

Horizon News

Mustang, OK

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HORIZON'S CLOTHING CLOSET IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



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Horizon students and staff have found another way to serve others! This week Horizon counselors, Mrs. Vanhorn and Mrs. Claborn opened the "Clothing Closet" for Horizon students. This is a room filled with shoes, shirts, and pants. This clothing closet has all your wants or needs in clothing or apparel. It's open Monday through Friday during school hours for any kind of shopping students need to do! Mrs. Claborn said "this is a closet for anyone and everyone in the school to use". Students can even be a part of helping the closet stay up and running.

Husk students will be responsible for the organization and stocking of the closet, but any student at Horizon can help! Students can bring gently used and good conditioned clothing that they have outgrown to the office. This clothing will be prepared and added to the clothing closets collection. What a great way to recycle and reuse in the community! For Ms. Vanhorn and Mrs. Claborn they are "realizing a dream" through this closet. They both love to serve others and are so proud to be opening the Horizon Clothing Closet!

So, with the help of Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Combs, Horizon's clothing closet opened for business in early December. The clothing closet is officially open for business. So, swing by and donate, shop, or just say hello to Ms. Vanhorn or Mrs. Claborn.

FEATURED TEACHERS OF HORIZON

Getting to know just a few of the amazing teachers at Horizon Intermediate! #BECONNECTED

Ms. Thomas



Ms. Thomas is a 6th grade math teacher who has taught for 19 years. The last 6 years, she has spent teaching in Mustang. She said "her biggest accomplishment as a teacher has been reaching children who are discouraged." The students of Horizon are lucky to have such a hero in their corner. Ms. Thomas wants to make sure every student learns something from her. Ms. Thomas is unique and has many things and skills offer students.

Ms. Thomas is not married but has four kids she loves dearly. She also has grandchildren. Ms. Thomas when asked what she would do if she wasn't a teacher replied "If she didn't have this job as a teacher at Horizon, she would be a pilot."

Ms. Thomas is quite unique she has also been to a helicopter flight academy and can fly a helicopter. She also served our country in the military. If Ms. Thomas ever retires she would travel around the world! When Ms. Thomas is having fun she likes to ride horses, do photography and cook. She is really a great cook. She even auditioned for Masterchef in 2015! She is talented, unique, and talented. When asked about superpowers she wished she had, she said, "it would be to read minds, to be invisible at will, and teleport-time travel."

She cares about everyone in the world. She even said "if she could change one thing about the world it could be to end poverty and hate. Stop by and say hi to Ms. Thomas!"

Mr. Rinehart



Mr. Rinehart is a great PE teacher here at Horizon. He has taught Mustang his whole PE teaching career, which has been for 13 years. Mr. Rinehart is an amazing PE teacher at Horizon. He loves when he sees his students being successful and active. When asked why he chooses Horizon he said "He loves Horizon because everybody is nice to each other." Mr. Rinehart is nice to everyone too, the students at Horizon really, love his class and they love pushing themselves to make Mr. Rinehart proud.

Mr. Rinehart comes from a background of teachers. That's probably why he does such a good job. Mr. Rinehart's family taught, which inspired him to become a teacher. He has lived in Oklahoma his whole life, he now lives with his wife and two kids in Mustang.

It is clear that Mr. Rinehart loves to be active and busy, he stated that "If he wasn't a teacher he would work his cattle back at home." That is probably why his favorite pets are cows, horses and his most favorite is dogs. Horizon is blessed to have Mr. Rinehart as a positive leader in the building each day.

Mr. Fletcher



Mr. Fletcher is a teacher at Horizon Intermediate who teaches in green hall. Mr. Fletcher has been inspiring kids for 23 years with the last 18 years spent teaching in Mustang. Mr. Fletcher is a wonderful teacher here at Horizon Intermediate. Every year old students come back to thank him for teaching them all the stuff they know to this day. Many students are thankful for Mr. Fletcher because he gave them the skills needed to do math in the future. Mr. Fletcher says he "always wants his kids to learn, be successful, and to have fun." The students at Horizon love Mr. Fletcher for his kindness and the way he makes sure they learn. The students and staff appreciate him very much and he appreciates them too. "Mr. Fletcher said he really liked Horizon because all the kids here are nice to one another and to him"

Mr. Fletcher is proud of his students, school, and family. Mr. Fletcher loves his wife, two children, and dog. His daughter even followed his footsteps and teaches kids at a college. Mr. Fletcher is always giving of himself, he even said he "would donate to charity, help his kids, and build a new house if he got a million dollars." Mr. Fletcher is one of a kind and everyone's so glad he is at Horizon.

Horizon's Office Superstar!

Mrs. Edwards



Mrs. Edwards is the principal of Horizon Intermediate, this is her second year working for Mustang Public Schools, but she has been a principal for a total of three years. Before she was a principal she was a special education teacher and assistant principal. She loves Horizon because she loves the staff and students. Mrs. Edwards favorite thing about her job is interacting with the students and getting to help them. She gets inspired by helping students and staff grow and for them to be successful in life. At home, she has a son, daughter, three dogs, and a husband that she loves very much.

Some interesting facts about Mrs. Edwards is that she says "if she had one million dollars she would travel and donate some of it to charity." When Mrs. Edwards was asked what three super powers she desired she replied, "they would be super strength, flight, and invincibility. When she retires she wants to travel and slow down, lucky for the students of Horizon, Mrs. Edwards isn't retiring soon.

The Chef's Corner

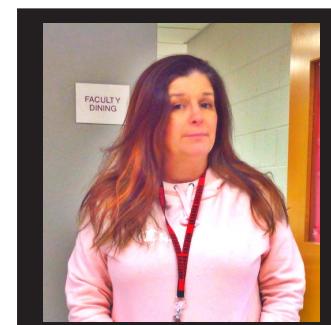
Betty Crocker's Easy Beef Enchilada

Ingredients

1 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
2 cans (10 oz each) Old El Paso™ red enchilada sauce
1 can (4.5 oz) Old El Paso™ chopped green chiles
1 package (8.2 oz) Old El Paso™ flour tortillas for soft tacos
1 ½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese (6 oz)

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 13x9-inch (3-quart) baking dish or pan with cooking spray.
2. In 10-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in ½ cup of the enchilada sauce and the chiles.
3. Spread 1/2 cup of the enchilada sauce evenly in baking dish. Spread ¼ cup beef mixture down center of each tortilla; sprinkle with 1 Tablespoon cheese. Wrap tortillas tightly around filling, placing seam side down in baking dish. Top with remaining enchilada sauce. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.
4. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

One of Chef Melinda's favorite recipes!



Chef Melinda has been working in Mustang for 14 years. She loves her job in the cafeteria serving students and seeing their faces. Chef Melinda works very hard and is a loyal employee of Mustang Public Schools.

When Chef Melinda is not working at school she likes to spend time with her 3 children, 3 grandchildren, and husband. Chef Melinda really enjoys baking and cooking for her friends and family in her free time. It's not a surprise she cooks up some great goodies here at Horizon. Chef Melinda loves to mix up different creations that make people feel good, that's probably why she said "if I wasn't a chef, I'd be a pharmacist."

Chef Melinda is loved at Horizon, the students love to see her come to work each day with a great smile. Horizon sure is lucky to have Chef Melinda!

Black Friday or Thursday, do you support either?

What are your holiday traditions? What do you do with your family for the holidays? No matter whether you celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, St. Patrick's day or any other holiday, you likely have a tradition. Many families have traditions for Black Friday. Black Friday is the day after many people celebrate Thanksgiving. On Black Friday, offer big discounts on items many citizens want. Lately, stores have been moving the black Friday sales to the early evening hours of Thanksgiving day.

For many people black friday is a time to shop, save, and join the crowds of people looking to get a good deal. Sometimes people actually fight, yell, and act foolish to get what they want from a store. Some people even sleep outside of a store to make sure they can get the best deal. The people who are doing this kind of shopping are usually interested in saving money and getting things they could not afford without the sales. Now that stores are opening on Thanksgiving people are missing out on time with their family to go to the sales. Their time gets cut short because they need more staff on shift on those days like black Friday. Most parents don't take their children with them black Friday shopping because it is too dangerous and they don't want them to see their Christmas presents. So some people believe we should not be having black Friday sales anymore or that they should only be on Friday and not on Thursday.

Almost every holiday tradition includes spending time with your family. For many people who are working or shopping black Friday sales on Thursdays, they are missing out on this time. They sacrifice valuable time and memories for a larger paycheck to spend on Christmas gifts. For other people, the big sales on black Friday or Thursday offer them an opportunity to purchase gifts they usually couldn't purchase. Sometimes they also offer discounts on common items that everyone uses so that helps people out with money too. There are good sides and bad sell sides to either situation, but what do you think?

Should stores only sell on Friday or should they continue opening on Thursday?



Shoppers wait in long lines for the best deals at Wal-Mart on Black Friday.



Dear Abby...

"Dear Abby" letters are real letters submitted by real students at Horizon Intermediate. Minor details may have been edited for clarity or to protect the identity of the student. The content and situations presented are real. The suggestions offered are the opinions of the Horizon Intermediate Journalism team and not a professional interaction. To submit a letter to "Dear Abby" write your letter and deliver it to G3 in the Red hall at Horizon Intermediate or to the Horizon Intermediate office.

Dear Abby,

November 13th was one of the worst days ever. At the beginning of the day when it was time to go to school, my mom said "do you have your lunch box ready?" I said "I hated myself" since I did not have it ready. She yelled like she always does, I felt awful like I always do. When it was time to go to the big gym every thing was going great until I lost my black bracelet. It was for sure the worst day, it. I don't know if I should tell my parents about the bracelet, they'll get mad.

Sincerely,
Kid with lost bracelet

Dear Kid with lost bracelet,

Tell your parents about the lost bracelet. You will feel better if you don't have to keep a secret. Keep your head up, everyone has bad days. If you can focus on all the good in your life on the bad days, you won't have too many bad days. Also, you may try talking to your parents about the yelling, they probably don't know it is a problem.

Dear Abby,

How do I get my grades better in Math and ELA class? I want to have a good education, but not have to work so hard.

Sincerely,
Student who needs better grades

Dear Student who needs better grades,

I don't think it is possible to get great grades without working hard. However, to get better grades you can complete all of your work and ask questions if you don't understand. If you use your class time to work you probably won't have much work to do at home. If you make sure you understand what the teacher is saying, then the next thing you learn will be easier to understand so it won't be too much hard work. Good Luck!

Dear Abby

There is a student in my classes that always talks out and interrupts our teacher. It makes it very hard for me to learn. I feel quite bad for the teacher because she has tried many things to keep the student from talking. Can you give me some ideas of how to learn without being rude to this kid and telling him to stop talking?

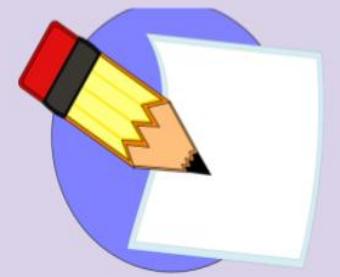
Sincerely,
So tired of being distracted

Dear So tired of being distracted,

You may want to try talking to the kid and seeing if you can help him by letting him know when it is time to talk and not time to talk. If that doesn't help, you may have to ask the principals to help you and the teacher with this kid. If you don't want to talk to the principal, talk to your parents and have them do it.



Homework
Help
Tuesdays
&
Fridays
7:35 in the
Cafeteria





Sports



Horizon Experiences Success at Annual Punt, Pass, or Kick Event

Punt, pass, and kick is an initiative started by the NFL to encourage kids to get out and play at least 60 minutes each day. Boys and girls in schools can participate in this event. Students step up when it is their turn and take their shot at punting, passing, and kicking the football. Each time the ball falls to the ground the place it falls is marked and measured to the nearest inch. Students will get a score that is their total score for all of the punt, pass, and kick measurements.

Each year Horizon students have the opportunity to participate in Punt, Pass, or Kick. Mrs. McElroy leads the Horizon athletes. She encourages students and provides motivation to each athlete to do their best. Mrs. McElroy calculates the totals of the students scores and identifies the top 3 scoring boys and girls from 5th and 6th grade to take to the district Punt, Pass, and Kick event. This year the following students represented Horizon in the district event.

1st Place Winners

5th-Aubry Tagmir
5th-Caden Gorden
6th- Alexis Kiersted
6th-Jaden Johnson

2nd place Winners

5th- Paige Fulmer
5th-Tripp Rogers
6th-Ashlyn Harwick
6th-Jackson Bryan

3rd Place Winners

5th-Londynn Hogers
5th-Jett Rogers
6th-Jasmine Times
6th-Elijah Coleman

Alexis Kierstead took home first place in her age division at the District Competition. She was awarded a trophy at halftime during a Broncos football game. Horizon is proud to have so many talented athletes at their school and Mrs. McElroy, who always encourages them to always try hard to be the best



Third place Punt, Pass, Kick winners. (not pictured:Jett Rogers)



Second place Punt, Pass, Kick winners. (not pictured:Tripp Rogers)



First place Punt, Pass, Kick winners.



For more information on Mustang Bronco Sports visit:
www.mustangbroncos.org



Successful Minds Grow Greatness at Horizon

Success stories with the 7 Mindsets at Horizon Intermediate.

#Live to Give



Under the leadership of Mrs. Davis and the Hulk Leadership students, Horizon Intermediate students and staff raised \$3,635.86 to donate to Pennies for Patients. Pennies for Patients is an organization that uses donated funds to support Leukemia and Lymphoma by aiding Leukemia patients with treatment costs and resources. They also use donated funds to help with research to cure this type of cancer. Way to go Horizon!

Justice Saunders is a 6th Grade student at Horizon Intermediate. When he learned of the many needs of his community's animal shelter he jumped into action. This summer, he developed a plan and successfully held a lemonade stand fundraiser with all profit being donated to the local animal shelter! Way to Go Justice!

#The Time is Now



The fifth grade (pictured top) Robotics team received first place in the Core Values category at the first Lego League Competition in November.

The sixth grade Robotics team (pictured on bottom) received third place in the Core Values category of the first Lego League Competition in November.

Core Values are discovery, innovation, teamwork, impact, inclusion, and fun.

#Passion First



Ava Salcedo and Reece Poage and their teammates on Intensity Softball team out of Newcastle, OK were invited to play in a tournament in Mexico. They along with their teammates traveled all the way to Mexico to play other teams and eventually win the championship! They overcame difficulties with new rules, playing environments, and language barriers, and still were successful! Anything is possible if you work hard.

Mrs. Clarke, her son, Cole, and Mrs. Carel participated in the local Color Run in Mustang, Ok.

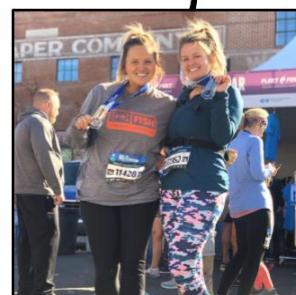
Each of these people have a love of running. They run often and practice to make themselves better and stronger in their running abilities. They used their passion to connect with others as they successfully completed the Mustang 5k Color Fun Run.



These students have a passion and talent for using their voice to entertain others. After hours of perfecting their talent through hard work and help from Mrs. Green, these students created recordings of their best singing and sent them off to be judged. After judging it was announced that of the hundreds of applicants these five students were selected to participate in the All State Choir.

They will be busy practicing and preparing for their big performance in the coming weeks. They will join 120 other talented vocal students from around our state to perform on January 17, 2019. Horizon students and staff are proud of these students for living out their passion and reaching their goals.

#Everything is Possible



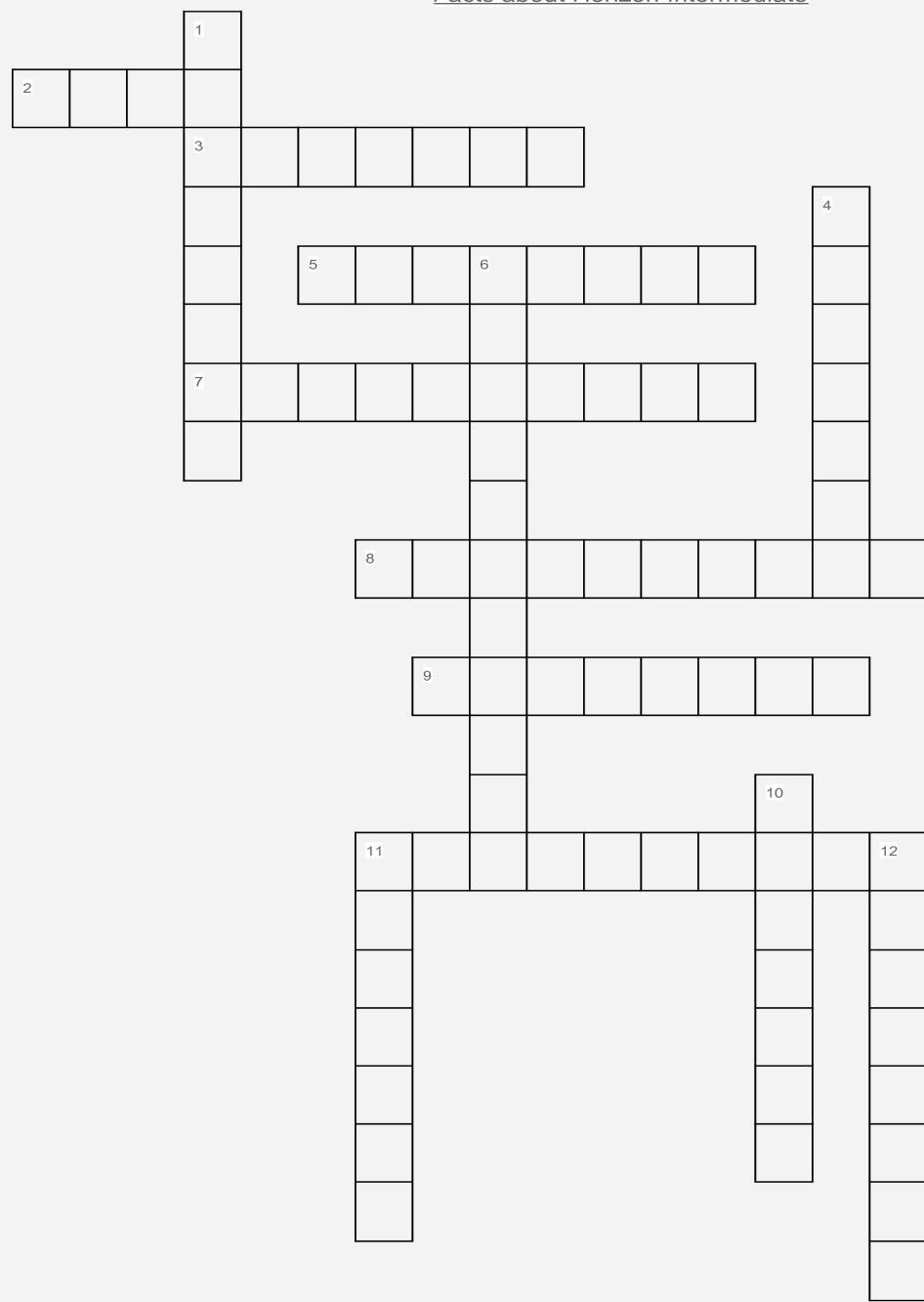
Mrs. VanHorn and Mrs. Webb made a commitment to themselves that they would finish running a half marathon race this year. They trained hard and worked hard to complete their goal. Once they felt as though they were prepared they entered a race.

They raced in the Tulsa, Route 66 half marathon race. They each completed the race in a little over two hours. They believed in themselves and worked hard to prove that everything is possible!

Students at Horizon had been learning about and practicing bowling in PE each day. Paydon Martin took the initiative to practice outside of school and get better at bowling.

When students competed for top bowling scores at Horizon, Paydon won the 5th grade category with a score of 122 points. Paydon showed that with hard work anything is possible!

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT



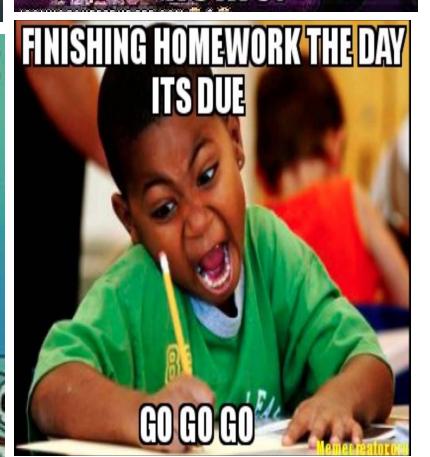
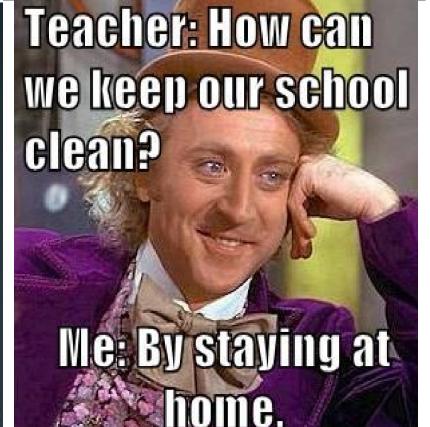
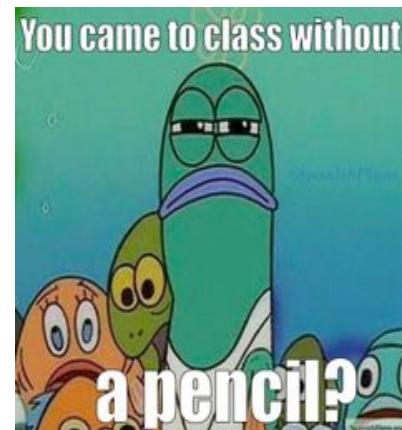
Across

- 2 A club for Horizon students who show great leadership and work ethic
- 3 A place within our school that holds all of text one may want to read
- 5 Horizon's Assistant Principal
- 7 Horizon's sixth grade counselor
- 8 Horizon's fifth grade counselor
- 9 A group of 7 habits that will keep you mentally healthy
- 1 Horizon's Principal

Down

- 1 the state where Horizon Intermediate students live
- 4 The name of the street to the North of Horizon
- 6 the place you get your Friday snacks and support the PTO
- 10 the mascot for Horizon Intermediate and Mustang schools
- 11 The town Horizon is located in
- 12 A group of young adults who are intelligent and attend Horizon Intermediate

Can you relate to these memes?



Just for Smiles!

