Each day, 2-3 chapters were assigned to read at home. The next morning, Mrs. Cornwell asked a question about those chapters. Students then wrote the answer on their classroom window. This has been a fun activity for Horizon families to participate in each year!

PTO OPENINGS

PTO has a variety of opportunities for you to get involved in school activities. No matter what event catches your eye, you will not be left to figure it out on your own! We have fantastic directions of what needs to be done when and at least one person to help get you up and running. Want to get involved but not sure what would be a good fit for you? Just ask! We have opportunities to meet any time commitment. We are looking for volunteers to help with these events: Book Fair, Yearbook, Sock Hop, Ice Cream Social, Summer Reading Splash, Walkathon, Bingo, Fine Arts Night, 5th Grade Celebration, School Supply Kits Coordinator and garden committee members.

For more information on how you can help please contact wearehorizonpto@gmail.com

TEACHER CONFERENCE MEALS

During conferences, Horizon teachers were treated to a lasagna dinner, complete with breadsticks, salad, and LOTS of delicious treats!! This meal is appreciated by the staff so much, and we are grateful to those of you who donated items and/or helped set up!



BINGO

Our fifth-annual Bingo night was a huge success! Thanks to all the families who attended...these events are successful because of YOU!! The Horizon PTO would like to thank all of our volunteers for this event! Many people helped by donating a food/drink item, letting us use a table, or helping out during setup and/or clean up! We would also like to thank our amazing Bingo callers for the evening: Lindsey Cornwell, Dalene Craig, Betsy and Harrison Burkhardt, and Sienna Boom — you all did an amazing job! Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to bring smiles to the faces of Horizon kids! You are awesome!! Thank you to Kohl's for bringing a wonderful group of willing volunteers AND for awarding us a \$500 grant for the event! A huge thanks to Stacey at Texas Roadhouse for bringing delicious rolls and yummy butter for us to sell!! She even went back to get a second batch when we sold out! You're the best, Stacey! We are so grateful for ALL of YOU!

STRESS RELIEF OPPORTUNITY

Many have admired the Learning Garden that faces the Horizon playground. We can always use help weeding this beautiful space. Anyone is welcome to participate in this stress relief opportunity. If you pull some weeds, simply place them on the wood chips near the garden "gate" or dog statue and the district grounds crew will remove the debris. Thank you!

TEACHER APPRECIATION

We LOVE teachers at Horizon and we LOVE showing our appreciation!! During the week of May 6, Horizon PTO celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by pampering the Horizon staff with some of their favorites! The week included: a handcrafted kitchen towel, a relaxation kit complete with essential oils, breakfast from Nothing Bundt Cakes, a snack cart, cold drinks, a meal catered and PAID FOR by Texas Roadhouse, and a popcorn bar! Thanks to several donations of snacks, candy, and drinks, this week was very special for all of the Horizon staff...they truly felt the LOVE! These people donated items: Jacque Feuerhelm, Sherri Gezel, Al Tokheim, Lindsay Wierson, Andrea Larsen, Nicky Altamirano, Abby Ratzlaff, Laura O'Brien, Sandy Chan, Charise Smith, Shawna Lode, Michele Krebs, Megan Thorpe, Zach Oden, Becca Johnson, Sailaja Bogavelli, Luke and Kendra Slings, Sabina Dzafic, Lesley Anderson, Amy Parsons, Kari Uhl, Christie Steinbock, Donna Pierce, Lya Williams, Meggan Boyle, Alyson Erickson, Melissa Grimm, Katie Coen, Debra Ayres, Gladys Duarte-Megargel, Michelle Bryngelson, Emily Lewis, Sarah Brown Wessling, Wendy Lambert, Leah Beeman, Jamie Moore, and Tiffany DeBoef - your contributions were incredibly appreciated, special, and perfect! Thank you so much! A special thank you to the "kitchen towel crew"...Emily Crain, Michelle Bryngelson, Linda Hennings, Brooke Hakert, Meggan Boyle, Christie Steinbock, and Nicole Nowinski - It was so much fun screen-printing and ironing with you! THANK YOU!