Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for a new school year, I want to share with you some of the projects we have been working on this summer. I am pleased to announce that we will be offering tuition assistance, a referral program, and sibling discounts.

Thanks to the Knacktive Gold Stars student marketing team, we have a new logo and tagline. The Knacktive teams did a wonderful job promoting Horace Mann and we are appreciative of their hard work.

Horace Mann will be a pilot school for PROJECT LEAD THE WAY. This is very exciting for us and surrounding schools as we lead the way in STEM learning.

I look forward to working with you this year. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

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I am excited to announce that Horace Mann will be a pilot school for Project Lead the Way. PLTW Launch introduces young minds to the wonders of science, engineering, technology, and math. Building the foundation with engaging activities creates interest and builds confidence. Our teachers and students will learn and discover together. PLTW puts science, engineering, technology, and math activities in the hands of the students. PLTW Launch encourages students to become problem solvers, and think critically. Horace Mann is the only elementary school in Northwest Missouri to pilot this project. We will be working with the Regional Professional Development Center to implement PLTW.

Horace Mann offers:

- Nurturing, differentiated learning environment that provides opportunities for all students to develop to their full potential with master teachers, graduate assistants, and practicum students
- International classroom collaboration with a partner class from around the world
- Integrated events and activities with University departments, organizations, and clubs
- Family events throughout the year to foster a strong school community and have fun
- Physical education, music, and art classes are offered 90 minutes per week to foster the development of the whole child

Back to School Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the circle drive area. Plan to join us for food, drinks, prizes, bring school supplies, meet teachers, talk with other parents, and have a fun evening with friends.
Technology integration at Horace Mann means our third and fourth graders will be using 6,455 notebooks this year and our fifth and sixth graders will be using 840 notebooks. Each third-sixth grader will receive a notebook at the beginning of the year and it becomes their computer for the school year. We have SMART BOARDS in all classrooms, and iPads are used as well.

**SIBLING DISCOUNT:** 10 percent for each sibling after the first child

**REFERRAL PROGRAM:** Current parents will receive a 10 percent discount on tuition for the school year for the first child referred that attends Horace Mann. Full details of the referral program are available by contacting the school (660) 562-1233 or sseipel@nwmissouri.edu.

**PAC-Parent Advisory Council:**
As a Horace Mann parent, you are part of the Parent Advisory Council. We want your ideas and suggestions for activities, events, and parent involvement. Look for emails soon about ways to get involved.

Check out our new Horace Mann Logo: The shield design incorporates a rich history with current best practices to bring the best educational opportunity to our students.

The shield is separated into three parts that represent parents, students, and practicum students, with Horace Mann making up the fourth section.

Parents are an integral part of Horace Mann: Involving parents in daily activities, field trips, lessons, evening programs and activities, and communicating school events.

Horace Mann students receive a one of a kind education where students can learn at their own pace, are engaged in the learning process, and are encouraged to develop to their full potential.

Practicum students have a hands-on learning experience where best practices and current strategies are in place.

And Horace Mann brings it all together and links them to create a learning environment where “A Higher Education Begins Here.”

Did you know that Horace Mann Laboratory School was established in 1906 and is one of two laboratory schools in the state of Missouri? A laboratory school is a training ground for teachers and provides exceptional educational opportunities for elementary students and pre-service teachers. NWMSU has over 600 education majors that walk through the halls of Horace Mann each year. These students have the unique opportunity to participate in an onsite training facility. Our elementary students receive the benefits of best practices teaching strategies, individualized instruction, and integrated studies. Our teachers work with elementary students and University students and it is imperative that they continue their learning and foster learning for all ages.