Welcome to the 2015-16 school year at Horace Mann! We’re happy to have about 345 students in Preschool through Grade 5 this year. As the principal, I am very interested to experience this school year with you and your children, and I can only imagine all the things we will learn and enjoy together...

As the end of August arrived, there was so much activity at our school. First, we welcomed in the new school year with Meet the Teacher Nights for Grades 1-5 as well as orientation for preschoolers, kindergarteners, new students, and their families. Kindergarten students and their parents also came in for screening during the first week of school. Teachers were delighted to meet their new students and parents as they shared plans for the upcoming school year. A big thank you to families who attended these events, and a warm welcome to families new to our school.

“Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.” This quotation by Lady Bird Johnson ties nicely into the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) initiative being implemented again this year at Horace Mann. At Meet the Teacher Night and on the first days of school, you should have received some basic information about PBIS (sometimes referred to as the Star Program) in our school. If you would like to learn more, please ask your child, contact me or your child’s teacher and/or check out a popular PBIS website: www.pbis.org. Also, please check out the menu of rewards students can “buy” with the star tickets they earn on page 6 of this newsletter.

We love it when families are present at school. Please try to join us for one or more of the events listed in this newsletter, as well as events throughout the year.
SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! It’s going to be an exciting year as we watch our three new elementary buildings rise to completion and the high school make great progress toward its new wings. Academically, we started off our school year with a professional development day that will help our staff provide the best instructional methods and education technology tools to your students.

The District has adopted a number of new goals for this school year with the top goal always being improved student achievement. Please take a moment to read these goals, which when accomplished will help continue us on our path to becoming one of the top 20 Districts in the state.

2015-2016 District Goals

I want to take a moment to thank our staff members who worked through the summer whether it be getting our schools ready for students, preparing our technology needs for our students and staff, teaching our students in summer school or keeping our administrative offices running. Your efforts help us tremendously in getting our school year off to a smooth start and our students prepared to learn on Day 1.

I look forward to working with students, parents and staff to produce another year of growth and learning.

Jeff Patterson
Superintendent

PTA & BOARD OF EDUCATION HOST ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join the Lakewood Council of PTAs and the Lakewood Board of Education members at the annual back-to-school Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 6:15-7 pm in the Garfield Middle School Gym. The Board members will be dishing out the scoops with plenty of sundae fixins’ as well. A great way to kick off the school year and a chance to get to know your elected Board members!

Lakewood Board of Education
Emma Petrie Barcelona, President
Tom Einhouse, Vice President
Linda Beebe
Edward Favre
Betsy Bergen Shaughnessy
I am looking forward to another GREAT year at Horace Mann Elementary. During a typical day in PE we begin with a brief 6-7 minute warm up of various locomotor activities. After this, we will begin skill development and/or game play. Students in grades K-2 focus on skill work and repetitions, while students in grades 3-5 work on incorporating those skills into game strategies/play. This quarter, we will learn and practice the various aspects involved with the sport of soccer. Skills required include; dribbling, trapping, passing, and the instep kick. At times we will learn how many of those skills transfer to other sports/games such as kicking a football off of a tee. Students will also be introduced to simple ways to obtain 60 minutes of exercise per day. My goals are to keep students moving, keep the learning environment simple, and allow students to have success at learning the fundamentals. I want students to find that practicing and playing is fun so they will want to participate more and more which, in turn, leads to an active and healthy lifestyle! Please feel free to access my website from the Horace Mann home page for more detailed information.

Sincerely,

Brad Karabaic
Lakewood City Schools, Physical Education
Visit my website!
**FORMS TO TURN IN** Please be sure to complete and return the forms provided by your child’s teacher. Make sure information is complete and accurate. If any information (phone number, etc.) changes during the school year, please let the school office know right away. If you believe your family might qualify, please complete and return the FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION.

**ASSIGNMENT BOOKS/FOLDERS** Boys and girls in fourth and fifth grade use an assignment book especially designed for Horace Mann students. It records daily/weekly assignments, and provides a convenient way for parents and teachers to communicate. The inside covers contain information about day to day procedures at Horace Mann. Students in kindergarten, first, second and third grade use a folder with information on the back cover.

**VISITORS TO SCHOOLS** Parents and guests are welcome at Horace Mann. According to school district policy, all visitors must report first to the Office. Upon signing in, visitors receive a Visitor (or Volunteer) badge. Our students expect that all adults wear a badge of some type. Classroom visits are scheduled in advance with the teacher or Dr. Waters. Thank you for observing this policy for the safety and comfort of all Horace Mann students.

**DONUTS WITH DAD** has been so popular we’re bursting at the seams! So, we’re having it twice! If your child’s last name begins with A-L, please join us Thursday, Sep 17, 8:15-8:45 am in the Cafetorium for donuts, coffee and juice with your child and their classmates. If your child’s last name begins with M-Z, join us on Friday, Sep 18, at 8:15am. You will receive a reminder! (We are using two dates to accommodate more people comfortably. Please feel free to join us on the date that works for your schedule.)

**FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR** Mrs. Chris Bringman is the Family Resource Coordinator at Horace Mann. Her role is to help support families and provide information on family/community resources in our area. Her phone number is 529-4716.

**HEALTH SERVICES** Please be sure to review important details about Health Services provided by the Lakewood City Schools. A separate document can be found under the newsletter portion of our Horace Mann website, provided by our school nurse Ms. Katy Corrigan. Included is information on upcoming screenings for our students and options for parents regarding those screenings.

**ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

For the SAFETY of ALL our students:

- Use a green card for your dashboard listing student name and grade.
- Drop off and pick up students ONLY in the parking lot line on Webb Road.
- Stay in the line of cars which moves along the curb. Do not park in the curb lane to walk your child into the building, as this stops the line of cars.
- When you pull up between the light poles (at the cones), your child(ren) will get in or out of your car.
- Please time arrival for 8:45 am, since there is no supervision before school.
- The West Clifton turnaround driveway is reserved for childcare and transportation for students with significant special needs.

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LUNCH Since it is so difficult for children to manage loose lunch money: PLEASE send lunch money in an envelope marked with your child’s name! Consider the convenience of pre-paying for lunches. Send in cash or check for several days and our cashier will keep track of lunches purchased. (Checks are payable to Lakewood Schools.)

Breakfast and Lunch Prices:

Breakfast: $1.50 *** Elementary lunch: $2.25 *** Milk: $.50

Students who qualify will still receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch. The reduced price breakfast will be $.30 and the reduced price lunch will be $.40. Applications for these federal programs are sent home with students or may be picked up in the school office.

LUNCH / RECESS SCHEDULE

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BREAKFAST is served at Horace Mann from 8:30-8:45 each morning in the Cafeterium. The cost is $1.50 (30¢ Reduced price).

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

- PROJECT WISDOM is a character education program that helps students make wiser choices. It is a collection of daily messages that are rich in history, culture, and literature, as well as classroom lessons and activities that inspire, teach and encourage reflection on topics such as integrity, respect, confidence, courage, and honesty.

  It is utilized in over 17,000 schools across the country (including Harding Middle School) and it promotes a caring learning environment. Horace Mann Elementary has adopted Project Wisdom as part of our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative. This is the second year for this program at our school, and we look forward to continuing success with it.

  Project Wisdom’s one minute announcements will be broadcast school wide each day. Ask your child what the message was today!

HORACE MANN SCHOOL RULES: Horace Mann students follow these rules school wide:

♦ Be Responsible
♦ Be Respectful
♦ Be Safe

We’ve gone green! Go to lakewoodcityschools.org and click on Schools, then Horace Mann, to find the monthly Lunch Menu and Newsletter, available the first of each month, as well as Teacher Websites and other information. Families without computer access may request paper copies.
We have the unique opportunity to have a therapy dog in our building a few times each week again this year. Stanley has passed his Therapy Dog Certification and will accompany first-grade teacher Mrs. Cramer to school on occasion. Stan is available to have kids read to him when students have earned stars for displaying Respectful, Responsible and Safe behavior. We're glad to have you back Stan!

**Student of the Month – Special Person Lunch**

Each month, as part of our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program here at Horace Mann, a Student of the Month is selected from each homeroom. The first Students of the Month for the 2015-16 school year will be chosen on September 30th.

Students names are read aloud on the Morning News and a certificate is posted for each one in the gym lobby to celebrate. This year we are adding a new privilege for our Students of the Month. Each child will be allowed to invite a special person to come to Horace Mann to each lunch with him/her during the following month. We hope this new tradition will be enjoyed by students and adults alike! Special persons may bring lunch to school for themselves and their student or purchase a hot lunch in our cafeteria. If you have any questions or thoughts about this new way to recognize our students’ behavior, please contact Dr. Merritt Waters at 216-529-4257 or merritt.waters@lakewoodcityschools.org.

**Horace Mann Elementary Stars Reward Menu**

- **5 STARS**
  - Horace Mann pencil
  - Visit Dr. Waters
  - Be recognized on the announcements
  - Hat Day

- **10 STARS**
  - Name and photo with friends on kiosk
  - 15 minutes reading time
  - 15 minutes use of iPad
  - 15 minutes of drawing

- **20 STARS**
  - Free snack from lunch room
  - 15 minutes hoops party in gym
  - 15 minutes of dance party in music room
  - Name on outdoor sign for 1 week
  - 5 minute guest reader
  - 15 minutes helper in a CHAMPS homeroom
  - 15 minutes helper for Dr. Waters

- **30 STARS**
  - Lunch with Dr. Waters
  - PJ Day (last day of month)
  - Whole class 15 minutes recess
  - 15 minutes to read to Stan in Mrs. Cramer’s room (student needs to bring a book)

- **40 STARS**
  - Subway with Dr. Waters
  - Horace Mann water bottle

- **50 STARS**
  - Horace Mann t-shirt