

## Horizon PTO Newsletter November 2010 horizonpto.com

## Upcoming Dates

Market Day Pickup: Wed., Nov. 3 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

PTO Meeting: Tues., Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Pasta Mia Fundraiser Night: Tues., Nov. 16 Mention Horizon Elementary and Horizon earns 20% of the receipts that night!

PTO meeting: Tue., Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

We are looking for bilingual parents to join our group! Please call me if you're interested in learning more about your child's school and getting involved. Studies show your children do better in school when *you* are involved. Call Maura Contreras (630) 361-2382 (Hablo Español) or mauracontreras@hotmail.com.

**Destination 2015** is a guide to our district's pathway to success. Various community meetings were held to present the district's 5 year plan. Some of the targets are as follows: 100% of first graders at reading level (text level 16 or higher), scoring a 200 or higher in reading MAP score in 3rd grade, scoring a 231 or higher on MAP math test in 6th grade, 16 or better on the Explorer Exam (taken in 8th grade), 21 or better on ACT for 12th graders. Various benchmarks along the way to 12th grade will assist in determining if the student is on target. You can learn more about the Destination 2015 initiative at: www.u-46.org Take the time, get in involved in your child's education, as parents we need to teach and educate our children, it is not just the teacher's job it's our job too!

Next CAC Meeting is November 4th at 7:00 P.M. at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin. Meeting topic will be K-12 Literacy. Find out about the district's vision for how our students learn reading and writing and how it fits into the school day. Email any questions regarding this topic to: natalieolsen@att.net CAC Chairperson, Natalie Olsen. See you there!

## Tuesday, November 9th 6:30PM – PTO allocation meeting

On Nov. 9th, the PTO will hold its regular business meeting followed by an allocation meeting. If you are interested in how the PTO spends funds to benefit your child, then come to this meeting. This is the meeting where the PTO decides what to spend their money on based on teacher requests and the needs at Horizon. You may vote if you have attended three PTO meetings in the last six months and have paid your dues. If not, you may attend and give your opinion but you will not have voting rights. This is just the first of two allocation meetings, so if you would like to see how it is done and you continue to come to meetings throughout the year you will be able to vote at the April allocation meeting.

In an effort to save paper, **PTO meeting minutes** will no longer be given out at PTO meetings but they are available online. If you would like a printed copy, please email the PTO secretary at <a href="https://horizonptosecretary@gmail.com">horizonptosecretary@gmail.com</a> or send a note to school indicating your child's name and teacher and a copy will be sent home with your student.

Market Day offers families great choices in poultry, seafood and meats, as well as breakfast, lunch and snack items. Also, 10 to 20% of every dollar spent goes directly to Horizon. There is no minimum order and all products are 100% guaranteed. Ordering is easy through the school or at marketday.com. Horizon's account number is 21159. Our fund raising goal this year is \$5,250 so be on the lookout for the November flyer.

Remember to clip those Box Tops! Our first submission has earned us over \$500!! Our goal this year is \$3000, so keep sending them in! Starting Christmas shopping already? Through Box Tops for Education Marketplace, you can earn money for our school just by making purchases direct or online at any of the participating retailers. For an overview of the program and complete list of retailers, please visit

http://www.btfe.com/marketplace, and help Horizon earn up to 15% for each purchase!