



Horn Notes

This is a weekly newsletter for Horn announcements, published by the Horn Academy PTO.

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GIFTED & TALENTED EXPO - TONIGHT

Tonight Horn is having a GT Expo showcasing students projects. There will be a brief PTO meeting that night at 6:30. No need to cook supper that night as the OM team going to World Finals will be selling pizza by the slice (\$2) and drinks (\$1) to help them raise money for their trip to the world finals.

VIPS FOR APRIL

Congratulations to our Volunteers for the Month of April. Thanks to **Brad Mills, Mitch Beasley, Garrett Gadbois, and Chris Sizemore** for their work with the Crawfish Boil Party. **Arlene Martinez** is our VIPS for all her work on multiple things for Horn.

CHICK-FIL-A FOR AVERY' BUCKET LIST

Meyerland Chick-Fil-A will host a spirit night with 15% of sales going towards Avery's goal of \$1 million to fight SMA. Come to Chick-Fil-A in Meyerland on **May 24 from 4-8 pm**. Meyerland Chick-Fil-A donated all the chicken sandwiches for the Bellaire Little League fundraiser for Avery on Saturday, May 5.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ON SALE NOW!

Pre-orders for next year's school supplies are going on right now. These are the supplies the Horn teachers hand picked and will be waiting in your child's classroom on the first day of school. Save yourself the hassle of last minute shopping by ordering before May 31st. Inventory is VERY limited at the Early Bird Market so don't wait. **The only way to ensure you get a supply kit is to pre-order now.** You can order 2 ways:

1. Return the order form sent home in the red folder with your check.
2. Order online at www.hornpto.org under purchasing and pay with a credit card.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Kelly Grubbs at kgrubbs@sbcglobal.net.

UNIFORM CHAIR PERSONS NEEDED ASAP

The PTO needs two parents to take over the positions of chair and co-chair for uniforms. If you are interested please contact Caroline Gunther, uniforms@hornpto.org for more information. We need to fill these positions quickly so we can start ordering and restocking our inventory for the next school year.

Calendar

(* additions or corrections are in bold)

May 2012

15 Safety Patrol Meeting, 2:45 on the Black Top

15 GT Expo/PTO General Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm, Pizza (\$2) & drinks (\$1) for sale, proceeds go to OM team for World Finals trip, PTO meeting following

15 Carnival T-shirt design contest ends

16 Uniform Sales, 2:45, room 1052

18 All Horn library books due by today - library closed for inventory

18 No Place for Hate - wear a green shirt

18 Sno-Cones after school

23 Uniform Sales, 2:45, room 1052

23-26 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals

24 Chick Fil-A Spirit Night for Avery, 4-8 pm

25 Dress Down Day - wristband required

28 Memorial Day

30 Uniform Sales, 2:45, room 1052

31 Last Day of school, Report Cards, NOON dismissal for grades PreK-5 8:15 am promotion ceremony for 5th graders

June 2012

11 First day of summer school

21 Dad's Club

July 2012

12 Last day of summer school

August 2012

27 First day of classes for students

ATTENTION - ALL SHORT SLEEVED UNIFORM SHIRTS ARE 50% OFF EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL SCHOOL IS OUT.

All Horn LONG SLEEVE uniform shirts will be on sale for 60% off regular price. This sale will continue every Wednesday until the end of the school year.

HISD "MILLIONAIRE CLUB" SUMMER READING PROGRAM

All Horn students who read at least 5 books over the summer break are eligible to become members of the "Millionaire Club", which is the HISD summer reading program. **Summer reading must not take place before June 1, 2012.** The log-in forms were put in red folders last Tuesday. Students simply need to write all titles of books read over the summer on the log-in form, have a parent sign the form, and return it to Ms. Batke by September 7, 2012 to become Millionaire Club members.



If a student loses the log-in form over the summer, he/she may write the titles on a sheet of blank notebook paper and have a parent sign.

The HISD "Millionaire Club" is not associated with any other summer reading program (HPL, Bellaire Library, etc.). Ms. Batke must have a "Millionaire Club" form or paper that has all titles read for each student who has read the 5+ books.

Please go to the Horn web site (<http://hisd.schoolwires.net/horn>) and click on the Library link. Then click on the link for Summer Reading. There are links to information about the Millionaire Club, as well as other summer reading programs in Houston and reading lists.

There will be incentive prizes given out in the fall to current Millionaire Club members. Millionaire Club members will be able to check-out 3 books from the Horn Library instead of the regular two books.

PIANO LESSONS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK: Regarding after school piano lessons for the 2012-2013 school year, there was a typo regarding contact information for the piano teacher who will be at Horn next year. To contact Mrs. Traci Menchaca and to reserve a spot

for your child, please email her directly at miketracemenchaca@comcast.net. We apologize for any confusion.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The 12th Annual SJ Chess School Invitational was held at the JCC with a total of 10 top students invited from Horn Academy, Lovett Elementary and Condit Elementary. After five rounds of chess, the top three places were won by Horn students. **Alex Wei** won the 1st Place trophy in a tie-breaker with **Arman Ebrahim**, who finished 2nd. **Travis Jenkins** took 3rd Place. **Alex Wei** also won the Best Sportmanship award.

Other invitees were **Travis Wu** and **Sam Efron** of Horn, Grant Phillips, Gary Mercado and Luke Ludwick of Lovett, and Omar and Tahir Busaidy of Condit.

Thanks to all the participants for spirited but bloodless competition and the assistant tournament directors, Leon Fusselman, Don Bryand and Fredrick Hinkle for their assistance.

Steve Jacobs

SFL CHEER REGISTRATION

Hello Cheer Families,
I would like to introduce myself, although some of you may remember me as a coach of the white squad from last year. My name is Joanna Harland and I will be the new director of SFL Cheer. I am excited and looking forward to a new year with all of your cheerleaders. Registration is now open at www.sfltx.org and camp will be August 6th- 9th at Annunciation Orthodox Cathedral Gym, same location as last year. We have some fun themes for camp this year and I know your girls will have a blast!

I am currently working on the dates for uniform fittings and will be sure to let you know as soon as I get those set.

Don't forget to tell your friends about it and have a great summer!

SFL CHEERLEADERS ROCK!

Mitch Beasley
"Your Bellaire Neighbor
Your Bellaire Realtor"

Peran and Scannell
Jewelers

Kumon of West University

Schultz Center for
Cosmetic Dentistry

KUDOS TO CREATIVE WRITING

From **Mrs. Lisa Miller's** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade creative writing classes, over 200 poetry selections were chosen to be published in the **Creative Communications Anthology** in September. Congratulations to all of these poets!

Students from the first grade that were chosen:

Sofia Abdalla, Truman Armstrong, Priti Bajaj, Sam Baker, Annaka-Joy Bronk, Jessica Brown, Aaron Byun, Sage Cannon, Madelyn Carrillo, Rushil Chetty, Layla Crear, Fayez Droubi, Ryan Droubi, Samuel Efron, Riley Evans, Lucy Feeney, Haven Felch, Bruno Fittipaldi, Lucy Griffin, Grant Griffiths, Genevieve Grobler, Jake Haegner, Nathan Hardison, Quinn Harrison, Jose Hernandez, Callie Hester, Haley Heyman, Emma Hickman, Christopher Ho, Quinn Hochglaube, Charlie Hoffer, Gabriella Iriaroslitz, Grace Kant, Jeffery Kepfer, James Kimzey, Emilie Krauss, Emma Lai, Suzanne Lee, Ben Lesslie, Oliver Lin, Joshua Lizee, Dana Malin, Juan Medieta, Matthew Moini, Alexandra Moore, Madison Motes, Leore Nates, Portia Papagni, Jade Paz, Rohan Prasad, Adriana Ramirez, Kade Richardson, Kevin Rodriguez, Trey Russo, Mohor Sarkar, Chloe Saunders, Jase Schmalz, Emily Serpas, Vir Shah, Daniel Shetsky, Colin Sloan, Serena Stevenson, Anneliese Switzer, Arthur Tang, Bradley Tom, Penelope Tucker, Annie Watts, Victoria Watts, Alec Widgerson, Jalen Wright, Danielle Yampuler, Katherine Young, Noah Zeiter, Brian Zhuang, Kevin Zong

Students from second grade that were chosen:

Gabriela Aguilar, Diego Amezaga, Allyssa Angeles, Sasha Bailey, Jake Beasley, Noah Beinart, Noah Brezner, Seth Broadwell, Shep Calhoun, Saylor Campbell, Cindy Chai, Katherine Chen, Claire Coursey, Oliver Crawford, Nicole Cronin, Kate Davidson, Blair Dickenson, Carter Dixon, Morgan Draper, Natalie Faris, Ella Faust, Macy Fortenberry, Ashton Free, Abigail Goldenberg, Kirby Gray, Elijah Gurtzweiler, Olivia Hall, Georgia Harris, Madison Hartzog, Karoline Hernandez, Max Hernandez, Madeline Hsu, Vivian Huynh, Kevin Jessett, Kyle Jiang, Oceana Jin, Ahmad Johns, Dylan Kahler, Maxim Kirillov, Abigail Konicki, Alexandra Konicki, Jason Kuykendall, Zachary Lewin, Kevin Liu, Julian Lopez, Jennifer Mackenzie, Nicole Mao, Olivia Mitchell, Genesis Moreno, Kaila Nayvelt, Sophia Nieves, Moin Uddin Nomani, Caden Olbekson, Cooper Patterson, Aditya Prasad, Justice Randall, Gabriela Rodriguez, Meagan Schaefer, Mikayla Scholz, Kavi Shah, Conor Shanley, Sammie Shaw, Haley Simmons, Rashmi Singal, Thomas Smith, Merritt Taper, Molly Vestal, Cindy Villegas, Maia Vo, Emma Wakefield, Alex Wei, Gavin Williamson, Erith Won, Emily Yu, Zainab Zaman, NinaZhang, Kara Zunker

Students from third grade that were chosen:

Nawar Ahmed, Kaylee Anderson, Esha Bajaj, Anna Bernal, Caden Biederman, Kate Bolger, Grace Carlson, Edward Chen, Zoe Chen, Ella Classen, Claire Claypool, Ava Cruse, David DeCamp, Presley Eaton, Brianna Edwards, Yvan Edwards, Ethan Gadbois, Cayla Gottesman, Sophia Gunther, Garrett Haynes, Kate Hester, Ethan Hoang, Paige Hoffer, Trinity Holmes, Will Johnson, Tommy Lai, Jacob Lavorini, Zoila Lazo, Braden Leonard, Caitlyn McConnell, George Mills, Matthew Munn, Sean O'Neal, Suraj Pandit, Brandon Pham, Megan Ramirez, Reese Ramirez, Will Russo, David Saether, Jennifer Schmalz, Whitley Sehorn, Jillian Smith, Parker Smith, Nikolas Statiras, Tommy Superville, Sophia Swanston, Simi Thakur, Maggie Tran, Sernry Tu, Daniel Volkov, Adel Williams, Dawsyn Williams, Kristin Xu

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE HAS TREATED TEACHERS AND STAFF WELL!

A big thank you goes out to the PTO Hospitality Committee for the Stanford Snacks they provided for the teachers and staff each day and for the Mexican luncheon they served on Friday. The committee members are **Stephanie Hester, Rebecca Kant, and Christy Smith**. Also helping to serve the lunch was **Demi Jessett**.

UIL COMPETITION ON MAY 5TH

From twelve elementary schools, three-hundred and fourteen students gave up their free time on a Saturday to compete at the UIL Elementary School Academic District Championship Tournament. **Horn won 1st place in the overall competition.**

The individual results are as follows:

Art

Participant: **Shai'Anne Morris**
Finalists: **Megan Harris** and **Peyton Young**

Creative Writing

Participant: **Kavi Shah**
Finalist: **Morgan Draper**
Second Place: **Madeline Hsu**

Dictionary Skills

Finalists: **Jared Clark** and **Abby Chopra**
First Place: **Erica Altman**
First Place Team: Horn Elementary School

Impromptu Speaking English

Finalist: **Yvan Edwards**
First Place: **Lexi Roberts**

Listening

Participant: **Leigh Vo**
Finalist: **Abby Chopra**
Second Place: **Jared Clark**
First Place Team: Horn Elementary School

Maps, Graphs & Charts

Finalist: **Connor Larson**
Third Place: **Jacob Schmaltz**
First Place: **Jared Clark**
First Place Team: Horn Elementary School

Music Memory 3rd-4th Grade

Finalist: **Shivam Pancholy**
Third Place: **Evelyn Fung**
Second Place: **Reagan Kimzey**

Music Memory 5th-6th Grade

Finalist: **Leigh Vo**
Tied for First Place: **Isabella Hsu** and **Connor Larson**
First Place Team: Horn Elementary School

Number Sense

Participant: **Edward Jin**
Finalist: **Travus Wu**
Second Place: **Andrew Yang**

Oral Reading - English

Participants: **Rachel Illiev**, **Shai'Anne Morris**, **Megan Harris**

Public Speaking K-2nd Grade

Participant: **Zara Kazi**
Finalists: **Nina Zhang** and **Acquin Kulkarni**

Public Speaking 3rd-5th Grade

Finalist: **Suraj Pandit**

Ready Writing 3rd-4th Grade

Participants: **Reagan Draper**, **Miles Mackenzie**
Finalist: **Claire Claypool**

Ready Writing 5th-6th Grade

Participants: **Isabella Hsu**, **Haylie Sims**
Second Place: **Abby Chopra**

Social Studies

Finalist: **Nathan Shu**
Tied for First Place: **Jacob Schmaltz**

Solo Acting K-2nd Grade

Finalists: **Layla Crear** and **Anna-Joy Bronk**
Third Place: **Max Hsu**

Solo Acting 3rd-5th Grade

Finalist: **Olivia Faust**

Spelling 3rd-4th Grade

Participant: **Suraj Pandit**
Finalist: **Reagan Kimzey**
Second Place: **Edward Jin**

Spelling 5th Grade

Finalists: **Haylie Sims** and **Hammaad Sayyed**
First Place: **Isabella Hsu**
First Place Team: Horn Elementary School

Storytelling English

First Place: **Maia Vo**

Spirit of UIL

Jared Clark

Cleanest Table

Horn Elementary School

Thanks to our judges and graders, **Karen Chen**, **Lugenia Clark**, **Tasha Fox**, and **Pat Larson**. **Trudy Jackson** is the teacher sponsor.

A big thank you goes out to all of the parents, coaches and students for making the district championship such an incredible success!

HORN LIBRARY NEWS

All books must be returned to the Horn library by Friday, May 18th.
If you have questions, please email Ms. Batke at sbatke@houstonisd.org.

ACANTHOSIS NIGRICANS

This year Texas School Nurses are screening grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9th grades for Acanthosis Nigricans. Acanthosis nigricans is a skin marker associated with insulin problems and is considered a risk factor for Type 2 Diabetes and other chronic diseases. Because of the increasingly alarming rates of children developing Type 2 Diabetes, acanthosis nigricans assessments are important and can help identify children with high insulin levels who may be at-risk for developing the disease. Children who are positively identified with the AN marker undergo additional assessments of body mass index (BMI), BMI percentile, and blood pressure.

If I see this marker, I will be sending a referral sheet home with your child with the additional information (height, weight, Body Mass Index and two blood pressure readings). You are then asked to share this information with your child's doctor for follow-up. For further information contact me or check out the state website, <https://rfes.utpa.edu/>

Your nurse,
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CAFETERIA LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Horn students need to make sure that they have money on their lunch account to purchase a lunch. If you owe money, the cafeteria will give you a sandwich and milk. If there has been a change in your economic status and you feel that you need to apply for free or reduced lunches, go the HISD site to fill out a form. Please make sure that if you need breakfast in the morning, that you get here **by 7:35 at the latest**. Students go to their classrooms at 7:40 to start the day and if you are late in getting breakfast, they you will be late to your class.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REMINDER

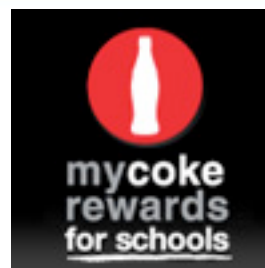
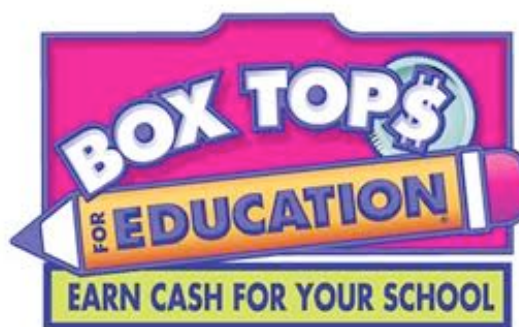
Horn Families, for the safety of your children and all students at Horn: USE THE CARPOOL LANE when dropping off your students from your vehicle. Avenue B is for students who walk, bike, or scooter. NO VEHICLE DROP-OFFS AT AVENUE B! We continue to see vehicles stop and drop off children on Avenue B. This causes traffic to back up at Holly and Avenue B, and is unsafe for the students and their families who are walking,

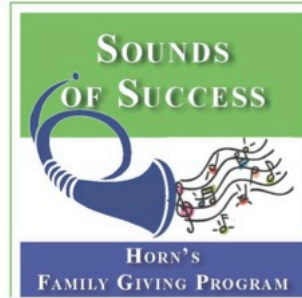
biking, and scootering on Avenue B. Please respect the Traffic Policies and keep our students safe. Thank you!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, CAMPBELLS LABELS FOR EDUCATION, MY COKE REWARDS

As the school year approaches the end, please turn in any BoxTops, Campbell's Labels, and MyCoke Reward items. Some of them will expire over the summer and I would like to get them turned in before that happens. Keep on collecting over the summer as we will be collecting again next school year. Ask friends, family and neighbors to collect for you too if they are not collecting for another school. It is amazing how quickly points add up when everyone contributes. We are getting closer to our goal of \$2000 in BoxTops this year. This is all cash that they send to the school for us to use. With the other items, we redeem the points for free items to use in the classrooms such as colored markers, megaphones for the carpool lines, dry erase board cleaners, etc. The companies ship these items to us without any charges. Thank you all for contributing to the collection bins!

Margaret Slutz, Coordinator





Sounds of Success Family Giving Program

Horn's success depends on the support of Horn families and friends and the "sound of success" varies from one family to the next. Some families show support by giving their time through volunteering, some donate goods or services, others choose to make a financial donation, and some gracious families support Horn in all of these ways. Whatever your means, we need your support. The Sounds of Success Family Giving Program was created in 2006 to recognize families who make a financial donation to Horn. We are grateful to the following donors who gave at the Bugle level and higher for the 2011-2012 school year. The future is brighter because of the following families:

**Reagan, Morgan, and Jack
Draper**

The Abdalla Family

The Ahmed Family

The Andrade Family

The Baker Family

The Brackendorff Family

The Chen Family

The Clarke Family

The Dixon Family

The Ebrahim-Zadeh Family

The Evans Family

The Ferris Family

The Goldfine Family

The Gosda Family

The Griffin Family

The Grimes Family

The Grobler Family

The Hall Family

The Harris Family

The Hart Family

The Hester Family

The Illner Family

The Jessett Family

The Jin Family

The Kavaipatti Family

The Kling Family

The Lande Family

The Lesslie Family

The Magid Family

The Manley Family

The McLaughlin Family

The Merriam Family

The Metzger Family

The Mills Family

The Modica Young Family

The Moore Family

The Motes Family

The Munn Family

The Nates Family

The Pandit Family

The Patterson Family

The Puig Family

The Reichert Family

The Samardzija Family

The Singal Family

The Slutz Family

The Smith Family

The Soroos family

The Stanley Family

The Surratt Family

The Swanston Family

The Vollrath Family

The Wood Family

The York Family

The Zaman Family

Thanks to all of you for your generosity and support!!

Team Avery T-shirts are still for sale while our supplies last. The cost is \$10 each. Order forms are available at the office. Proceeds will be donated to Avery's Bucket List fund.