

Harper Happenings
October 2nd – October 6th 2017

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What's Happening

Monday October 2

- Environmental Awareness Week begins
- Village Wide PTO Meeting, 12:15 – 1:15 pm, Steam Lab

Tuesday October 3

- Waste Free Lunch Day
- Mindfulness Program with Katie Kolbe

Wednesday October 4

- International Walk/Bike to School Day

Thursday October 5

- Taffy Apple sale, 3:15 pm
- Mindfulness Program with Katie Kolbe

Friday October 6

- Taffy Apple sale, 2:15 pm
- Friday dismissal, 2:15 pm
- Harper Spirit Day! Wear your Harper spirit wear.

Sunday October 8

- Harper Hoedown 11:30 pm-2:30 pm at Harper

Coming Up/Reminders

Friday October 13

- Get Buggy with Hi Touch/Hi Tech, 2nd grade

Sunday October 15

- Harper Hoedown Rain date

Monday October 16

- October Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick
- Botanic Gardens Field Trip, 3rd grade

Wednesday October 18

- Emily Oaks Nature Center Field Trip, Kindergarten

Thursday October 19

- Picture Retake Day

Monday October 23

- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons

Tuesday October 24

- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons

Wednesday October 25

- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons

Friday October 27

- Earth Balloon visits, 3rd grade

Friday November 3

- The Harper Parent Social 8 pm-11 pm at The Kenilworth Club

Dr. Kick's Corner

-A friendly reminder...the front office is open from 7:30 AM-3:45 PM.

-Thank you for your brick orders! Installation will occur in October. As soon as the project is complete, I'll let you know so you can view the bricks in our reading garden.

-What is WIN (What I Need) time? Grades 1st-4th have a 30 minute block of WIN time each day. This time is scaffolded so a variety of activities can take place. These can include academic interventions, extra practice, academic enrichment or extensions. New content is not taught during this time. To begin the school year, teachers have been completing community building activities, mindfulness practices, Second Step Bullying lessons, recess training, and pre-assessments/reading and math benchmarking.

-Our curriculum nights were great! Thank you for attending. If you have questions about curriculum, please refer here: http://www.wilmette39.org/for_students/curriculum_instruction

-Are there educational topics that you would like to receive information about to assist your learning? Please let me know!

Announcements

- **From the Health Office:** Please take a moment to check in with the Harper Health Office web page today and throughout the year for helpful information and updates! <http://harper.wilmette39.org/parents/nurse>
- **Environmental Awareness Week begins October 2.** Art activities reusing every day material will be held in the Harper Garden at each recess. Tuesday is "Waste Free Lunch Day" with reusable containers and students eating what they select. Wednesday is "International Walk/Bike to School Day. "Walking school buses" will be on Thornwood, Beechwood, Kenilworth and Elmwood beginning around 8:00 am on October 4. We hope your students can join these impromptu parades to school! Please see map of routes attached.
- **Harper's Artist in Residence program will focus on Mindfulness again this year.**

Our PTO is excited to have Katie Kolbe and Ramaa Krishnan from Full Bloomed Lotus guide our students on what it means to be mindful. Students will learn first-hand mental and physical activities to facilitate this life-long process. Mindful activities will be connected to our social/emotional learning curriculum (Second Step). This wonderful experience will begin October 3rd!

- **Did someone say Taffy Apples?** Support Ignite's programs with the purchase of a taffy apple at pick-up on Thursday, 10/5 and Friday, 10/6. Apples are \$1-2 each and supplies are limited! We also need your help--please contact Adriane at adrianemcknight@gmail.com if you can sell apples on Thursday 3:00-3:45 pm or Friday 2:00-2:45 pm. Thank you in advance!
- **The first enrichment activity for 2nd grade is coming up on 10/13!** Get Buggy with Hi Touch/Hi Tech. Second graders "discover the incredible world of bugs." Thanks to Harper PTO and Ignite!
- **Does your child have an October birthday?** Please remember to sign up for birthday books! More information is available on the [Harper PTO website](#).
- **Last day to get pre-sale ticket prices for the Hoedown!** Giddy-on up to our sales table after school or order your tickets [online](#) by 5PM to get discounted admission prices. Full-price tickets will be available at the door the day of the Hoedown: Sunday 10/8/17, 11:30AM–2:30PM at Harper. Get ready for family fun, including pony rides, carnival rides, music, games and prizes. Don't miss the event of the season!
- **Wanted: Deputies to help at the Hoedown.** We still need over 50 volunteers to keep the lines short and run all of the games the kids love. Our biggest vacancy is the middle shift (12:30–1:45) for Concessions and Games. Teen alumni are also encouraged to help. Please spread the word, or click [here](#) to sign up for a time slot or two. Check out this video to see why your help is so important.



- **Feeling lucky folks?** Then be sure to get your Hoedown Raffle Tickets for a chance to

win local prize bundles (examples below). Pick up your tickets at will-call and drop them into the bundle(s) you want to win (1 for \$10, 3 for \$20). Winners will be announced at the Hoedown at 2pm and need not be present. Lastly, if you have any donations for the prize tent, please bring those to the Harper lobby.

- **Get ready to upload Hoedown photos for the Yearbook.** If you haven't tried the ReplayIt app for uploading photos to the Yearbook, it's so easy. Attached is a guide on how to set it up. Download the app at replayit.com and give it a try (password is HarperRocks).
- **Yearbook is looking for a few more class photographers.** We've had a great response but still need volunteers for Mrs. Beien, Miss Brown and Ms. Nerenberg. Your classroom's editor will help coordinate efforts. Sharing the duties with others, you would capture some classroom moments and upload photos by Winter break. If this fun and flexible volunteer opportunity would work for you, please contact soniaesler@gmail.com for more details.
- **The October schedule is open for the Harper cafeteria!** Please consider volunteering from 11-12 pm, see your child and grab a lunch! Click [here](#) to volunteer!
- **BOX TOPS - an easy way to earn money for Harper!** Look for Box Tops on 100's of participating products - they come in all shapes and sizes and each one is worth 10¢ for the school. It's super easy - Buy, Clip, Send, Earn! There is a collection box located in the front lobby of school. For a complete list of participating products, go to www.boxtops4education.com or see the attachment below. Keep on clipping!
- **Ignite!! Have you had a chance to donate yet? It's not too late!** Your donations go right back to your kids in the form of field trips, guest speakers, crossing guards, etc. It's a fantastic way to allow your children to experience great things! Suggested donation is \$125.00 per child. Please go to the Harperpto.com website and donate today! This will allow us to start planning great events! Thank you to all that have donated thus far!
- **Join us for a rocking good time at The Harper Parent Social** from 8-11pm on Friday 11/3 at The Kenilworth Club. Live music by Van Houten, food and drinks are included. Buy tickets today by clicking [here](#).

All announcements to be included in the Harper Happenings should be sent to Adriane McKnight via the Communication Request Form a www.harperpto.com **by Mondays at 9 am**. If you do not receive an email response within 24hrs, please send an email to adrianemcknight@gmail.com to confirm your Communication Request Form was received.

For more school information, visit the Harper PTO website: www.harperpto.com

For additional D39 community events, visit:

http://wilmette39.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=3&Itemid=179