



Horizon Middle School

Principal's E-News
December 16, 2011

"The Sky's the Limit"

WE ARE CVSD!

Greetings Horizon Families— Yes, I am looking forward to some rest and rejuvenation time over the coming weeks. This is a very exciting time for the kids and the anticipation of Winter Break is sometimes more intense than the break itself. When we return on Tuesday, January 3rd, we will resume our regular business of teaching and learning immediately. Students often hope for a transition period to ease back into school, but with as much as we have to learn each year—we can't afford to wait.

I wanted to bring you a few financial updates from our building. With monies from our spring ASB Fund Run we have been able to purchase new mats for wrestling, new boys' basketball jerseys, equipment for the fitness center we've begun putting together, several instruments for orchestra and band, and in January, students will be treated to a motivating assembly titled the "Art of Inspiration." Our wonderful Horizon MS PTA held a very successful dinner and auction in mid-November that raised enough funds to purchase four SMARTBOARDS. It will take some time to get grant applications complete, and the boards ordered and installed. We are moving in a positive direction and again thank the PTA and generous involvement of our community for making this happen!

You will notice the ongoing information in our newsletters about the upcoming February Levy for Central Valley Schools. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to exercise their right to vote in this election. Remember, all voter registration information is available at the school. If you have an interest in taking an active role in the Levy campaign this year, please contact me. Happy Holidays!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS!

Mr. Hardt

PTA News **Horizon Pizza Night:** Earn \$\$\$ for Horizon Middle School ... TONIGHT - Dec 16th - **Domino's Pizza Night** - 20% goes to Horizon Middle School: Please call 922-5200 to order.

Hawks Fun Day : Support Horizon MS Athletic Department during your winter break! On Wednesday, December 28th, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM students can watch a movie, play Lazer Tag and other games for only \$5. Pizza, pop, popcorn & other snacks will be available to purchase. There will be a limited number of tickets available at the door.

Note: This event is open to students ages 5th - 8th grade who are enrolled in Horizon MS, Chester or Ponderosa Elementary.

Counselor's Corner

by Connie Mott

Happy Holidays!!!

The New Year brings a lot of excitement and we can feel it in the air here at Horizon. The students are buzzing with laughter and lots of energy. I am hoping they come back after the New Year as energized and ready to learn as our new year will be very busy. Remember to help your child keep up with their reading skills and read for twenty minutes daily over the break.

Homework Center will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 and we will continue to have it two days a week. I want to give a special "Thank you" to Kandee Sabo for volunteering at Homework Center and for all her support with our students here at Horizon.

Reading strategies class for 8th graders will also start Tuesday after school from 2:45 to 3:30. It will run for eight weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. If you have any questions regarding this class please contact me at 228-4952.

This time of year can be difficult for some because of financial strain. Our community does a great job of helping out. Attached to this e-mail is a resource list for Christmas assistance. If you know of someone in need of help over this holiday season please feel free to share this resource.

See you Next Year!



"TIMEOUT WITH THE A.D"

by Shelley Moffit

Girl's Basketball Starts January 3rd!!!

7th and 8th grade girls' basketball had their pre-season meeting this morning. Please remember that all physicals, paperwork and fees must be turned into the office **BEFORE** the first practice, which is right after their holiday break!



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Reason #2:

Almost 400 students are engaged in hands-on coursework leading to careers in healthcare and engineering. The district's innovative new 'Project Lead The Way' curriculum is made possible with funding from the School Programs and Operations Replacement Levy.



Our levy matters!



December CARING

Showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others and being a kind, supportive helper