



Principal's Corner

Upcoming Events

- Oct 3-4 Benchmark Testing
- Oct 4 PTA Movie Night
Captain Underpants
- Oct 6 Coffee Talk—8am
What Parents Want
- Oct 6 End of Quarter 1
- Oct 6 Spirit Day
School Colors
- Oct 9-13 Fall Break
- Oct 16-20 PTA Penny War
5th-8th Grade
- Oct 19-20 Parent Teacher Con-
ferences—Early Release
- Oct 20 Spirit Day
Orange & Black
- Oct 23 - Nov 3 PTA Candle &
Catalog Sale
- Oct 25 Spirit Day - Class Colors
- Oct 25 Honors Assembly - 8am
- Nov 1 PTA Movie Night
- Nov 3 Spirit Day
School Colors
- Nov 3 Coffee Talk - 8am
- Nov 10 Veteran's Day
No School
- Nov 15 PTA Fall Carnival
Entrepreneur's Night

The end of our first grading quar-
ter is quickly approaching. What an im-
portant time to take a closer look at how
your child is performing. Research
clearly tells us that when the school and
home work together, students thrive.
Parent teacher conferences will official-
ly be held October 19th and 20th. Your
child's teacher may have additional
times they are available to meet with
you and will be sending out conference
times very soon. It is our goal to have
100% participation in our conferences,
so please work with your child's teacher
to schedule a time. During this time you
will not only have the chance to see how
your child is performing but also to see
his/her individual goals and how they are
tracking their own growth.

It also means it is time for our 1st
Quarter **Honors Assembly**.

This is an opportunity for us
to celebrate our students'
achievements.

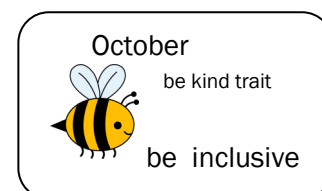
Each classroom teacher se-
lects one student to cele-
brate as a Reader and one student to
celebrate as a Mathematician. Addi-
tionally, the students from each class

select a peer that they feel demon-
strates our Be Kind Traits every day.
What is exciting about this award, is
that the students select the recipi-
ents. They notice in each other Be
Kind Traits that make us wonderful
people and value the impact on oth-
ers. The Be Kind students then serve
on a *Principal's Advisory Committee*
for the entire next quarter. They
have an opportunity to make changes
for our school and influence our
greater community.

Please plan to join us on
Wednesday, October 25th to
honor all of our amazing Panthers!

CheriDawn Emerson

*I pledge to always do my best work,
to learn something new every day,
to strive for academic success,
and to be kind to others.
I am important to Horizon
and so are you!*



Dress Code has become a **HOT TOPIC** here at Horizon. It is difficult to navigate the latest fashion with appropriate school dress.

Why is dress code important?

GESD believes appropriate dress leads to a positive community, supports an environment conducive to learning, and helps students achieve success in adult life.

What is the issue?

The **HOT TOPIC** here typically deals with **Bottoms**. Specifically jeans with holes and leggings.

Here is what our dress code says about **Bottoms**:

*"Students may wear jeans or slacks. **Shorts, skirts or skorts are expected to reach no more than four inches above the knee.** Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist and belts need to be worn if necessary to hold clothing in its proper position. **Undergarments need to be covered including leggings and jeggings.** Sweat pants may be worn, however, pajama bottoms are not acceptable."*

So can I wear jeans with holes or not?

*Jeans with holes are permitted but must still meet the requirements of shorts or skirts. That means that **NO HOLES** can be more than 4" above the knee.*



What about leggings or jeggings?

Students may wear yoga pants, leggings or jeggings, provided they are worn with a long shirt or a skirt/short.

Let's be a team?

It is important that our students see us work as a team. Please support the school dress code with your child by reviewing the full dress code (p. 20 in your GESD parent and student handbook) and helping them to select clothes that both meet their fashion taste and the school dress code.

COMING TOGETHER
IS A BEGINNING.
**KEEPING
TOGETHER
IS PROGRESS.
WORKING
TOGETHER
IS SUCCESS.**
-HENRY FORD

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Job Opportunities at Horizon

Horizon currently has a few exciting job opportunities. We are interviewing for a one-on-one educational assistant position to work with our students with autism. We are also looking for a 2 hour a day campus monitor. Horizon is an amazing place to work. Interested? Please apply on the district website and call our front office to let them know. We will be interviewing in the next few days.

PTA Membership Drive currently underway!! Stay connected with the school and be a part of every child's learning and education! **If you are not currently a member...**

JOIN TODAY!

www.horizonpta.net



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PTA CORNER

Simple Ways You Can Help Your Child Succeed

- ◆ Ensure your child is at school EVERY day
- ◆ Talk to your child Daily about what they learned at school
- ◆ Check the folder/agenda and ask them to evidence their homework
- ◆ **Read** with your child every day
- ◆ Maximize your time / Communicate with your child
- ◆ Attend PTA, Coffee Talks, Academic Nights, **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- ◆ Talk kindly about your school/teachers
- ◆ Ask questions / Let your voice be HEARD
- ◆ Be proud to be a Panther

Great Skate Night: October 3rd 5-7pm. Come and support our school's PTA! 100% of admission goes to our PTA.

Monthly Movies: This month is Captain Underpants.

PTA Penny War: Grades 5-8 through October 16-20th

Candle Sale: October 23rd

Entrepreneur Encounter

Have a business?

Want to share it with other Panthers?

Join us at our Fall Carnival

\$25 for Adult Entrepreneurs

\$5 for Student Entrepreneurs

(More information will be coming about how to be a Student Entrepreneur)

Call PTA president, Catherine Mallen @ 602-908-1590

Curious about what we're learning about? CHECK IT OUT here!

Kindergarten

Kindergartners are excited to be in school!! We are focusing on our rules and routines and starting our ABCs and 123s.

First Grade

First grade has some exciting learning heading our way. We will use pumpkins to explore life cycles, learn what living things need, do place value and read. We will learn to add and subtract to 20. We will learn about text features in informative texts and delve into learning about main events and central messages in narrative text. Hello October!

Second Grade

In Reading we will be working on mastering High Frequency Sight Words for quarter 1 and quarter 2. Spelling will consist of phonics rules that include digraphs, several consonant blends, endings like -ed (three separate sounds), endings -s and -ing, words with inconsistent but common spelling-sound correspondences, and several patterns of long a, long e, and long o words. The ReadyGen resource Unit 2 will begin after Fall Break.

Math content will be focusing on telling time to the hour, half hour, quarter past the hour, and quarter til the hour. Working on the terms halves, thirds, and quarters will continue with dividing up shapes equally. By the end of Quarter 1, students will be able to add/subtract fluently within 50 using different strategies and apply to one-step word problems. Continuing to work on place value is a long-term standard for this month.

In Science, students will get to learn the characteristics of organisms and their life cycles.

In Social Studies, students will learn roles of citizenship in school, teamwork with students to achieve a common goal, and national symbols that are to be recognized.

Third Grade

Third grade is busy working hard! We are close reading stories and focusing on how to support our answers with evidence from the text! We are jumping into informational texts and understanding that these types of readings teach us about facts and a certain topic.

We will also be going into expository and informational writing where we introduce and explain a topic. We are working on writing 5 paragraphs with nice and neat penmanship. We are noticing a lot of errors in not putting capitals at the beginning of sentences and messy handwriting!

In math we are moving on to division as we finished our chapter on multiplication last week.

In social studies we have been working on National Symbols of our nation! We will be taking a focus towards science and phases of the moon.

We are focused on building perseverance and trying our hardest. We are working on becoming independent workers and checking our work carefully to make sure we are putting our best work forward!

Fourth Grade

October will be a quick and "easy month" for the fourth graders! We will be starting off the month reviewing for our benchmark exams which will be on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of October (3rd and 4th). In math we will continue on learning multi-digit multiplication and then jump right into division. In science we will be finishing up our science unit on plants and move on to learning about animals! In reading/writing we will be reading different texts and working on different reading comprehension skills and how to properly answer questions and work on our spelling and punctuation.

Fifth Grade

In 5th grade, we will spend our month of October learning to quote accurately from a text and theme in reading, and then write our opinions in different formats such as paragraphs. We are starting to learn about Early Americans and will continue our research in October. In math we are completing our decimal work which includes adding and subtracting decimals and then starting fraction operation work. In science we are continuing our learning of the Earth's Moon and how objects in space move.

Sixth Grade

Our 6th graders are working very hard in their classes. We are inching closer to the end of the quarter with benchmark test taking place Oct. 3 and 4. Please have your child at school on those days. We will be setting up times for parent teacher conferences soon. Please be watching for your invitation.

Seventh Grade

Right now in 7th grade we are busy getting ready for our upcoming benchmarks. Both Reading and Math are reviewing critical standards.

In Writing and Social Studies, students are finishing up the American Civil War and spending next week learning about the Underground Railroad. We are writing personal narratives and creating poetry from the point of view of runaway slaves.

Students are finishing up our Science unit by creating models of lunar and solar eclipses.

Eighth Grade

The 8th grade students will be reading the Diary of Anne Frank while focusing on expository and narrative writing. In science, adaptations of animals and plants will be explored, as well as the overarching processes of evolution. Math will be continuing work with functions.

A-Team

The A-Team is happy with the progress the students are making. They are transitioning to the general education classrooms at a quick pace. We have the pleasure of welcoming a new student to Ms. Hanks' room. We are very appreciative of our Educational Assistants that are making transitions throughout the classrooms peaceful and tranquil.



School Hours 7:45am-2:45pm
Early Release Every Wednesday at 11:45am
Children are not allowed on campus earlier than 7:20am

Office Hours
7:15am—3:45pm

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School Mission

I pledge to always do my best work,
to learn something new every day,
to strive for academic success, and
to be kind to others.

I am important to Horizon
and so are you!

School Vision

Inspiring Learners as Leaders.

Engage, Explore, Enrich, Empower.



School Lunch:

For an amazing description of our lunches with a dietary and nutritional description, please visit at

<http://gesd40.nutrislice.com/menu/horizon/lunch/>

If you go to gesd40.org, select the fork and knife icon and select "Elementary Schools" then "Horizon."

