



# Horizon Middle School

"The Sky's the Limit"

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Principal's E-News  
December 9, 2011

## Greetings Horizon Families— Making the Most of Communication

Recently I was having a conversation with a parent regarding communication between the classroom teacher and home. Her main comment was how wonderful it is to be able to get regular updates from teachers or be able to go online and view her child's progress. She asked me why it isn't mandatory for all teachers to post progress online for parents to view? Staff members and parents have both discussed this with me and both groups raise many points to consider. As a district, we have two events occurring that may have some bearing on this subject. There were some commitments made in the district communication plan that was developed last year that speak to staff responsibilities for communication with parents. The second factor that we are addressing is a consistent, user friendly, and manageable technology platform for using and sharing data. We have purchased a district-wide technology system that will impact all aspects of school business from human resources, to payroll, to scheduling, to teacher grading and reporting. This is an important topic that all of us in our Horizon community will continue to discuss. Our focus will continue for on-going two-way communication with all of our stakeholders.


*Mr. Hardt*

## Holiday Family Support

Just a quick reminder that there is one shopping weekend left to support our holiday families. Each year, Horizon Middle School adopts needy families from the area in hopes of making their holiday season a little more enjoyable. Each grade and student has a list of family members with a few ideas of their needs for the children of these families. Students have been bringing gifts in during the last week that will be delivered next Friday. With the help of Mr. Conrad's music classes we are also able to collect extra money that allows us to purchase additional presents and gift cards to donate. Thank you to the PTA for their assistance in handling the money. So, as next week's deadline moves closer please help us help others by purchasing gifts for the families and having your student bring them to their 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher. Thank you Horizon Middle School for all that you do! If you have any questions please contact Mr. Weis at [mweis@cvsd.org](mailto:mweis@cvsd.org) or call the office at 228-4940.



## Santa Comes Early and Extends the Yearbook Deadline

 So you procrastinated and didn't get your yearbook? Well, if that's you, you're in luck. The Horizon Yearbook staff has extended the deadline to purchase the 2012 Horizon Hawk yearbook until Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please pay your \$18 in the office. We are in the process of adjusting the number of books to order and currently, we cannot fulfill the amount we have purchased in the past. There may be a few left at the end of the year, but definitely not enough for all of the students who will want one!

If you want to guarantee that you receive a yearbook by the end of the year, please take advantage of this deadline extension and pay your \$18 by next Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks and happy holidays from Mr. Hildahl and the Horizon Media students!

**PTA News** So how did we do? We raised over \$5300 at our Harvest with the Hawks event. Monies will go toward the purchase of new SmartBoards. We want to thank the auction committee, all our donators, Horizon staff and everyone who attended to make this a HUGE success!

**Stocking Stuffers?** Grandparents asking what to get? Check out our sales event that starts today, December 9th and runs through December 15th. Orders can be picked up just in time for Christmas at 2:00 PM on December 22nd at Horizon. Please see the attached flyer or go to [www.horizonmspta.com](http://www.horizonmspta.com).

**Hawks Fun Day**...Christmas is over...students are bored and want to hang out with friends? For only \$5/person you can watch Cars 2, play LazerTag, and other fun games. Tickets can be purchased during lunch next week or print the attached flyer and send in to the office (only a few tickets will be available at the door). All monies raised will go toward the Horizon Athletic Department.

## 2011 Fill the Bus Summary

Spokane Valley Partners Food Bank in partnership with Central Valley Middle Schools are pleased to announce the results of the recent Fill the Bus Food Drive. When all was said and done, the Food Bank received 14,395 pounds of food, \$2,553 in cash donations and 129 turkeys. Greatest number of pounds of food was submitted by North Pines Middle School with 3,775 pounds. Largest cash donation goes to Bowdish Middle School with \$1,346. Greatest number of turkeys donated came from Greenacres Middle School with 42 birds. Horizon did a great job donating 3,330 pounds of food and 28 turkeys. **Way to go Hawks!**



**NEED CLOTHES??** CV PTA, Barker School Key Club and Liberty Lake Kiwanis have teamed up and developed a project that is sure to help our community.

The Council Closet is located at Barker School on Broadway. They have gently used clothes, shoes and coats in all sizes for students to shop for at no charge. On December 14<sup>th</sup> the doors will be open from 1:00-6:00 PM.

If you are unable to stop in on the 14<sup>th</sup>, they will work on a referral basis or families can make an appointment, request items or make a donation by sending a message to [councilcloset@cvptacouncil.org](mailto:councilcloset@cvptacouncil.org) or calling Keila (927-8128) or Michele (891-7555).

The Closet is always in need of donations which can be dropped off at Barker High School in the office, or call the numbers above to make arrangements.



## "TIMEOUT WITH THE A.D"

by Shelley Moffit

### Girl's Basketball Starts January 3<sup>rd</sup>!!!

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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! We will gladly accept their packets and fees before and after school, as well as at lunch next week.

## Counselor's Corner

by Connie Mott

The New Trimester started Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> and report cards will go home today. Schedules have been finalized for the new trimester and kids are settling into their routine. Home work center has been busy since we started late October and our attendance continues to grow. We want to welcome Ms. Kielbon to homework center on Tuesdays. We are always looking for parent volunteers, so if you are interested please contact me at 228-4952 or email at [cmott@cvsd.org](mailto:cmott@cvsd.org).

## Reason #1:

Nearly 9 out of 10 high school students earn a Central Valley diploma. The district's 88.5% graduation rate is higher than county, state and national averages, a measure of success made possible in part through funding from the School Programs and Operations Levy.



*Our levy matters!*



December  
**CARING**

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