



Horizon Middle School

Principal's E-News
October 28, 2011

"The Sky's the Limit"

WE ARE CVSD!

Greetings Horizon Families—I'm writing this between the Medieval Feast and our Spirit Assembly. It has been a busy day for the students and staff here! We'll wrap up the week with the Mixer after school.

Today was a great day for our 7th grade students. The medieval feast had food, games, dancing, sword fighting, and other entertainment. If you are a 6th grade parent reading this, consider your schedule for next year to see if you can be a part of the feast, or just come and check it out. The students had a great time and learned a lot about that period in history. Compliments to Allison Stam for coordinating the event this year—well done! Huge thank you to all parent volunteers on the planning committee and those volunteers who contributed food, entertainment, and their time. Looking forward to a quieter week to come. ☺

Mr. Hardt

Orchestra News Spokane Symphony violinist Mao Omura has graciously volunteered to visit our Orchestra to give a series of master classes on advanced violin techniques and higher level musical skills. She will be coming once a week for the next two months. The Japanese native has played with the Rochester (New York) Orchestra before relocating to Spokane. Many thanks to Mao and the Spokane Symphony for their support.



Horizon's annual "Fill the Bus" food drive is coming!

If you have the following items in your cupboards, we will be collecting them the week of November 14th: Peanut butter (the absolute BIGGEST need, as state contracts for this have been cancelled), Tuna, Soup, Canned Veggies (green beans, peas, corn), Canned Fruit (peaches, pears and fruit cocktail), Boxed dinners (Mac & Cheese, Rice-A-Roni, Hamburger/Tuna Helpers), Pasta (spaghetti, egg noodles, elbow macaroni, lasagna), Tomato products (diced/stewed/whole tomatoes, spaghetti sauce) and Top Ramen. Of course, any other non-perishable items will also gladly be accepted! Or, you can come visit us from 9:00-4:00 November 19th at Albertson's!

Veterans Day—We would like to invite our families and community members to our annual **Veterans Day** program. This event is scheduled for **Thursday, November 10th at 9:30 AM**. A special invitation is extended to those Veterans in our families and community. Please join us for this important event.



Counselor's Corner

by Connie Mott

Take a Stand. Lend a Hand. "Stop Bullying Now" - Students have been learning about their responsibility in helping our school community to be bully-free. Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation happens everywhere and in every school but it does not have to be a part of growing up. Students learned what it is, what actions to take but most of all how they can eliminate bullying in our school. In a joint effort, we can make Horizon be a bully-free place by taking a stand to lend a hand, by not being a silent **bystander**, by not participating, reporting incidents, and speaking up if they see it happen.

PTA News **GET YOUR DINNER TICKETS!!** Live and Silent Auction **November 18th from 5:30—8:00 PM**. Catered pesto/marinara pasta dinner with salad, bread and drinks. Cool auction items such as: (1) Principal for a Day—One lucky student runs the show for the day which includes having lunch with a friend in Mr. Hardt's office, (2) Dinner for 10 at Superintendent, Ben Small's house featuring baby back ribs and all the fixings, (3) Autographed Gonzaga Men's Basketball, (4) Dessert for a YEAR!! Tons of great items!! We are raising money to purchase "Smart Boards" for our school. Included with this e-mail is ticket information—tickets are \$8/person.

SPIRIT WEAR—New sales event started October 24th and runs through November 6th. There are great items to order. Displays and order forms are at school in the display case across from the lost and found; or do a quick and easy purchase by going to www.horizonmspta.com and click on **Spirit Wear**.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 1—Internet Safety Parent Night @ Bowdish 6:30-8:30 PM
- Nov. 10—Veterans Day Assembly 9:30 AM
- Nov. 10—Wrestling @ Horizon 3:30 PM
- Nov. 14—8th Volleyball @ Horizon 3:30 PM
- Nov. 14—7th Volleyball @ Evergreen 3:30 PM



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Cross Country

Horizon Cross Country was awarded the Sportsmanship Award out of all the middle schools in our district. Coaches talked with their teams and then decided who would be given the vote. A trophy was presented to our team at the All League Meet on Tuesday, October 25th. The kids represented themselves and Horizon Middle School by not only encouraging and helping their fellow teammates but the other competitors as well. We were respectful and positive student athletes at all times. Our 2011 Cross Country team consisted of:

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| Jade Adair | Travis Hodges |
| Cameron Blegen | Blythe Irwin |
| Nicole Bridge | Alexis Koenig |
| Jordan Brown | Ben Lobdell |
| Max Clark | Craig Robertson |
| Loren Deharo | Madison Silva |
| Kylee Dickinson | Hunter Simpson |
| Austin Dill | Alex Swartout |
| Tyler Durall | Nick Terhaar |
| Tyler Haase | Nick Zorich |
| Joseph Hawkins | |

Way to go, Hawks!



Lightweight Football

The Horizon Hawk's Lightweight Football team had a tremendous season with a record of 4 wins and 2 losses. The team took 2nd place overall in the standings. We had a strong 8th grade core of players who were great leaders through their actions on and off the field. In addition, our 7th grade players stepped into some large roles on the team both offensively and defensively gaining a lot of playing experience. Next year will be even bigger and better. Congratulations to a well played season, gentlemen.

GO HAWKS!

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| Kailyb Bennett | Justin Jordan | Dre-Son Scruggs |
| Dominic Brady | Nick Jordan | Trent Seek |
| Joshua Brantley | Zachary Keto | Ryan Smith |
| Drew Bratcher | Breandan | Cameron Sorensen |
| Colton Daly | LaFontaine | Tre'von Tuggles |
| Drake Ferguson | Spencer Matt | Gavin White |
| Hunter Ferguson | Dallas Mieth | Zachary White |
| Daniel | Christopher | Seth Wolkey |
| Floryanovich | Osmonson | |
| Logan Haley | Colton Poplawski | |
| Isaiah Hennessey | Nathon Portch | |

Hawk Softball

The 8th grade varsity softball team had a very successful season this year by finishing with a record of 7-1. Our winning ways were due to two outstanding pitchers in Rachel Hawley and Emily Jacobs. The defense was anchored by Kendyll Rockom and Meghan Bewley at catcher; Gabbi Orndorff at first base; AnnDee Myers and Kayla Rockom at second; Kaylee Sturgis at shortstop; Lexi Ivankovich at third; Sarah Jacobs, Morgan Crosby and Emily Hawley as outfielders. Thanks for the hard work, ladies.

The 7th/8th junior varsity also had a successful season finishing with a record of 7-1 as well. Their team also had two great pitchers in Adeline Gruber and Kendra Richardson. Defense was secured by Morgan Clark at catcher; Hailey Wilson at first, Marissa Thompson at second; Kendra Richardson at shortstop; Hailley Long at third; Makenzie Chamberlin, Rachael Tolley, Angelique Green, Katie Ballard, Tori Stam, and Danielle Hall held up the outfield. Great job, ladies!

People tend to remember what happens in the end and that is a good thing considering this year's 7th grade varsity softball's finish. The 7th grade sluggers wrapped up their season with two consecutive wins completing their season with four wins two losses and two ties. All players improved immensely throughout the season as they came together as a team.

Things didn't start out well as four girls turned out on the first day, but they continued to come and they finished the season with 18 players. The girls were led by captains Hailey Howard and Shaunay Garcia who led the team in hitting and pitched every inning between the two of them. Other players included Clara Scott, Jennie Leeflang, Katie Lavrova, Rachel Pilkinton, Julia Adair, Megan Davis, Ana Pablos, Natelie Windsor, Katie Spies and Amayah Keating. At the conclusion of the season, girls voted on awards and the following people won: "Most Improved" was Julia Adair, "Most Inspirational" was Clara Scott, the "Offensive Player of the Year" was Hailey Howard and the "Defensive Player of the Year" was Shaunay Garcia.

Middleweight Football

The Horizon Hawk Middleweight Football team had a successful season this year. The varsity squad was led by Ethan "Chipper" Jones and Noah "My Favorite" Martin, who both caught long touchdown passes from elite quarterback, Austin "Donny and Marie" Osmonson, and Brock "Long Distance Prison Pen" Powell, who returned two kickoffs for touchdowns. Matt "John Jacob Jingleheimer" Schmidt made one of the plays of the year as he scored from 60 yards out on a reverse, while Payton "Flour" Miller, Clayton "Endangered North American Gold" Fincher, Ben "Get Your Hands Off" Magruder, Devon "Robbing Peter to Pay" Paul and Angelo "Worth His Weight in Gold and" Silva paved the way for Max "Your Credit Card Has Been De-" Klein to score six touchdowns and rush for over 600 yards. Brad "Raisin" Branson, Luke "Skywalker" Schmoyer, Preston "Hands of Steel" Maher, William "All that Glitters Is Not" Golden and, Geordan "Dale" Jarrett, Jacob "Medium-Well" Dunning were beasts on defense.

The JV team was led by an unsung rookie, Coach Mark "Doubting" Thomas, and improved greatly as the season passed. "Motor" Caiden Berendes was voted Most Inspirational, while Nick "Blue Lightning" Robertson took honors as MVP. Nick "Long-distance Running" Kenyon was tabbed Most Improved, while Blaine "Leif" Erickson led the way in voting as Defensive Captain. Other excellent performances were turned in by Josiah "Jebediah" Bradford, Rhyen "Kilo" Graham, "Charles Nelson" Riley Langston, Ian "Barney" Miller, "Pay Phone" Collin Schmidt, Matt "Great" Scott, Jacob "Bleak but not yet" Stark, Nick "Bride and" Grooms, and Zak "Billy Dee" Williams.