

Harper Happenings
October 16th – October 20th 2017
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What's Happening

Monday October 16

- Botanic Gardens Field Trip, 3rd grade

Tuesday October 17

- Mindfulness Program with Katie Kolbe

Wednesday October 18

- Emily Oaks Nature Center Field Trip, Kindergarten
- D39 PASS, 7 pm, McKenzie Elementary School
- FAN presents: Ta-Nehisi Coates, "We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy" 7 pm, Evanston Township High School Auditorium 1600 Dodge Ave.

Thursday October 19

- Picture Retake Day
- Mindfulness Program with Katie Kolbe

Friday October 20

- Friday dismissal, 2:15 pm
- Harper Spirit Day! Wear your Harper spirit wear!
- D39 Family Bingo Night, 6 pm, Masonic Lodge

Coming Up/Reminders

Monday October 23

- October Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick
- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons, 9 am – 5 pm
- Board of Ed Meeting, 7 pm, MEC

Tuesday October 24

- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons, 9 am – 7 pm
- FAN presents: "The Power of Moments: Why Certain Experiences Have Extraordinary Impact" by Chip Heath and Dan Heath, 7 pm, North Shore Country Day

Wednesday October 25

- Scholastic Book Fair, Harper Learning Commons, 9 am – 5 pm

Friday October 27

- Earth Balloon visits, 4th grade
- FAN presents: Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Ph.D. "Becoming Brilliant: The Science of How Children Learn." 9:30-11:00 AM, Church of the Holy Comforter, 222 Kenilworth Ave.

Saturday October 28

- Buy Chipotle in Skokie, 4-8 pm, Youth Connection of Wilmette

Monday October 30

- Kindergarten Halloween Celebration

Tuesday October 31

- Halloween Parade, 9 am
- Early Release Day, 11:55 am grades 1-4, 10:00 am AM-Kindergarten

Thursday November 2

- Mindfulness Program with Katie Kolbe

Friday November 3

- The Harper Parent Social 8 pm-11 pm at The Kenilworth Club
- FAN presents: "Forged in Crisis: The Power of Courageous Leadership in Turbulent Times" Nancy Koehn, Ph.D. 7 PM, New Trier High School-Northfield

Dr. Kick's Corner

-Parent/teacher fall conferences will be held on November 9th from 8:20 am-8:00 pm and November 10th from 8:20 am-3:00 pm. Ms. Hofschield will have additional conferences on November 8th from 8:20-3:40.

-The online conference sign-up system is scheduled to go "live" on Tuesday, October 24th. An email will be sent to you by D39 on Monday, October 23rd with specific sign up information.

-Conferences can NOT be scheduled outside of these dates/times. If needed, you can schedule a time during the conference time-frame and hold a phone conference.

-Pedal Power is a non-for-profit supported by previous Harper students!!! Pedal Power collects used bikes that are still in relatively good condition, inspects and does maintenance work on them, and then donates them to kids at Chicago Public Schools who have made honor role, rewarding them for getting good grades. They have collected hundreds of bikes, but it has all been with the help of generous families around the area. Pedal Power would greatly appreciate it if you could help us get the word out about the bike collection. It will be taking place on November 11th from 9 am-12pm. For more information, our website is "gopedalpower.com". There are 7 donation spots that can be found on this website, including McKenzie Elementary School in Wilmette, Green Bay Cycles in Winnetka, and others in Northbrook, Highland Park, Palatine, Glenview, and Evanston.

Announcements

- **Attention all 3rd grade families!** On Monday, October 16th your child will be taking a bus to the Chicago Botanic Garden and participating in their Pondering the Prairie program. They will explore the Garden's Dixon Prairie to learn about plant adaptations and ecosystem interactions. Please have your child dress for the weather as students will be outside and pack a sack lunch!! This event is made possible by your contributions to iGNITE!
- **Attention Kindergarten Families - Mark Your Calendars!** All Kindergarten classes will

be attending Emily Oaks Nature Center for their first field trip on Wednesday, October 18th. Please make sure your child is on time as the buses will depart from Harper shortly after arrival. Please have your child dressed in outdoor play clothes (pants, jacket, closed shoes etc.) and appropriately for the weather the day of the trip. This field trip was made possible by iGNITE!

- **Calling Harper School Parents! Thank you for your interest in helping with this year's Book Fair.** The Fair will take place from Monday October 23rd - Wednesday October 25th. Sign up for any 2 hour shift that works for your schedule. In the event you are unable to find a time that works for you, there will be an opportunity for you to come in to help during your child's class preview. We are looking forward to working with you, and raising funds to contribute to our amazing school. Many thanks, Michelle Baby, Sophie Candido, Laura Hirschtritt, Anne Stumpf, & Ali Wenzke. Volunteer for a time slot [here](http://www.harperpto.com). Questions? Contact bookfair@harperpto.com
- **Want to buy books, and support our school? Visit the Scholastic Book Fair at Harper!** Profits from the Book Fair go right back into our school! Last year we purchased Little Bit Synth Kits, standing desks, iPad charging boxes with locks, and a class set of Almanacs, in addition to many new books. The Book Fair runs from Monday, October 23rd - Wednesday, October 25th in the Learning Commons. It includes a wonderful selection of engaging books for every reading level. Pre-order Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway, with the attached flyer. If you cannot come in person, visit the online book fair from October 18th-27th at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/harperelementaryschool>
- **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](http://www.harperpto.com).
- **Book Character Pumpkin Contest!** Join in on Harper's First Learning Commons Book Character Pumpkin Contest. Decorate a pumpkin like your favorite book character! Pumpkins will be displayed in the Learning Commons from Thursday, Oct. 26 to Tuesday, Oct. 31 (NO CARVED PUMPKINS will be accepted). Students will vote for their favorite pumpkin on Halloween. Please see the attached flyer for more details.
- **The Yearbook Committee Wants Your Photos!** If you haven't tried the ReplayIt app for uploading photos to Yearbook, it's so easy. Below is a guide on how to set it up. Download the app and give it a try www.replayit.com (password is HarperRocks). Please contact soniaesler@gmail.com with questions.
- **iGNITE NEEDS YOU!! Calling all families that have not yet donated to iGNITE!** We are so close to hitting our goal which we desperately need so we can hire speakers and schedule field trips for your kids' enrichment!! We need 20 more kids (suggested \$125.00 donated per child) to hit this goal- we can do it! Click this link and mark it off your list! <http://harperpto.com/ignite-donation/> . Thank you so much!!
- **FAN presents: Ta-Nehisi Coates, "We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy"** on October 18th at 7 pm at Evanston Township High School Auditorium 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. For more information see the attached flyer or got to <http://www.familyactionnetwork.net>.

- **Come and enjoy a night of family fun at D39's Annual Family Bingo Night!** Multiple rounds, multiple winners, multiple prizes! The even is at Wilmette Masonic Lodge (1010 Central Avenue) on Friday, October 20th- Doors Open @6pm, Bingo starts @ 6.30pm. Bring the kids and make it a fun family night!! Parents- BYOB and food will be for sale!
- **Make dinner a selfless act and help support Youth Connection of Wilmette.** Come in to the Chipotle at 9408 Skokie Boulevard in Skokie on Saturday, October 28th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. Bring in this flyer (www.youthconnectionwilmette.org), show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Youth Connection of Wilmette, a non-profit District39 Partner serving Wilmette 5th-8th graders.

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 <mailto: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