



Horizon PTO Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 9th - PTO meeting 6:30PM

Feb. 10th - Market Day Pickup
5:30PM-6:16PM

Feb. 25th - Scholastic Book Fair
and Family Reading Night

March 12th - Fun Fair 6PM

Family Reading Night is Feb. 25th at 6:30PM

Author Cindy Lou Aillaud is coming all the way from Alaska to read from her book *Recess at 20 Below*. This will be a fun, interactive reading and a great way for students to meet and talk to a book author. There is also a Scholastic book fair that evening in the gym.

Masi's Pizza is giving away free pizza!

By the end of the school year all students will be bringing home a birthday certificate for a free child's pizza and drink at Masi's Pizza. These certificates will come home with the birthday books that PTO gives out to each child.

Already had a birthday? Your child will still get a certificate sometime around their half birthday. Masi's Pizza is located at 330 S. Main St. in Bartlett.

Student Directories Are Still Available

Still wish you had bought a directory last month? They are still available. Just send a note into school along with \$3 and your child's name and teacher and we will send a directory home.

Tuesday, Feb. 9th - PTO Meeting

Come find out what's happening at Horizon by attending the PTO meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 6:30PM in the Learning Center. We will be talking about Family Reading Night, Fun Fair, Bingo Night and I'm sure the district's budget woes will come up. A \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card will be raffled off at the end of the meeting. All Horizon parents and staff are invited to attend.

Spirit Wear

Horizon is "Wild About Reading." Order your limited edition wild about reading t-shirt for only \$10.00. Shirts come in three different colors: indigo (blue), kiwi (green) and dark brown for youth and adults. They have a picture from the story "Where the Wild Thing Are" on the front and Horizon Elementary on the back. Orders are due by **February 5th**. You don't want to miss out of these special one-time only orders. Contact Kimberly Mahoney for more information.

Family Movie Night

WOW! Thanks to all the families that attended Family Movie Night. We had our largest turnout yet! The smell of popcorn filled the air and kids in their pajamas had fun watching *G-Force* with their family and friends. We already have some ideas for next year so be prepared!

**Did you know that students raise
and lower the flag at Horizon?**

Citizens' Advisory Council

Dave McFeggan from the CAC Finance Committee presented information about the large deficit U-46 is facing. If you have concerns about the budget issues facing U-46, come to the next CAC meeting on Friday, February 12th at Elgin High School at 7:00 P.M. This will be a Legislative Leaders Town Hall Meeting to discuss the education funding crisis in Illinois. Horizon needs at least five representatives to attend this meeting. Please contact Pam Murdoch for more information, 630-855-4040 or pams211@live.com.

CAC Boundary Committee

U-46 has several elementary schools that are overcrowded, most in the Elgin and South Elgin area, but Nature Ridge in Bartlett is also overcrowded. Horizon representatives, Larry Fleig, Jeannie Lee and Pam Murdoch have been attending meetings to learn more. Our committee will not be making the decision on the boundary changes but will provide input to the School Board on this issue. The boundary changes would not take place until the **2011-2012** school year, and would affect middle and high schools also and may or may not affect Horizon. We will keep you informed as we find out more information. If you would like to attend one of these meetings, please contact one of the above for more information.