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JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1/12 Re-Enrollment Coffee – Q & A with Admin (9:00 a.m. Library)
- 1/15 Chargers Day - No Uniforms!
- 1/15 & 28 Public Open House (9:00 a.m.)
- *Parents: Bring a friend, get a free-dress pass for your child*
- 1/15 K– 1st Orientation & Picnic
- 1/18 & 25 NO SCHOOL
- 1/28 Dad's Day (1st– 8th)
- 1/29 Re-Enrollment Due (1st– 8th)

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THE
"BEST OF"

Voting is Open!

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Click on: Reader's Choice Best of 2010

Fill in: "Horizon Prep" for #20 & #21

NEW YEAR...NEW NUMBER!

2010
97!
2009 -97
2008 -94
2007 -93
2006 -91
2005 -87
2004 -83

Have you heard the good news? The Lord has rewarded the dedication of our teachers and the diligent efforts of our students--we have good news to be grateful for from the IOWA Test Scores. It makes you want to shout, "Stop the presses! Reprint the literature! Call back the ads! The number is wrong!" What number? 94--it's too low! For the 6th straight year, Horizon Prep's overall score has gone up--which means we now rank in the 97th percentile nationwide! We give God all the Glory!

97 is the composite score for 2nd - 8th grades (1st graders are not tested), but a closer look at the numbers tells an even greater story: Horizon Prep's 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th Graders rank in the 99th percentile nationwide! Our Middle Schoolers average 2 years above grade level according to their Grade Equivalency. We know Horizon Prep Lions love to read (first-time testers 2nd Graders scored 97th percentile in Reading!), but look how they're doing in the sciences: 3rd - 8th Graders rank 98th percentile for math & science!

In my position, I have the privilege of meeting with prospective families and introducing them to Horizon Prep. It is thrilling to share this good news with them, to give them a glimpse into the nurturing & loving excellence our teachers pour into our students daily, and to show them the vision of Horizon Prep.

It might be easy to look at these scores and get "puffed up" with ourselves, but we know "For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required..." Luke 12:48b (NKJV). We look forward to to this New Year and what God has in store for Horizon Prep as we grow!

To God the Glory

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Director of Enrollment

...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

K-Ready Q&A

Is your child ready for kindergarten? The top 3 Questions to determine readiness...Does my child do geometry? Does my child read Chaucer? Does my child draw Picasso? If you answered, "yes" to any of these questions, and your child will be 5 years old by September 1st, it's time to consider Horizon Prep Kindergarten. If you answered "no" to any/all of these questions and your child will be 5 years old by September 1, it's time to consider Horizon Prep Kindergarten! We are in the process of assessing all kindergarten age children. If you are currently enrolled in our preschool, there is no need to fill out another application, and there will not be an assessment or application fee.

We'd love to see you at our Open House on Friday, January 15th. You will have the opportunity to tour our kindergarten and see for yourself what an amazing program we have.

--Preschool/Kindergarten Director
Cathy Towner



**COREY
DAVIDSON**
4TH GRADE TEACHER

Born and Raised: Huntington Beach, California
College: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo State University
Family: I have two little brothers (one is an Army Ranger, and the other is a soccer coach and student) and one little sister (a nurse in Orange County).
Teaching Experience: I've taught 2nd grade, a 4th/5th combo class, and 3rd grade.
Hobbies: I love road trips, running, the beach, learning new things, volunteering, reading, and writing.
Something you might not know: In my summers off from teaching I used to work for Angels' Baseball. Go Angels!



**WENDY
BONILLA**
PRESCHOOL
LEAD TEACHER

Born and Raised: Born: Guatemala City (lived there until I was 5 years old); Raised: Escondido.
College: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo State University
Family: Parents: Stuardo & Marlene; Brothers: Stuardo Jr. & Kevin; & my dog, Bebe.
Teaching Experience: 6 years.
Hobbies: Reading, walks on the beach; spending time with my family, fiancé, and friends; going to the gym.
Something you might not know: My parents work at Horizon (in facilities). I love to write poetry and express myself through writing—that is my "special" way of communicating with God.

MICROWAVE-HEROES?

For the casual fan, it's hard to remember who played in last year's Rose Bowl, or who made the game-winning catch in the last Super Bowl. Yet in those moments, those players and their coaches are given much attention and acclaim. I am reminded of how many "microwave-heroes" are created and forgotten about almost within the same breath and how being a hero for Christ has so much more lasting value. Legendary coach John Wooden wrote, *"To have your name inscribed up there is greater yet by far, Than all the halls of fame down here and every man-made star. This crowd on earth, they soon forget the heroes of the past, They cheer like mad until you fall and that's how long you last. I tell you, friend, I would not trade my name however small, If written there beyond the stars in that celestial hall For any famous name on earth or glory that they share, I'd rather be an unknown here and have my name up there."*

AMEN!
-Coach Roy



PREP NEWS

**THE APPEAL IS DEAD!
PRAISE THE LORD!**

The UNANIMOUS vote by the San Diego Planning Commissioners stands! Thank you for your prayers and your support! We covet your prayers as we now go forth and grow our school for His Glory. Get ready to "grab your shovels" and get on your knees in prayer!
What's next? We'll keep you posted!

CHARACTERCOUNTS

Our Preschoolers and Kindergartners are learning about giving. Each classroom will be sponsoring a special gift for a village or a family through World Vision. The children are asked to participate by doing "chores" at home and earning money that they can give (\$1-\$5 per child). Their contributions will then be used to purchase chickens, goats, citrus trees or maybe a water supply. These gifts will totally transform a family's life. This is an amazing opportunity to teach the children about "needs vs. wants" as they participate in giving a life-changing gift. As we teach the children about giving, they will soon learn that it really is more blessed to give than to receive! Have a wonderful Merry Christmas as you prepare to receive the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ!

--Preschool/Kindergarten Director
Cathy Towner