

**Harper Happenings**  
**October 23rd – October 27th 2017**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
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## **What's Happening**

### **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**

- Bring in your raffle tickets for "All for Books" for the Scholastic Book Fair TODAY!
- 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, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### **Saturday October 28**

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

## **Coming Up/Reminders**

### **Monday October 30**

- Kindergarten Halloween Celebration
- Registration deadline for Harper Parent Social

### **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

### **Tuesday November 7**

- D39 Parent Event, Navigating Social Conflicts, 7-8:30 pm, Wilmette Junior High Auditorium, 620 Locust.

## Thursday November 9

- NO SCHOOL-Parent/Teacher Conferences

## Friday November 10

- NO SCHOOL-Parent/Teacher Conferences

## Dr. Kick's Corner

-75th Bricks: I am so excited to share that the 75th commemorative bricks will be installed in the reading garden beginning on November 2nd!

-Office hours: Please note that the Harper office hours are from 7:30-3:45 each day.

-Dog clarification: The sidewalk in front of Harper is a part of the school ground. Dogs cannot be on the sidewalk in front of the school. Thank you for keeping our students safe!

-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.

## Announcements

- **HARPER PARENT SOCIAL is Friday, 11/3 from 8-11pm. Join us for HARPER'S BEST PARTY OF THE YEAR!** VanHouten Band will be performing live, singing party favorites from the 60's until today. A great night of LIVE music, socializing AND a fully stocked bar is waiting. Food and drinks are included in the \$40 per person ticket price! Purchase tickets <http://harperpto.com/parent-social> or drop a check in Parent Social folder located in the school lobby. Registration deadline 10/30/17 so PURCHASE TODAY!
- **Have any loose change or a few dollars?** Don't forget to have your kids turn in their "All for Books" raffle ticket and money by **Tuesday, October 24th in the morning** in order to be entered in the raffle to win \$10 gift certificate to use at the Book Fair. 100% of your donation goes to new books for the Harper Learning Commons.
- **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: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48ada929a57-harper> Questions? Contact

[bookfair@harperpto.com](mailto: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>.
- **Attention 4th grade parents!** Earth Balloon is coming to Harper on Friday, 10/27 from 9 am-12 pm. This unique program allows us to enrich the classroom curriculum in earth science, geography, and environmental studies. Students will experience one of the largest, most unique and most accurate globes in the world! The Earth Balloon is a 20 foot in diameter inflatable model of the earth. Each class will be able to enter this portable classroom through a zipper in the Pacific Ocean! It is made of satellite photographs taken high above the earth. The children will see mountains, rivers, deserts, rain forests, islands and oceans plus get a unique view of places very different from where we live. Another program made possible by your generous donations to iGNITE!
- **The Green Corner: Did You Know? Plastic bags can be recycled, can't they?** Yes, they can, but **NOT** in Wilmette's curbside pick ups! **ALL** plastic bags - even those with the appropriate recycling symbols - need to be recycled via the grocery store or another outlet. Plastic bags of any kind (even the inflated packing bags in Amazon deliveries) can ruin entire loads of Wilmette recycling! Plus, plastic bags frequently get caught in the machinery and have been known to shut down an entire facility until it is repaired. Any recycling or other "green" questions? Please email [Environmental@harperpto.com](mailto:Environmental@harperpto.com).
- **Not sure what you'll do with all the extra Halloween candy??** Be sweet and share it with others! Harper will be collecting extra Halloween candy and delivering it to Connections for the Homeless. It is used to motivate and reward clients participating in social services programs. Boxes will be in the school lobby through Tuesday, November 7th.
- **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](http://www.replayit.com) (password is HarperRocks). Please contact [soniaesler@gmail.com](mailto: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!!

- **Join FAN on 10/24 at 7 pm for "The Power of Moments: Why Certain Experiences Have Extraordinary Impact"** by Chip Heath and Dan Heath at North Shore Country Day School Auditorium, 310 Green Bay Rd., Winnetka.
- **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://wilmette39.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=3&Itemid=179)