

News Horizons

New Horizons Academy Monthly Newsletter

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February Cover Contest Winner: Penelope – Mrs. A's veiled chameleon received a name!

Calendar Days

2/15/16 –
CLOSED in
observance of
President's Day

February Birthdays

Students:

Kaeden S. – 2/1
Elisha R. – 2/2
Justin T. – 2/7
Kyler C. – 2/12
Gavin Z-C. – 2/26

Staff:

Ashley V. – 2/7
Melissa V.- 2/11
Ronda R. – 2/14



Fun February Jokes! by Sidney Munger

1. What did the elephant say to his girlfriend?
2. What did one light bulb say to the other?
3. What did one mitten say to the other mitten?

What's Happening at NHA?

Mr. B would like students to know that in the month of February there will be Valentine's Day activities that your teacher will give you additional information on. NHA has been preparing for Alternative Assessments, as well as, State Assessments. Mr. B has been busy giving tours to families interested in enrolling here at NHA. Everyone here at NHA is very excited to welcome the new BCBA, Mrs. Ashley.

We would like to remind you that we are still collecting bottle caps for the benches and any non-perishable food items for *Backpacks for Hope*.

-Sidney Munger

Welcoming our new BCBA Specialist!

What exactly is BCBA? BCBA stands for "Board Certified Behavior Analyst". A BCBA analyzes problem behaviors and works on determining why the behaviors occur. NHA's new BCBA staff member is Mrs. Ashley coming to us with 8 years of experience working in several clinics throughout the state, including Toledo and the Detroit Area.

Mrs. Ashley has many goals for the students here at NHA. She hopes to work with the students to decrease problem behaviors and increase independence. She is also going to be working on continuing to build on current skills to make the students live more meaningful lives.

- Sidney Munger and
Tony Schweinhagen

CE is making gains!

The students in Conductive Education have all been progressing fast. Students are starting to be more independent. The conductors would like the parents to know that summer camp is coming up and they are excited to see the progress because of the intensity of the program. This year summer camp is July 5 – 29 for additional information please contact Mrs. Val.

Molly, Jackson, and Andrew have all been walking independently. Kyler has been walking independently for a while now and is continuing to make progress. The goals Conductive Education focuses on are stretching and fine and gross motor skills. They are also working on speech and communication and self care like brushing teeth, getting dressed, and feeding themselves.

- Sidney Munger

February Classroom Feature: Mrs. A

Mrs. A is a teacher here at N.H.A. She has been teaching for six and a half years; four years as a sub, and two and a half years as a fulltime teacher. She originally came here to N.H.A as a substitute teacher but ended up staying here as a fulltime teacher because she felt a drive to help the kids.

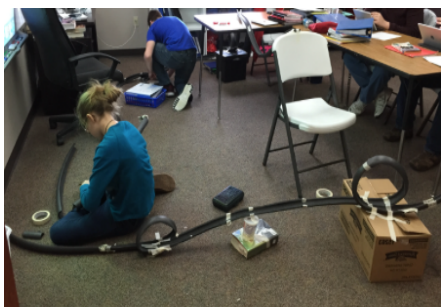
Some of the cool projects that Mrs. A's class is going to work on are: the 100th day project, Groundhog Day, and Valentine's Day. The star student in Mrs. A's classroom this month is Glen. Glen is a good student, very nice, and helpful.

Penelope is the new veiled chameleon in Mrs. A's room. Her species' natural habitat is southeastern Saudi Arabia and western Yemen. Here are some fun facts about veiled chameleons. They are omnivores meaning that they eat both plants and animals. Veiled chameleons are arboreal, meaning that they live on and around trees and large plants. Male veiled chameleons grow to be about 43 to 61 centimeters in length from snout to tail, females grow to be no more than 35 centimeters in length from snout to tail. Veiled chameleons are the most popular species of chameleon to be kept as a pet. Veiled chameleons have black spots when they are stressed or angry.

- Christopher Schaub

Quick Look: January by Tony Schweinhagen and James Price

The high school physical science students had a blast completing their rollercoaster projects!



Welcoming a new student!

Please stop by Mrs. Alycia's class and welcome the new student Jimmy. Jimmy's favorite color is red and he loves living at his grandma's house. While at home he enjoys watching "Tom and Jerry". His favorite thing to do at school is playing on the iPad. Jimmy said, "The new playground looks fun but it's too cold outside to play." In Mrs. Alycia's class Jimmy likes learning how to do math, especially addition.

Welcoming our student teacher!

Please stop and welcome Miss Kara in Mrs. Amy's classroom. Miss Kara is attending Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. She is living here in Wauseon while she completes her student teaching assignment. After graduation, she would like to be a Special Education Teacher. So far she is enjoying her time here at NHA stating, "I love being part of the mission of this school."