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Principal's Message

As we approach the final quarter of the school year, we are pleased with the performance of our students. The STAR assessment for our students began April 29 and will continue through May 8. We urge parents to encourage students to participate in this testing with a serious and positive attitude.

I have included in this newsletter a survey that we would like parents to complete and have their students return to the office. This information will assist us as we review our School Plan and make plans for next year.

I would like to thank all of the parents who attended our Open House on April 16. The classrooms had great student work displayed.

Our eighth grade students will participate in a reward field trip to Great America on Friday, June 6. To be eligible to attend, students must be passing all classes on their 3rd quarter report card. The annual 8th grade Awards Night will be held on Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30pm in the gymnasium. Individual students will be notified in advance if they are receiving an award.

And finally, I want to thank our PTSA and Promotion Committee for providing the promotion celebration and dance for our eighth grade students. Please see the eligibility criteria on the next page.

Sincerely,

Greg Bailey
Principal
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From the Principal's desk

America Ticket Sales

LUNCHTIME ONLY

April 28- May 9 STAR Testing

- 01 Boys' Volleyball - Horner @ Walters
- 05-09 Staff Appreciation Week
- 08 Boys' Volleyball -Hopkins @ Horner
- 09-11 Band & Choir to Disneyland
- 15 Boys' Volleyball - Horner @ Centerville
- 20 COLLABORATIVE PLANNING
MINIMUM DAY – 8:10 TO 12:54
- 20 Boys' Volleyball - Thornton @ Horner
- 21 Spring Concert - 7pm
- 26 Memorial Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL



June Calendar

- 05 PTSA Meeting 7pm
- 06 8th Grade Great America Trip
- 10 8th Grade Awards Night at Horner 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- 13, 16-18 Minimum Days - Students dismissed at 12:40
- 17 8th Grade Promotion at Horner 6:00 - 7:00pm
- 17 Promotion Dance at Horner 7:00pm - 9:30pm.
- 18 8th Grade Promotion Certificates delivered in History Class
- 18 Last Day of School (NO BACKPACKS PERMITTED)

PARENT ALERT: Knives and other dangerous objects are not allowed on school grounds. Bringing a knife or other dangerous object to school creates an unsafe environment and results in multiple days of suspension or expulsion. It is imperative that you communicate with your student that they may not, under any circumstance, bring any type of knife or any other dangerous object to school. We need to be proactive in getting this message to students.

Hitting, slapping or any other physical contact for any reason, to include “birthday beatings” is not allowed at school. Students who participate in a “birthday beating” will receive severe consequences that may include out of school suspensions.

The weather is warming up. Please remember, the dress code still applies at Horner. Low cut shirts, spaghetti straps, flip flops, shirts that are excessively short are not to be worn at school. Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be sent to the office for a more fashionable Horner loaner shirt.

Please remind your student(s) that non-educational items such as toys, cameras, i-pods, etc. are not allowed at school. Items such as these will be confiscated and returned to parents. If your child has an item confiscated, you may contact me at 656-4000 ext. 48110 and arrange to pick up the item(s) or drop in and I will be happy to return the item(s) to you. Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

Ms. Renoir, Vice Principal



3RD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT

Third quarter report cards were sent home with students on Fri., April 25. The 4th quarter/2nd semester report cards will be mailed to you at the end of June.

Y -TUESDAY JUNE 17, 6:00PM

PROMOTION DANCE - TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 7:00 – 9:30 PM.

Our PTSA will sponsor a ceremony for students who will be promoted to the ninth grade next year. The dance is also a PTSA function. This event is not intended to compete with the high school graduation or senior ball. The dress should be appropriate to the age level. Tuxedos and strapless gowns will not be allowed nor will limousines be permitted. In the past when these restrictions were not enforced, a number of students were discouraged from attending because they could not afford such luxuries. We want all students to attend and feel adequate. A signed parent/guardian permission ticket will be required to attend the dance.

ELIGIBILITY EXPECTATIONS FOR PROMOTION CEREMONY AND DANCE

Academic: Students must pass five of their six classes (second semester grade) to attend the Promotion Dance and the Promotion Ceremony.

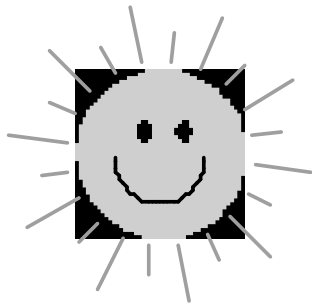
Behavior: Any student who is suspended during the final week of school (June 16 to 17) will not be allowed to participate in Promotion or Dance. A student with a long list of behavior infractions or if they have been ejected from any dance will not be allowed to attend the Promotion dance.



All students not eligible for Promotion and Dance will be notified Thursday, June 5.

EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS NIGHT: On Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 PM, we will have an Awards Program to recognize the outstanding achievements of our eighth grade class. Award winners will receive an invitation to attend; however, they won't be told what award they will be given until they are presented. We invite the families and friends of our award winners to attend this special evening of recognition to be held in the multi-use room.

WARM WEATHER DRESS POLICY: With warmer weather coming, it is important for students to remember and follow our dress policy with respect to appropriate school attire.

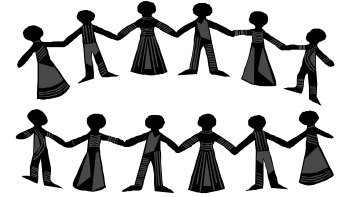


1. PE shorts, boxer, jogging shorts, or anything like it will not be acceptable. Shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh and not tight.
2. Off the shoulder or short blouses showing the midriff are not to be worn. This applies to both boys and girls.
3. Tank tops must fit close around the arm. Boy's undershirts are not to be worn as tank tops.
4. Hats, with a full brim, may be worn during lunch and PE only.
5. Any clothing that is disruptive to classroom instruction will result in parent contact and possible disciplinary action.
6. Sandals without a heel strap are not allowed.



PARENT ALERT: Does your teen consume energy drinks on a frequent basis? The Marin Institute has gathered information on consumption and marketing of popular energy drinks. Several have been found to contain alcohol. Check the labels, only non-alcoholic brands have nutrition facts and ingredients listed. For more information and to see what brands contain alcohol, go to: www.marininstitute.org/alsopops/energy_drink_report.htm

COUNSELORS' CORNER: As we approach the last quarter of the school year, we have attached a study skills information sheet to assist your students in performing at their optimum level.



Summer School

All 7th and 8th graders who have received a D or F grade in math or English and/or scored below the basic level on the CST tests are being recommended to attend summer school, which will be held at Hopkins Junior High School. If your child falls under the above-mentioned category, registration forms will be mailed home. Please complete the registration form and return it to the Horner counselors. If you have not received your child's registration form or you have any questions,

please contact one of the counselors. This year's summer school program is for remediation only. There will be no enrichment classes.

Dayna Segner
 7th Grade Counselor
 656-4000 x 48112

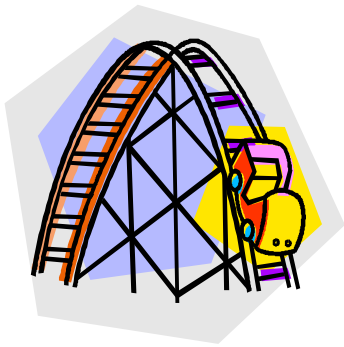
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March 10	Registration begins
April 11	Registration ends
June 6	Schedules will be mailed
June 30	Classes begin (4 days a week for 6 weeks)
July 4	Holiday, no school
August 7	Last day of classes
Location:	Hopkins Junior High School 600 Driscoll Road.
Time:	8:00am to 1:20pm - Snack Break 10:24 - 10:39
No classes held -7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 and 8/1.	
Transportation: Transportation to and from school is the students' responsibility.	
Phone:	District Summer School Office-659-2591
Contact:	Sandi Kibbee



WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY? A lot of wonderful new books! Thank you so much to all the families and students who made donations to the library this year. The South and Central American and Middle Eastern country books were updated this year along with various history books and biographies. These nonfiction books compliment our Spanish, and history curriculums. The library was also able to purchase many of the new prize winning and outstanding fiction novels. Stop on by and check us out!



EIGHTH GRADE END OF YEAR TRIP: Great America will be the destination for Horner's 8th grade class on Friday, June 6. The price of \$45 each includes admission to the park and transportation! Students will be entertained with rides, games and music along with all of their classmates. Permission slips will be given out April 18. They must be returned with payment no later than April 25. (A list of those paid will be posted on the office window.) Tickets will be on sale Apr. 21-25 during lunch ONLY. Students are required to have their blue Horner ID and a signed permission slip to buy a ticket. \$20.00 will be charged for those

students with season passes for the bus fee. These students must have their season pass at the time of ticket purchase. (No photocopies) You will not be given the \$20 rate if you cannot physically show the sales people your actual season pass!

Any student who has purchased a ticket and is suspended from the trip at a later date will NOT be refunded the amount of the ticket. Horner Junior High is required to prepay all tickets by April 28 to assure the low cost and availability of space for our school. There are NO REFUNDS for this trip. Additional information is contained in the permission slip.



DELIVERIES TO SCHOOL - Horner Junior High will not accept delivery of balloons/flowers/presents to students at school. Students are also not allowed to bring balloons/flowers/presents, etc. to school with them. In the past, these deliveries had to be left in the office until after school, but we simply do not have the room to store them. Please help us by reminding your students not to bring flowers/balloons/presents to school. Thank you for assistance.



THE LIBRARY, "The Quiet Place"

Would your son or daughter like a quiet place to do homework? Horner offers an opportunity for your child to work on homework after school. From 2:15 to 3:00, Monday through Thursday, the Library at Horner will be "The Quiet Place." Library books, computers and textbooks are available to help students with their homework. For more information, call Horner at 656-4000.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/RESIDENCY - Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of parents under Board Policy 5111 to notify the school within five days if you move. Failure to do this will result in revocation of the student's placement at the school.





CONTINENTAL MATHEMATICS LEAGUE: The Horner Mathematics Department would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the Continental Mathematics League. The CML Exams consisted of 5 tests throughout the year with 6 problems-solving items per test with a 30 minute time limit. There is a Pythagorean Level at both 7th and 8th grade. Prizes are gift certificates at Borders. Here is a list of the top scorers:

7th Grade Pre Algebra

- Erica Tietz
- Vincent Yeh
- Sophia Chan
- Doris Chen
- Ryan Huang
- Alyson Lei
- Akila Welihinda
- Kelly Martinez
- Chantel Chiang
- Evelyna Tsou
- Anchi Wu
- Spencer Tseng
- Joie Lin
- Joseph In

8th Grade Algebra

- Delphine Ho
- Sai Man Tam
- Vincent Ho
- Kevin Lin
- Virginia Tan
- Chi Huynh
- Jessica Hsueh
- Amy Chou
- Victor Feng
- Aditya Kumar
- Alexander Chang
- Nikolai Reichert
- Danielle Hubacek
- Deepika Dilip
- Justin Jeong
- Micah Chung
- Esther Shin

8th Grade Algebra 2

- Jeffrey Chen
- Gus Liu
- Yoona Hwang
- Katherine Wang
- Aileen Cheng
- Kevin Leong

PE CLUB Meets every day and work at lunch running intramural sports. Students who volunteer and work this may earn free dance tickets or “Go to Head of Lunch Line” passes. More info: Tracie Trubey, Physical Ed. Dept. Head. 656-4000 ext 48545

HORNER’S CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE: Meets on Wednesdays at lunch in room 1. Students from all religions are welcome. Mr. Muehling (ext 48001) is the advisor



MEDICATION PICK-UP REMINDER: Please be sure your student picks up any leftover medication being held in the office by the last day of school, June 18. Medications not picked up by 6-26-08 will be thrown out over the summer break.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEMBERS

We encourage, welcome and need representation from our entire school community on our school site council. Parents who are willing to serve as representatives should submit this notice of interest to school secretary, Pat King. We will have an election of interested parties in September at our Back-To-School Night. We thank the current parent and student members of the School Site Council for their contributions:

YES, I am interested in serving as a parent on the SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL at Horner Junior High School for the 2008-2009 school year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Student's Name & Grade: _____

HORNER MATH CLUB:

We would like to congratulate our Horner Math Team for the great competitions which were held at San Jose State University.

In the 2008 Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Association Math Field Day: We have

Vincent Ho placed 13th in Algebra 1 Division

Jeffrey Chen placed 14th place in Algebra 2

In the Middle School Leap Frog - Kevin Leong & Robin Hu placed 12th, Aaron Brown & Albert Chin placed 10th.

In the 2008 Santa Clara Valley Chapter Mathcounts our team has received an Honorable Mention award.

In the 2008 Primary Math World Contest Tryout:

Victor Feng - 2nd place.

Vincent Ho - 4th place.

Victor and Vincent are being invited for the training for an International Math Competition in Hong Kong in July 2008. We wish both of them best of luck!

We would also like to extend a special thanks to all our parents who volunteered their time and support to make all of these happen. In addition to this, a big thank you goes out to all of our students who participated in Math Club and may I say - a job well done and we are so proud of you!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Have you ever wanted to be a part of history? Monday is your chance. Meet at lunch in the "Vill of Stone" room 35 to become a charter member of a brand new history club for Horner. We will be making history! See you there! Huzzah! Huzzah! Advisor is Ms. Stone.

Thanks

We want to thank all the parent volunteers who helped with our scoliosis screening on March 17.

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

YEARBOOK ORDER - Hurry and place your order! Last chance to get your 07/08 Yearbook. Order your Yearbook before it's too late! Only \$38. The price will go up to \$40.00 in May. Don't miss out on all the Horner Junior High School memories in living color throughout the book!

STUDENT NAME: _____ (PRINT CLEARLY) GRADE: _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ 3rd PERIOD ROOM # _____

Return this form to Room 26 or the school office. Make checks payable to Horner Jr. High School Yearbook. Write the student's name on the bottom of the check, first and last name. Save your receipt in the unlikely event that you may need to prove that a book was purchased.

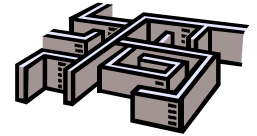
STUDY SKILLS

Proper study skills and habits are very important steps in the learning process. The following 10 suggestions are provided to assist both parents and students in developing a study routine

1. **KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU**
copy the assignment carefully
read the directions before you leave class
mentally start the assignment before you leave class
ask the teacher for help if you are confused
2. **HAVE THE NECESSARY MATERIALS**
be prepared with textbook, notes, paper, pencils, etc.
3. **USE EXTRA FACILITIES**
school or public library
your own dictionary or encyclopedia
4. **KNOW WHEN YOUR ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE**
tests, projects, book reports, homework, etc.
5. **PLAN YOUR STUDY TIME**
don't wait until the last minute to study for an exam or complete a project
set aside at least 1 hour a day for study and homework
if you do not have written homework, spend the time studying your notes, reading the textbook or giving yourself practice quizzes
6. **SELECT A PROPER STUDY AREA**
you need a relatively quiet place with a desk or table for writing
T.V.'s, stereos, etc. only distract you and make you waste time
7. **ORGANIZE YOURSELF**
use your **STUDENT CALENDAR – ASSIGNMENT BOOK** everyday
keep a notebook or part of a loose-leaf binder for each subject
keep a file at home (a cardboard box will do) with a place for each subject where you can file old reports, tests, notes, etc.
keep your notebook, locker and home study area neat
8. **CONCENTRATE ON THE TASK AT HAND**
spend the entire hour concentrating on your homework
remember number on "Know What Is Expected"
don't get sidetracked by magazines, games, the phone or your younger brother or sister
stay with it the entire hour
9. **WRITE NEATLY**
you will spend less time recopying if you do it neatly and carefully the first time
always place your name, the date, the teacher's name and the subject at the top of the paper
10. **SHARE YOUR SCHOOL WORK WITH YOUR PARENTS**
discuss what you have learned in school with your parents
not only will this reinforce the things you learned that day, but it might give you some different ideas about the topic
show your parents your homework and ask if they have any suggestions for improvement



MAZE DAY FOR THE 2008/09 SCHOOL YEAR: Maze Day will be held Tues, Aug. 26, 2008. Yearbook pictures will be taken.
 7th grade 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM 8th grade 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM



BUS TRANSPORTATION 657-1450, 43770 Grimmer Blvd. The FUSD Transportation Department will issue the 2008-2009 Photo ID Picture taking schedule in June. The schedule and fees will be available on the FUSD site: www.fremont.k12.ca.us under Transportation. Photo ID's are necessary if your student plans on using school district transportation. For more information, please call the Transportation Department.

FUSD NEWS UPDATES:

F.U.S.D. News: The Fremont Unified School District Board of Education was notified of Superintendent Douglas M. Gephart's intent to retire at the end of the school year. The Board accepted the request and respects the Superintendent's decision to retire for personal reasons.

The Board has appointed Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Milt Werner, as the Interim Superintendent for the 2009-2009 school year. Maintaining the stability and continuity of the current structure was an important factor in this decision and will allow the transition to take place as seamlessly as possible.

Dr. Werner has been with the district for 5 years and understands the district culture and needs. Dr. Werner began in the district as Principal of Washington High School from 2002-2005 before accepting the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. As the instructional leader of our district, Dr. Werner has played a key role in leading the district forward toward the high academic goals set for our students and will continue to do so as the Interim Superintendent.

F.U.S.D. Unveils Anonymous Residency Tip Line (510-659-2550): Fremont Unified School District is committed to providing high quality education to all Fremont residents. In order to ensure that all FUSD students can attend the school closest to their place of residence, FUSD is tightening the proof of residency process.

We have been and will continue to closely examine all forms of residency verification. When needed, an investigation will be conducted to guarantee the authenticity of student residency.

If you believe someone is falsifying his or her residency, please call the ANONYMOUS Residency Reporting Tip Line.

When using the tip line, be sure to speak slowly and clearly. All serious reports will be investigated but no calls will be returned. Please provide as much of the following information as you can:

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| Name of student/parent. | Student's out of district home |
| Student's grade level. | address and phone number. |
| School student is attending. | How you learned of student's |
| District address student is currently using. | non-district address. |
| Family or student who actually resides at this address. | |

The information can be provided anonymously. This information will not be shared with the student or parent in question. This information does, however, help our investigators in determining the validity of the student's address.

