Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s);

I want to share with you how much I appreciate your children trying their best on the Ohio Achievement Tests (OAT). This week was the testing week and I know that they are going to receive outstanding results from these tests.

As we approach the end of the year and the weather warms up, the number of fun field trips and educational activities will increase. I encourage every student to participate in at least one of these activities. I believe that they deserve to have fun after a long marathon of learning and OAT preparation.

If your child is struggling with any subject, please make an appointment with the appropriate teacher and work together to do whatever is necessary to bring those grades up. There is still time, if you act quickly. Communication between parents and school staff is the key component for the success of your children. The Horizon staff is willing and excited to help your children receive the best education.

When we communicate we share our feelings, and there is an exchange of information that can open minds on both sides. Through this process of communication will come understanding, and with understanding comes a new commitment. A commitment to further communication; a commitment to discover the exact nature of the problem; a commitment to work together, the school and the home – two of the most powerful forces on the earth - to seek remedies; to seek solutions; to seek a common ground that will eventually allow our children, and our school, to succeed.

Thank you for your continuous support and belief in us. Thank you for being with us in the journey to becoming an “Excellent” school.

Sincerely,

Ugur Zengince, Director
ACADEMIC UPDATE

DEAN OF ACADEMICS

Please support the efforts of our teachers by reinforcing to your child that a lot of hard work and important learning needs to happen in these remaining weeks. The concepts that will be taught in these remaining weeks will be critical to their preparation for the next school year. Students have been administered Ohio Achievement Tests between April 30-May 3; we are expecting to get results by June 15. We believe that all the students’ and teachers’ hard work will be paid off when we get the results from the Ohio Department of Education.

We will also administer the IOWA Tests on Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday May 24, 2007. These tests were given to provide teachers with information they can use to meet the individual learning needs of each student. The tests can help identify students’ strongest areas and the areas in which greatest improvement is needed. Teachers and parents can use this information to choose materials and methods of teaching that might best help students learn. The tests also help teachers and parents look at students’ learning from one year to the next. Just as a doctor might sometimes measure patients’ height and weight and makes records and reviews their physical growth, HSACMS makes records and reviews students’ growth in the basic subject areas. Tests like the IOWA Tests are designed to make it possible to measure students’ growth from one year to the next in such areas as reading, language, and math.

Please continue to work with your child’s teacher to ensure that your child keeps the correct frame of mind for the rest of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Sum

DEAN OF STUDENTS

As the Dean of Students, I am pleased to say that we have one of the best disciplined schools in the Cleveland area. I say this because when I turn on the television and see what other schools are now implementing, I note that we already have already addressed these issues. The students wear uniforms, their shirts are tucked in, their pants are pulled up, and cell phones and other contraband are not apart of the classroom. By no means do we have a perfect school, but in these two short years of our existence, we have set high standards, and created a model for other schools.

When our students’ test scores are revealed, I get a personal satisfaction because I know that in order for them to achieve academically, they must conduct themselves well throughout the school day. The issues that I confront on a regular basis with our students are not as major as other schools. I guess that is a mark of a good Dean of Students. I try not to give myself compliments, but in this case I will. I am proud of our students.

Mr. Wilson

ENGLISH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT HEAD

Horizon Science Academy Cleveland Middle School is committed to summer reading as a way to enrich summer months and to be ready for the next school year. Summer is a time for rest and recreation. Part of this recreation should include reading good books. HSACMS has adopted a list of summer reading books. Each student is required to read two books. Most of these books are available in libraries or in paperback from local bookstores. Students should remember that the summer reading experience will be only as beneficial as they choose to make it. So they should make wise selections and then enjoy reading them.

All students will be provided with a suggested reading list during the last week of school. You may also access the list on the school website. Please remember that the goal of summer reading is for enjoyment and to maintain reading skills. Therefore, we require students to turn in the assignment upon their return to school. Your child’s Language Arts teacher will collect the assignment during the first week of school. We hope you enjoy a safe summer vacation.

Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions, comments, concerns, etc.

Mrs. Kline
The Emmy® Award-winning Saturday morning educational cartoon series is now the basis for one of the most fun and energetic musicals ever to hit the stage! The series taught grammar, mathematics, social studies, science and more through catchy and memorable songs that Baby Boomers can still sing today. In the musical, Tom, a school teacher nervous about his first day of teaching, tries to relax by watching TV. Suddenly, the Schoolhouse Rock bunch appear in his living room and proceed to show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through beloved Schoolhouse Rock songs. Drama Club & Art Club students had the opportunity to attend a performance at Willoughby Middle School on Friday, March 30, and hear Ms. Cappelli and Ms. McQueen sing along to the songs *Conjunction Junction, I’m Just a Bill, Unpack Your Adjectives, The Great American Melt-ing Pot* and many more. Jonryan Finley, Rainna Benton, Renard Love, Christopher Brooks, Andrea Noel, Jada Johnson, Tae’Shia Robinson, Destiny Curlee and Roxanne McQueen attended the performance.

**CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART**

On Wednesday morning, April 4th, Mohammed Fekieh, Roxanne McQueen, Adaisjah Strother, Rainna Benton and Japera Benson joined Ms. Cappelli on a field trip with Horizon High School students to see the *Monet in Normandy Exhibit* at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Art Club students had just finished a study of the Impressionist Art period, and created their own impressionist paintings. Claude Monet, 1840-1926, was one of the founding fathers of French Impressionism. *Monet in Normandy* is the first scholarly exhibition to celebrate the intimate relationship between Monet and his native landscape. The exhibit features about 50 paintings, including CMA’s own beloved painting *Water Lilies* (1920-26), a work that is too fragile to travel.

These students and Ms. Cappelli enjoyed a wonderful morning gazing at beautiful works of art. It was very exciting to see the original art of some of the pictures they had been looking at in class!
GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER

At the Great Lakes Science Center Ms. Vassar, Mr. Murat, Mr. Osman and Mrs. Gibbons, along with students Jonryan Finley, Khalid Alnadi, Cody Wiley, Jasmine D. Harris, Stephanie Graves, Destiny Curlee, Craig Bates, Charles Williams, DeAndre Capers and Mohammed Fekieh, went to the OmniMax theatre to see *Hurricane on the Bayou*. The film focused on the loss of swamp land and organisms natural habitats due to erosion and the disaster of Hurricane Katrina. The students also got to watch and participate in a demonstration called “Force Be With YOU.” The students also had the opportunity to shop at the Science Center Store. I think this was their favorite part!

Ms. Vassar

JUSTICE CENTER

On Wednesday, March 28, 2007, the seventh grade honors class went on a field trip to the Justice Center in Cleveland. The field trip was in relation to the novel the class had finished reading, entitled *Monster*. In the story, a teenage boy was on trial for murder. Our field trip helped to put a real-world spin on the book. The students were able to learn about jury selection, and witness part of a murder trial. Upon leaving, the judge praised us for being so quiet and attentive. Our students learned a lot that day!

Miss Cipolletti

YMCA

I had the privilege of escorting 20 students to the YMCA for basketball and swimming. They all had a good time and enjoyed themselves a lot. When I take students on a fieldtrip, I try to not only give them something that I know they enjoy, but I look to see how well they behave themselves outside of the school. The Head of Recreation at the YMCA said that our students were the best behaved she has ever seen. Again, I hate to give myself compliments, but in this case I will!!

Mr. Wislon

SCHOLASTIC

Our second Scholastic Book Fair will be held from May 14th through May 17th. All HSACMS students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair after school. Additionally, the Book Fair will run from 4:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17th in the school cafeteria. Please note that this is the same day as Parent-Teacher Conferences. A wide variety of books will be available for the students to choose from for their reading pleasure. Our Fair Sales entitle HSACMS to receive a large selection of book titles for students to enjoy which are made available in Miss Cipolletti and Mrs. Kline’s classrooms.

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK? ONLY 19 ARE LEFT!

There is still time to purchase the first HSACMS yearbook! One hundred yearbooks were ordered and 19 are left as of April 30th. Make sure you have your copy. Once they are all purchased—they are gone!!
In 1878 Bret Harte writes “The Spelling Bee at Angels,” a humorous poem about a Saturday night speldown between crusty prospectors in a gold rush saloon. The first national Spelling Bee champion was 11-year-old Frank Neuhauséer of Louisville, Kentucky, who in 1925 correctly spelled *gladiolus* to beat out eight other contestants. In 1941 Laura Ingalls Wilder publishes the autobiographical *Little Town on the Prairie*, depicting life in De Smet, South Dakota, in the 1880s. In a community spelling match – an impromptu entertainment on a cold winter evening – Laura misses *xanthophyll*, meaning “a red-orange crystalline carotenoid alcohol occurring especially in plants, usually with carotenes and chlorophylls, but also in animal fat, egg yolk, and corpus luteum.” Her father spells it correctly to win the match. Those farmers were no slouches!

On Friday, April 27, 2007 6H student **JonRyan Finley** won the Second Annual HSACMS Spelling Bee. So what’s it like to be a champion? “It feels great!” stated JonRyan. When asked what he attributed his success to in winning our Spelling Bee, JonRyan stated it was a combination of help from his mother and Mrs. Kline, Spelling Bee Club Advisor. JonRyan mentioned his mother went over the words with him and gave him great help on the path to success. JonRyan also mentioned that Mrs. Kline advised him on ways to make him a better speller such as writing each word ten times, helping him pronounce the words correctly and suggesting he have someone go over the words with him. JonRyan is very grateful to both his mother and Mrs. Kline for their never-ending encouragement. According to JonRyan this was all the inspiration and teaching he needed to win the Spelling Bee. For his efforts JonRyan won a trophy and an “Akeelah and the Bee” movie DVD.

Congratulations to the following students who also placed in our Spelling Bee: Deonte Stephens (second place); Morgann Davis (third place); De’antre Moreland (fourth place) and Kevon Smith (fifth place). Deonte won a dictionary and all top five students won gift certificates to Barnes & Noble.

Thanks, also, to the following students who participated in our Spelling Bee: Kenisha Clifford, Shaquisha Clifford, William Evans, Jasmine D. Harris, Erik Lewis, Saybronn Tarrance, Regine Warran, Lamar Wherry, Tae’Lor Windham, and A’tiva Witten. Many of the aforementioned students were members of Mrs. Kline’s Spelling Bee Club which met once a week to prepare for the Bee. Again, thanks to all those students who entered our Spelling Bee and a special thanks to Miss Cipolletti for making our spelling bee a great success!

Mrs. Kline
HSACMS PROUDLY PRESENTS THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH MARCH, 07

Several HSACMS students participated in the CONSEF Art Exhibit at Cleveland State University on February 3, 2007. From left to right, pictured is Breanna Webb-2nd Place, Kenisha Clifford-2nd Place, TaeShia Robinson-3rd Place, Tatianna Brown-Honorable Mention, Kelly McKay-1st Place, and a proud Ms. Cappelli in the back!

HSACMS was honored to have Dr. Cecile Fransman, from Lucas County Educational Service Center, our sponsor, and Mr. Thomas Kose, from Noble Academy Cleveland, as our special guests at the awards ceremony.
HSACMS has been fortunate to have B & M BBQ as our very own chefs for our breakfast and lunch program. Owner, Anthony Beckham, and his dedicated staff, work hard every school day to bring us warm, healthy, delicious food. In addition, the lunch caterers have developed strong, positive relationships with the students and staff. Carmella Chappell, Johnny Cooper, and Johnny “Chicago” Williams, Jr. have become a special part of our school day.

The people who work at our lunch are very nice.  
**DeAndre Capers, 6th**

The food tastes delicious!  
**Malcolm Fekieh, 6th**

I love the caterers, THEY CAN COOK! But, we do need more pizza!  
**Myron Walters, 6th**

They care about us, they give us extra food if there is left overs and they reward you if you do something good.  
**Roxanne McQueen & Tae’Shia Robinson, 6th**

They’re very friendly and nice to us. They’re sugar and spice and everything nice!  
**Chaunae Chears & Rainna Benton**

I really enjoy the staff. They are friendly and very accommodating. The food is great to beat!  
**Ms. Rhonda**

The food is healthy. My favorite is the chicken and the fries at lunch.  
**Mr. Wilson**

The adults like the food because it is a healthy well-balanced meal and the kids like the food because it is good.  

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**Academic Calendar for April 2007**

- 2 May — Parent Teacher Fun Night
- 4 May — Fourth Quarter Progress Reports
- 5 May — Liberal Arts Fair
- 14-17 — Scholastic Book Fair
- 17 May — Indians Baseball Game
- 17 May — Parent Teacher Conferences
- 18 May — Professional Development Day, No School
- 23-24 May — IOWA Testing, Early Release, 12:30pm
- 28 May — Memorial Day, No School