



# News

## Greetings:

We are so glad to have you, new families and returning families. I always believe that we attract just the right families, and this year it is certainly so. New Horizons families want to be part of their children's learning experience, to know their friends, to take part in their progress, to contribute their own ideas, and to share with all kinds of people.

## Thank you so much for being here. Next board meeting

It has been especially great that parents arriving to pick-up their children have been giving 5 minutes of their time to help with the after class clean-up. This really takes a load off of the teachers, and gives practical meaning to the idea of cooperative. We appreciate your help!

Our board meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30. The October meeting will be Oct. 14th at 5:30. There will be a special presentation at 6:00 by Bridge Center for Play Therapy, on How Children Learn Through Play. Please come and learn about this crucial topic. Childcare and food provided.



## Co-oping Tips

When it is your turn to volunteer in the classroom, please know that you are welcome! Remember any question is a good question. We enjoy getting to know parents and grandparents as well as children. Your job as a volunteer is to enjoy being with the children, and to help out the teachers wherever you are needed.

Our suggestion is that you get to the child's level. If you are working at a table with children, please sit down with them, and enjoy conversations. Observe what they are doing, and assist, if needed. If you are in the big room, sit on the floor with them, and facilitate block building, or train track construction, puzzles or games. Invite other children to join in with you and your child, and don't be afraid to invite children who don't speak your language.

Sometimes parents help prepare snack, but don't worry if that is not your thing. You may assist where children are working and playing instead. After storytime, when parents come to pick-up their children, you are responsible for helping to clean the space to get ready for the next class. Other parents will assist, and so will the teachers. Plan to stay an extra 10 minutes or so to help get things in order.

Please sign up every month on the posted calendar to fulfill your responsibility: **Please sign up on the posted calendar to fulfill your responsibility: Once a month for the Tues/Thurs class, once every three week period for the MWF, twice a month for the PM class.** If you have burdensome circumstances, please let us know, and we will help you to work it out.

## Fall Harvest Potluck Picnic!

New Horizons will host a Fall Harvest Potluck Picnic on Sunday, Oct 4th from 4-7pm. It will be a chance to get to know each other in our own backyard. Bring your instrument if you are a musician.

Also bring a dish to share — family recipes requested!

## Clean-up

If you missed our first clean-up, there are still plenty of ways for you to help. We need someone to:

- Fix the lock on the storage shed
- Check out the sprinklers for missing spots
- Deadhead the flowers
- Weed
- Sweep and rake
- Fluff up sand with rake, hoe or retailer
- Wash windows
- Wash woodwork
- Organize kitchen cupboards
- Clean inside - ask Isolde what needs to be done

Does anyone know how to lay carpet squares? We have the new carpet, but need a carpet layer!

## Family Literacy Program in Spanish

The first meeting of our Family Literacy Program, conducted in Spanish, will be on Oct. 19th from 4-5pm. Parents will learn how to enhance early literacy with effective reading strategies.

We invite all Spanish speaking families to come with all of their children for an interactive storytime, crafts, and snacks. Every family goes home with a new book for their library.

# Field Trips



We love the chance to give our children some outside experiences. In order to do this, we either take the city bus, or we ask parents to help us with the driving. We need at least three drivers for each trip. To be a driver, you must have a valid drivers license and insurance. Please look on the co-oping calendar in the classroom to sign up. Our fall dates are:

## Tuesday /Thursday class:

**Thursday, Oct. 1,** Growing Gardens by city bus

**Thursday, Oct. 22,** Red Wagon Farm, by car

## MWF am

**Wed. Sept. 30,** Growing Gardens, by bus

**Wed. Oct 7,** Hike at Sawhill Ponds, by car

**Wed, Oct. 21,** Red Wagon Farms, by car

**Wed, Oct 28,** Longmont Museum for the Day of the Dead Exhibit, by car

**Wed Nov. 4,** Turning the Wheel movement fun, at school

**Wed. Nov. 18,** Turning the Wheel movement fun, at school

## PM class

**Fri, Sept 18,** Growing Gardens by bus

**Fri Sept 25,** Growing Gardens by bus

**Fri, Oct 2,** Longmont Museum Robot exhibit by car

**Fri Oct. 9,** Sawhill Ponds hike, by car

**Fri Oct 23** Red Wagon Farms, by car

**Tues, Oct 27,** Longmont Museum for the Day of the Dead exhibit, by car

# Dates to Remember

**Sunday October 4** - Potluck Party at school

**October 14** - Board meeting with Learning through Play workshop

**October 19** - Family Literacy Program in Spanish  
**Nov. 7** - leaf raking day! rake up a bag or two, and take them with you!

**Nov 11** - No School Veteran's Day

**Nov 18** - Board Meeting with presentation on the benefits of bilingual education

**Nov. 23-27** - No School Thanksgiving Break

**Dec. 11, Friday** - Posada - Join the planning committee

**Dec. 19** - Jan 3 - No School Winter Break

**Jan. 4** - return to school

**Jan. 9** - All school Clean-up, each family contributes two hours

**Jan. 18** - No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Feb. 12-15** - No School presidents' Day Weekend'

**March 19-27** - No School Spring Break - Happy Equinox!

**April 3** - Dance Party Fundraiser - Help us plan our big event!

**May 21** - All School Clean-up - Each family contributes two hours

**May 26** - Last Day of School

**May 27** - Graduation and all school potluck party

## September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 <small>3rd Quarter</small>
6	7 <small>Labor Day</small>	8	9	10	11	12
13 <small>New Moon</small>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <small>1st Quarter</small>	22	23	24	25	26
27 <small>Full Moon</small>	28	29	30	1	2	3

## October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 <small>Full Moon</small>	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 <small>3rd Quarter</small>	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Potluck Party</b>						
11	12 <small>Columbus Day</small> <small>New Moon</small>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <small>1st Quarter</small>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <small>Full Moon</small>	28	29	30	31 <small>Halloween</small>

## November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <small>3rd Quarter</small>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <small>Veterans Day</small> <small>New Moon</small>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <small>1st Quarter</small>	20	21
22	23	24	25 <small>Full Moon</small>	26 <small>Thanksgiving Day</small>	27	28
29	30	1	2	3 <small>3rd Quarter</small>	4	5

**No School this week**-----

## December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3 <small>3rd Quarter</small>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <small>New Moon</small>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <small>1st Quarter</small>	19
20	21	22	23	24 <small>Christmas Eve</small>	25 <small>Christmas Day</small> <small>Full Moon</small>	26 <small>Day After Christmas Day</small>
27	28	29	30	31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>	1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2 <small>3rd Quarter</small>

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