

HORIZON PTO NEWSLETTER

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2013-2104 SCHOOL YEAR

WELCOME FROM THE HORIZON PTO

With your help we are hoping to make the 2013-2014 school year successful for the students, teachers and Horizon staff.

In this newsletter we would like to highlight some of the PTO initiatives that you will see throughout this school year. If you would like to participate in any of the events please feel free to contact us at horizonpto@yahoo.com

JOIN US!!!

SEPT MEETING:

TUES. 9/10/13

6:30PM

**HORIZON LEARNING
CENTER**

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It is important for parents to be involved in their child's education. One way you can be involved is by joining the Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC). The CAC is a group of U-46 parents and citizens that works with the Board of Education and administration to ensure academic success for all students in U-46.

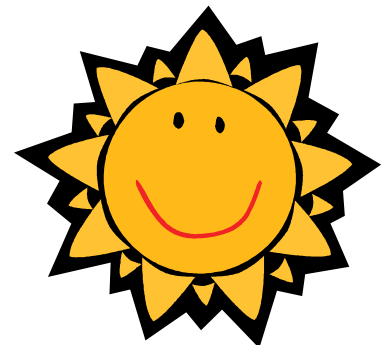
The CAC works two ways. First, it offers parents the unique opportunity to learn how the District works firsthand at monthly meetings. The second thing the CAC does is work on projects related to improving the school district as a whole. This work is done through committees, which typically meet once a month.

Each school can have 5 representatives that attend the meetings (you do not have to attend every meeting) and inform the principal of any pertinent information. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for September 12 at 7:00 P.M. at Elgin High School.

If you would like to join or have questions, contact Dr. Gehrig or Pam Murdoch at 630-855-4040 or pams211@live.com.

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION

Interested in an easy way to raise money for our school? Start clipping Box Tops on hundreds of products today! Horizon earns \$0.10 for each box top redeemed. Please send non-expired box tops to school with your child(ren) in an envelope marked box tops. Questions? Contact Geraldine Ackley at geraldine.ackley@gmail.com or BoxTops4education.com



Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



HORIZON HARVEST FEST

Mark your calendar for Horizon's First Annual Harvest Fest on Thursday, September 26th from 4PM-7PM! Activities will include:

Face Painting	Hay Rides	Inflatables	DJ
Pumpkin Decorating	Cake Walk	Sports Activities	AND MORE...

You can still be a part of planning the festivities. Attend the next PTO meeting or contact us at horizonpto@yahoo.com to share your ideas or see how you can volunteer!

FALL FUNDRAISER - CASH \$\$ RAFFLE

Do you want a chance to win cash while raising money for your child(ren)'s school? The Horizon PTO will be sponsoring a Cash Raffle for its fall fundraiser. The PTO raffled off \$2,800 in prize money awarded to students, families and friends of Horizon last year. Although we encourage participation; this is a voluntary program. Our goal is to sell approximately 900 raffle tickets throughout the entire school. That's only 2 tickets per student if all were to participate!

Here's how it works...ten raffle tickets will be sent home with your child. You may sell/buy as many or little as you like. Return any unused tickets and any money received for the raffle tickets sold. Drawings will be held during the monthly PTO Meetings.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

ACCELERATED READER (AR) PROGRAM

The Horizon PTO promotes literacy by supporting the Accelerated Reading Program. Here's how the program works. Students are encouraged to read books listed in the accelerated reader database. The student then takes computerized quizzes that test their knowledge about the book. As they pass tests they move along the Wall of Fame in the library. As students reach different levels within the program they receive prizes and certificates of achievement.

Book information can be found at: <http://www.arbookfind.com/> Parents can also log on to the Renaissance Learning website to view their student's test history. Teachers will send home a letter with log in information.