

# HORIZONS OF KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S

Close the gaps, open the future!



## A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER WITH "HORIZONS AT HOME"!

COVID-19 forced us to quickly reshape our traditional in-person summer program to a virtual program designed to provide support and flexibility to our students and families. Our dedicated staff worked hard to provide an assortment of enrichment and academic video lessons for our students to enjoy during a time most convenient for their schedule. Each student was provided their very own personalized learning toolkit to keep throughout the Horizons at Home program and the school year to support academic success. During our program, our students enjoyed reading adventures, hands-on STEM activities, math explorations, and virtual fieldtrips to interesting places. After 6 weeks of being virtually together, we could not be happier with the outcome of our summer. We are so proud of all our students have accomplished.

### Results by the Numbers

6 Weeks of Happiness  
25 Dedicated Staff Members  
100 Fabulous Students  
451 Engaging Videos  
2456 Views  
100% Families Responding to  
our Survey Want to Return  
100% Staff Responding to our  
Survey Want to Return

SUCCESS!!!!



## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS, "HOW TO" VIDEOS, AND SPIRIT CHECKS...

This summer we provided our students with video lessons they could watch at their own pace. This was especially helpful to our families who had busy work schedules and limited access to the Internet. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and some of our videos had more than 50 views on them! Our instructional videos were offered on four YouTube channels. In the Early Learning Channel, the content was focused on building a strong foundation for success with literacy and math skills. The Intermediate Channel offered creative ways for students to apply math, reading, and social studies skills into their daily lives. The Middle School Channel explored the world through lessons centered on science, mathematics, writing, and social studies. Our virtual field trips were also a big hit - we took students to the Grand Canyon, the Seattle Aquarium, the San Diego Zoo, and other unique places! Check out our Horizons at Home videos by visiting our website: <https://horizonskentqueenannes.org/summer-2020>

"Horizons has supported my son and I by continuing his learning over the summer so he doesn't forget everything he has learned at school as well as provide fun activities. My son's favorite thing is swimming! Before he started Horizons he didn't know how to swim, I couldn't teach him as I do not know how to swim. Through Horizons he built the confidence and desire to learn. He can now jump off the diving board! As an only child living in a single parent home who works full-time it also has helped him continue to socialize with other children. We LOVE Horizons!!"  
- Parent of a 3rd grader

## LEARNING TOOLKIT

Every student received a personalized learning toolkit to support them while they participated in the Horizons at Home program. Each tool kit contained the following items:

- Kindle Fire 7, case, and gift card
- School supplies
- Kiwi Kit
- Construction paper
- Crayola Moved by Math Kit
- Math manipulatives
- Horizons T-Shirt
- Case of water/apple juice
- *Stone Fox*- One School, One Book



"Horizons helped keep my daughter engaged in school activities and a daily routine. Although this year was very different for the kids, I'm forever grateful for the take-home box provided." ~ Parent of a 4th Grade Student

## ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK - STONE FOX

One of Horizons favorite traditions is the "One School, One Book" project that all of our students participate in, regardless of their grade level. This year we read *Stone Fox*, a book rooted in the theme of overcoming challenges. Our teachers and guest readers each prepared a chapter video for the book so that students could follow along. The readers modeled fluency, promoted text engagement, and supported reading comprehension. Our students also LOVED our teachers' creativity - the costumes and backgrounds truly grabbed everyone's attention!



"I really like the book *Stone Fox* and reading with the different teachers."  
 - 3rd grade student

## KIWI KITS AND HANDS-ON LEARNING



STEM instruction has always been an important piece of the Horizons curriculum, and this year allowed us to take a new approach to offering hands-on activities that immersed our students in science, technology, engineering, and math. We were able to provide our Pre-K through 2nd graders with a "Treasure Box" Kiwi Kit and our 3rd-8th graders with a "Arcade Catapult" Kiwi Kit. Our teachers made an assortment of videos that demonstrated how to build the kits and further discussed the engineering behind the activities. They walked the students step-by-step through the build process so that the children felt comfortable assembling the project themselves. Horizons prioritizes hands-on learning and real world applications, and we rely on STEM projects to accomplish this goal.

# L.T. WEEK AND "LET'S TALK"

*Celebrating LT Goodall's memory everyday with character lessons and citizenship activities*

Horizons is not just about academic success, but also about how to become a leader that people can look up to. Every week at Horizons, we focused on a different pillar of character. Our teachers encouraged students to practice caring, fairness, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, and citizenship throughout the program. They did an incredible job sharing examples of each pillar and ideas for how to exhibit these pillars during their "Let's Talk" lessons. We even dedicated one full week to celebrating good character called L.T. Week. This year, we encouraged our students to complete activities from the LT Week choice board. Our students worked hard this summer showcasing their leadership, citizenship, and scholarship skills, and we could not be prouder of them.



**Helping with dinner and demonstrating responsibility during LT Week.**

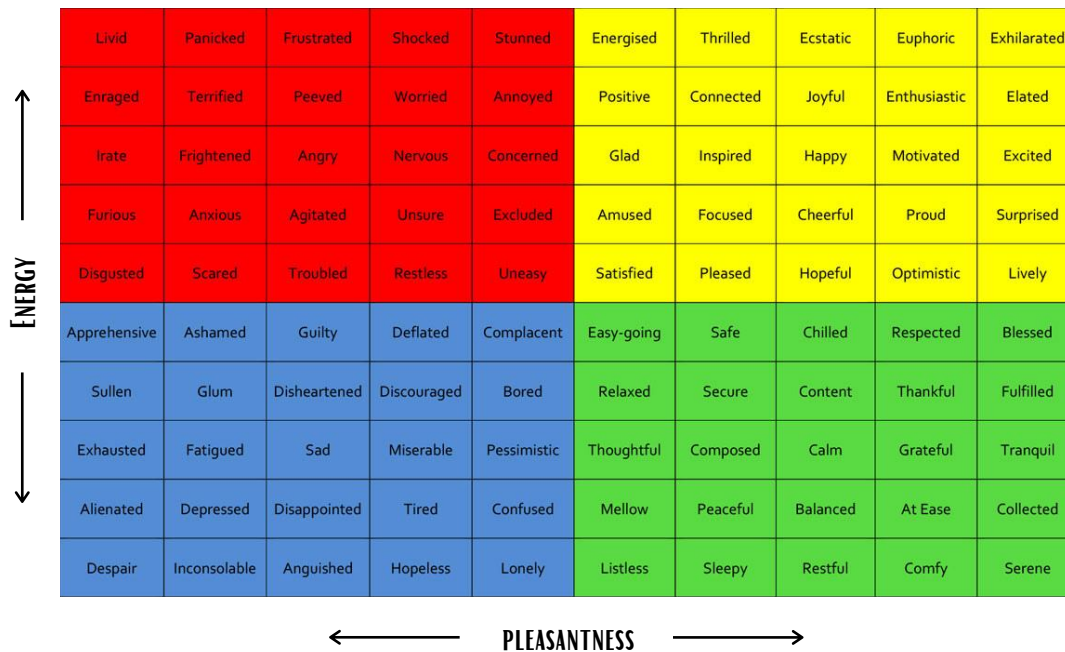
## L.T. WEEK choice board

CARING	FAIRNESS	RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	TRUSTWORTHINESS	CITIZENSHIP
Write a letter to an essential worker! Tell them how much you appreciate the hard work they are doing to keep us safe!	Make up a cheer or chant about being fair. Remember, fair does not always mean equal. It means what is good for each individual person.	Show compassion! Write a letter or draw a picture for a family member who does a lot for you. Let them know you appreciate it.	Clean up your room (or another area of the house) without being told! Then, take a picture of the great work you did!	Help keep your home clean by picking up after yourself all day! That means dishes, toys, even making your bed!	Clean up your street! Grab some gloves and an adult and pick up the trash along your street or neighborhood.
Dancing always cheers me up! Make up a dance and teach it to someone in your family or community. Use your Kindle to record your moves!	Write an acrostic poem about FAIRNESS. What things can you do to be fair?	Help a family member cook dinner! Adults do a lot for you. Show them that you want to help make things a little easier!	What are you good at? Teach me! Use your Kindle to record a tutorial of something you are good at! It could be sports, crafts, even games!	Buy a pack of seeds from the dollar store and plant them. Then, see if you can grow your plant! It takes a lot of love and patience!	Make a special treat for someone special in your community. Make sure you have an adult help you!
Make a vision board for the upcoming year. What types of goals would you like to accomplish? We need to care about ourselves, too!	Do you have any toys you don't play with anymore? Donate them to a local day care or business who helps people in need.	Interview an elderly family member or friend. Ask them questions about how quarantine has affected them. Then see how you can help!	Grab an adult and make a healthy treat that the whole family can share! Responsibility means keeping your body healthy, too!	How can you help out around the house? Make a schedule for the week with one thing to clean or pick up each day. Post it where you can see it!	Make a list of rules you should follow at home. Then, decorate your list and hang it where you can see it every day!

# RULER - SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

The Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence provided us with tools to teach our students to recognize, understand, label, express, and regulate their emotions. When an individual can interpret their emotions, they can make positive choices. At Horizons, we utilized a "mood meter" to help students identify their feelings and make intentional choices to problem-solve or self-reflect. Our Health Supervisor and Early Learning Specialist both provided lessons on managing emotions. Their lessons contributed immensely to the emotional health of our students who were facing challenges posed by the pandemic.

## MOOD METER



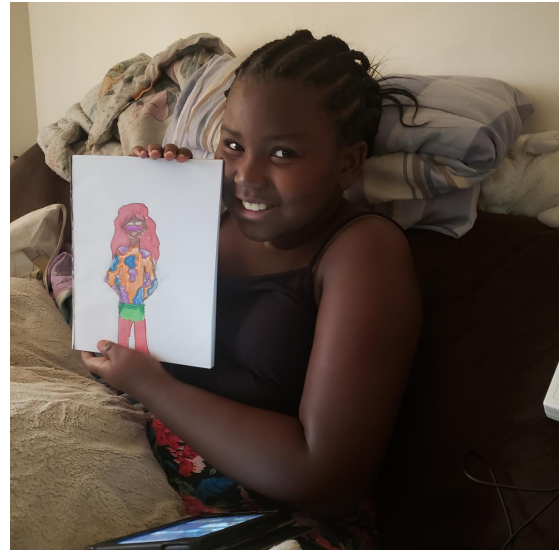
## EXTRA SUPPORT SPELLS SUCCESS



We were so grateful to have the addition of two Reading Specialists and an Early Learning Specialist this year to provide an extra layer of support for our students. Together, they offered an assortment of lessons focused on reading foundational skills including decoding, fluency, and comprehension. Reading is an essential skill to success. A confident reader can accomplish anything! Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated specialists, our students are well on the way to welcoming the new school year ready to master all of their learning goals.

# COMMUNICATION TO CULTIVATE COMMUNITY

The shift to distance learning posed varying challenges, but one aspect Horizons never let go of was the importance of community. In order to help our families feel connected, we continuously updated our website with new videos and information, sent postcards to the students, and rolled out a weekly virtual newsletter. This newsletter was especially valuable because it detailed updates from the teachers and staff members and further kept everyone up-to-date on challenges, health tips, and upcoming virtual events. By keeping our families informed, we kindled the Horizons spirit and helped to maintain our tightly-knit community, even amidst the virtual program.



"I appreciate that Horizons happened in spite of the pandemic and appreciate the opportunity to be part of it." - Early Learning Specialist

Check out the following examples we used this summer to tell our story!



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**YOU ARE AMAZING!!!!**  
Thank you so much for all that you have done to make Horizons at Home 2020 a success. Your many contributions have been valued and appreciated. I wish you the best of luck during the upcoming school year, and can't wait to see you next summer!  
With appreciation and warm regards,  
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## KEEPING OUR STUDENTS ENGAGED FROM PRE-K THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Our program spans from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade, but the journey does not end after middle school. Many of our high-school-aged alumni come back each summer and work as assistant teachers. This summer, our enrichment page was full of our assistant teachers' creative and exciting enrichment lessons, with videos for every kind of interest! These alumni are role models and leaders to our younger students, and we are so glad to have them on staff with us.



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL WITH HORIZONS

**We are so excited to announce the launching of our brand new school-year program. After receiving interest from our families, we knew this service would be both enriching and impactful for the students. The program will be for 1st-8th grade students and will focus on math, hands-on learning, and service projects.**

**We also are excited to announce that we are offering a new high school program for alumni of the Horizons summer program as well. The high school program will focus on leadership training, career planning, and engagement with our community.**

**Both programs will be led by teachers and staff members who are committed to education outside the typical classroom, offering a network of support to our students and families. We are incredibly excited to start the program this fall and will be sharing updates soon!**

## OUR "END OF SUMMER" VIRTUAL DANCE PARTY!

What a night to remember! To conclude our program this summer, Horizons hosted a virtual dance party with entertainer Dj J-Smoov! For two hours our students and families swayed to the music, competed in dance battles, and showed off their spirit cheers. Our staff were also spotlighted, giving everyone the recognition they deserved for a summer well-done. Everyone in attendance received a special Horizons sticker, and we garnered such positive feedback, we hope to host this event again later this year!



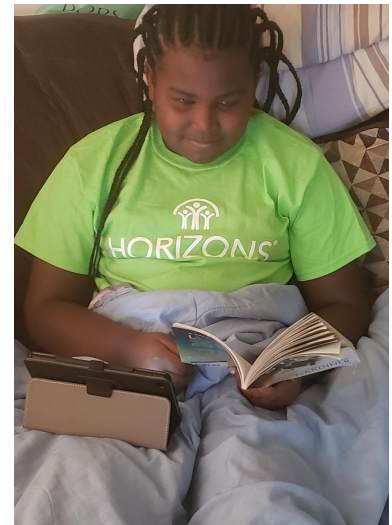
# THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SUMMER!

It is during challenging circumstances that communities come together to overcome obstacles.

For the past 25 years, the Horizons team has worked tirelessly to support our neighbors and community. This year especially, we have worked to ensure our students are still provided with academic and enrichment opportunities to decrease both the "summer slide" and the "COVID slide." We communicated with our families to see what program format would be best for them, and then designed a program to meet their needs. We provided learning toolkits, a wide assortment of video lessons, additional online resources, constant communication, celebrations of their children's achievements, and extra goodies and prizes that increased morale during tough times. Because we realize that our students need more support as the school year approaches, we are planning to launch a new Back to School With Horizons program. It will focus on the area of mathematics and offer monthly virtual lessons with ongoing instruction between sessions utilizing a specialized learning app. Our new school-year program will be a further commitment to building a strong community.

To all of our Horizons families, staff, supporters, and heroes, THANK YOU for making this summer possible. No matter the circumstances or challenges, Horizons remains strong and continues to positively impact the lives of children who are eager to work hard and realize their fullest potential. We are grateful for your dedication to the program and for your commitment to providing opportunities for our amazing students.

"I love Horizons and I'm so glad my kids are in this program. They are part of this big family! Since my son started it has changed our lives for good, he loves it and enjoys every summer there. My daughter started her first year and is so happy and loves to learn new things everyday. THANK YOU Horizons!" - Parent of a Kindergartener and 5th grader



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