

October

The Horizonte Suns

A Special Message from our Principal, Tracy Sjostrom:



Dear Horizonte Community, October brings the beauty of changing leaves, and our school will be buzzing with the spirit of the season. Keep an eye out for announcements about our upcoming Dia de Los Muertos Festival, where students and families can enjoy fun games, delicious treats, and the warmth of community. Inside our classrooms, October marks a time of continued academic growth. Our dedicated teachers are working diligently to inspire and educate our students. Parent-teacher conferences will soon be scheduled, providing an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, and set goals for the year ahead. October is also the National Bullying Prevention Month, and we're committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students. Look out for special activities and discussions focused on kindness, respect, and the importance of standing up against bullying.

Straight Out Of The Counseling Center:

The counselors have really enjoyed getting to know the students this past month. We have been in a few classes doing college and career exploration activities and will continue this throughout the year. Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31. Counselors will provide a lesson on substance abuse prevention in advisory classes and will have fun activities at lunch to celebrate this year's theme "Be kind to your mind. Live drug free." Also, October 10th is world mental health day. This is a good day to find the time to talk openly about our mental health with someone we care about. Let's be kind to ourselves and practice self-care!

ELA DEPARTMENT:

We are reading and writing in our ELA classes. We have focused on narrative and now teachers are moving toward expository and argument. Each teacher has selected a variety of texts for Term 2 and is very excited to continue building skills with our students at Horizonte.

Our interventionist Adrienne will be using our Aimsweb screener to help with collecting data. The screener gives us an idea about who needs help with decoding, fluency and comprehension. The data gives teachers an opportunity to fully understand their students and to provide the best instruction for everyone.

We are continuing with our Focus Skills and T2 will help students with academic discourse. When students discuss a variety of topics, they are able to develop their critical thinking skills.

T2-Explain and Describe with Elaboration

Writing Skill-Paragraph Planning

Sentence starters and stems

Vocab-Elaborate/Elaboration, description/descriptive, classify, analyze/analysis

Horizonte Library:

The library is celebrating Banned Books week, where we spotlight books that are being censored or taken out of schools because of their content. At Horizonte we believe in the fREADom to read, and we encourage our students to learn about other cultures, beliefs, and identities. Students can come to the library and browse the selection of books or read the books on their phones with the SORA app.

Morning News From The Adult Ed:

New Term has started. Our next Adult ELL Orientation will be October 25th at 9am and 4pm. Adult High School/GED October 26th at 9am and 4pm.

For further information on our Adult Program, please visit our homepage:

Horizonte.slcschools.org

What's Happening this Month:

2: T2 Starts
5: Parent Teacher Conference
12-13: Fall Recess (NO SCHOOL)
16: No School
27: Early Out
31: Parent Teacher Conferences (Happy Halloween)