

Horizon PTO Newsletter

The PTO mission is to provide all students at Horizon the opportunity to excel in academics and in life by providing committed volunteers and supplemental funding for supplies and programs that will enhance the learning environment at Horizon Elementary.

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March 2017

2017 GOAL REACHED!

We will soon be delivering a laptop cart and 30 brand new HP laptops to the school!

(This exceeds our original goal of a cart with 15 laptops!)



Special Thanks To:

- **Walmart**, who provided a \$1,679 grant to our school, and hundreds of other local businesses, who provided prizes for our raffle;
- **School District U-46**, who is providing the cart and a discounted rate on 30 laptops via a district grant;
- **Dr. Schwardt**, who negotiated with the school district on our behalf;
- **PTO members**, who worked hard to organize and fundraise for what was originally a very challenging goal;
- **Teachers**, who provided awesome raffle prizes, helped out at events, and helped communicate with parents;
- **Parent Volunteers**, who sacrificed hours of their time;
- **Parents and Students**, who participated in fundraising events this year!.

Everyone's part made a difference. This is what happens when we all work together!!!!

CLAIM YOUR DISNEY TICKETS!!

We have one raffle prize from the school dance that has not yet been claimed. At our last meeting, we drew a second number: **Red Ticket: 448049**

If this is your ticket, please contact donatehorizon@gmail.com!

Yearbook Deadline TODAY, 03/22!!

Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com> & enter Yearbook ID Code 12915617 to order today!

**WE DID IT!!!
NOW HELP TO MAKE NEXT YEAR'S GOALS A REALITY!!!!**

It's PTO Board Election Time!!

We have the following openings on the PTO Board for the upcoming 2017-2018 School Year (**See last page of this newsletter for job descriptions of open positions, and nomination form.**):

- President*
- Vice President*
- Treasurer*

If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for a PTO board position, please fill out the form on the back page, and send it in with your child in an envelope marked "PTO Nominations."

For more information, please contact us at horizonpto@yahoo.com.

Be a part of the PTO, and help enrich your child's school experience!!!



How Did We Do This Year?

We value your feedback on how we can make our events, and our school, even better! We welcome all suggestions, praise, and especially help!!!!

Our PTO's biggest challenge is parent participation. But we know that this is not because nobody wants to help. How can we connect with parents who want to help, but don't know how, or only have limited time?

If you have suggestions for how we can better reach out to you, we are all ears!!! Better communication? Babysitting at the meetings? More specifics on what volunteers are needed at events?

Please email any comments to HorizonVolunteers50@gmail.com.



GET CONNECTED

Throughout the year, PTO sends emails with reminders of upcoming events, last minute requests, and general information in between newsletters. If you would like to receive emails from the PTO, please send an email to horizonpto@yahoo.com and include the subject line "PLEASE ADD ME."

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March 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9				1	2	3	4
10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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13	26	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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18	30						

May 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18		1	2	3	4	5	6
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20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
22	28	29	30	31			

Mark Your Calendars!!

03/22 - Yearbook Deadline (see p. 1 for info)

03/27 - 03/31 - SPRING BREAK

04/03 - Classes Resume

04/04 - School Board Elections!

04/13 - CAC Meeting

04/14 - U-46 Holiday (No School)

04/15 - Chili's Fundraiser begins (watch for flyer)

04/20 (6:30p) - PTO Meeting & Officer Elections @ Horizon Library (see back page for nomination form)

04/26-27 - Book Fair (watch for flyer)

05/01-05 - National Teacher Appreciation Week

05/02 - Horizon Teacher Appreciation Lunch (see page from Dr. Schwardt, attached to this newsletter)

05/04 - Last CAC Meeting for 2016/2017 Year

05/05 - Institute Day (No School)

05/18 (6:30pm) - PTO Meeting @ Horizon Library

05/18 - School Supply Pick up Date @ PTO meeting (info above)

05/26 - 6th Grade Appreciation Day

05/29 - Memorial Day (No School)

TBD - Field Day (will depend on last day of school)

TBD - Last Day of School (will depend on final number of snow days)



TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY IS MAY 2ND!!!

The Year is coming to a Close. It's time to thank our teachers for all their hard work this year!!! On May 2, the PTO will host a teacher luncheon, catered by Jersey Mike's. We are asking parents to please bring a salad or a dessert for the event. See also the attached flyer from Dr. Schwardt, for your children to prepare a special note to their teachers!

4 Easy School Fundraisers



Earn Money for Your School



HORIZON PTO OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

(Deadline for submission is April 13, 2017)

The PTO is currently seeking parents to fill the open positions for the following offices for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone you think would be a great candidate, please complete the form below and send it back to school with your child. The nominating committee will correspond or meet with interested parents and will post a lineup of officers-elect at the PTO meeting on April 20, 2017. **Please contact HorizonPTO@yahoo.com with any questions you have about the offices and process.**

The following positions are open for nomination:

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and all General and Special meetings. The President shall coordinate the work of the officers and the committees to facilitate educational and extracurricular activities. The President shall cooperate with the Principal and maintain a supportive relationship between the school and the PTO.

Vice President - The Vice President will act as an aide to the President, upon request, and assume the duties of the President during his/her absence. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and all General or Special Meetings in the absence of or at the request of the President. The Vice President will help coordinate the Teacher's Luncheon. The Vice President shall be the Membership Chairman.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be the principal accounting and financial officer of the PTO and shall have charge of and be responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account for the PTO. The Treasurer shall supervise custody of all funds of the PTO and be responsible therefore and for the receipt and disbursement thereof. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the PTO in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions in the PTO By-laws. Familiarity with Quickbooks a plus.

HORIZON PTO NOMINATION FORM:

Name of interested/nominated candidate: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone and/or e-mail address (if known) _____

Position nominated for: President Vice President Treasurer
(circle one)

Please complete the above information, place in an envelope labeled PTO Nominations, and return to the school with your child by Thursday, April 13, 2017.