

## Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - PTO Gang Informational Meeting

As much as we may not want to admit it, gangs are in our area. Yes, Bartlett, Hanover Park and Streamwood all see gang activity. On Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM a police officer from the Hanover Park Police Gang Task Force will be presenting information about how these gang work. He will present a little history of the two main gangs in our area, how they recruit kids to join, what signs to look for and what the police are doing to suppress the gang's activities. Please join us for this hour long presentation.

The PTO will not have a regular meeting on this night. We will meet again Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>.

### HORIZON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SHARE THEIR ARTWORK WITH THE WORLD!

Cindy Walker, the school's Art Teacher, has teamed up with Artsonia, [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com) -- the world's largest online kid's art museum -- to display the students' artwork.

Anyone can view the school gallery online at: [www.artsonia.com/schools/horizon2](http://www.artsonia.com/schools/horizon2). Visitors can browse the artwork in the school gallery by grade level, or by specific exhibits. This program is a wonderful way to get parents and family members more involved in Art Education.

All of Artsonia's artwork (nearly 5 million and counting!) are viewable online, and any teacher or parent can create an online art gallery for their child or school. Artsonia provides several online features such as fan clubs and personal guestbooks, as a way for families to encourage the creativity and imaginations of their young artists. In addition, family members can purchase keepsakes imprinted with the child's artwork, with Artsonia donating 15 percent of their annual product revenue back to school art programs.

### Just in time for MAP testing - Cushions for the computer lab

Thanks to PTO funds and a nice group of volunteers, the computer lab at Horizon now has booster seats for those students who have a hard time reaching the keyboard.

### Student Directories

Directories are now available for \$3. Order forms will be coming home soon. PTO members get one for free.

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### \*\*\*Upcoming Dates\*\*\*

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - PTO Gang Informational Meeting 6:30PM**

**Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting 6:30PM**

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - Family Movie Night**

### Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

What is AVID? AVID is Advanced Via Individual Determination and is available for some middle school students with a 2.0-3.5 grade point average. The AVID program teaches the student how to study, read for content, take notes and manage time. Students participate in collaborative study groups or tutorials led by tutors who use skillful questioning to bring students to a higher level of understanding. The AVID class is more than tutoring; it encourages higher level thinking and provides students with the tools they will need to be successful. More information on AVID is available at [www.u-46.org](http://www.u-46.org), search on AVID. We also learned about the Foreign Language Program now being offered at the Middle Schools, more on that in the next PTO Newsletter.

The next CAC meeting is January 14, 2010 at 7:00, Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin. Topics presented include the Gifted/AP/Academy Programs, all are welcome to attend. Any questions please contact Pam Murdoch at 630-855-4040 or [pams211@live.com](mailto:pams211@live.com).

### Stratford Santa Parade a hit!!

Many thanks to the Student Council, staff and their families and friends for making the Stratford Square Mall's Santa's Parade a huge success!! With their participation, they earned our school an additional 1,000 points toward our goal! We're right on track to earn the \$500.00 award by the end of this month - so keep turning in those receipts from your holiday shopping!

**Horizon needs copy paper. Budget cuts have limited the amount of office supplies that the school can order. When choosing a teacher gift, please consider a ream of copy paper.**

**Did you know that Horizon recycles hot lunch containers and juice boxes?**