



Harper Happenings



Feb. 6-10, 2017

Volunteer for Harper School Cafeteria, Library, or Garden

Lunch Menu

What's Happening

Saturday February 4

- D39 Educational Foundation Trivia Night, 7pm, Masonic Lodge.

Monday February 6

- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:30pm.

Wednesday February 8

- Report cards emailed to parents.
- 3rd grade Fairy Tale Day with visits from Rives Collins and Liesl Shurtliff

Thursday February 9th

- FAN presentation "Parents as First Teachers: How to Cultivate the Whole Child", 7:00pm, 515 Hibbard Rd. Winnetka.

Coming Up / Reminders

Monday February 13

- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:30pm.

Tuesday February 14

- Valentine's Day Parties.

Thursday February 16

- Second Grade concert, 9:30am, Harper Auditorium.

Monday February 20

- No school, President's Day.

Thursday February 23

- D39 PASS Meeting, 7pm, MEC.

Friday February 24

- Deadline to return Box Tops Collection sheets.

Monday February 27

- February Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick.
- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:30pm.
- Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00pm, MEC.

Tuesday February 28

- 4th grade visit to the Shedd Aquarium.

Monday March 6

- Teacher Appreciation Week begins.
- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:30pm.

Wednesday March 15

- PTO General Meeting, 9:00am.
- Harper Open House, 6:30pm.

March 27-31

- No school, Spring Break.

Dr. Kick's Corner

-As you know, we have really been focusing on "positive" school attendance and the negative impact that K-4 tardies and absences have on overall achievement and difficulty in later grades (socially, emotionally and academically). What can you do?

-Take family vacations during days off of school

-Get your child to school on time

-Create incentives and/or consequences if your child has difficulty coming to school

-Contact your child's teacher if you are experiencing difficulty getting your child to school

-If more assistance is needed, your child's teacher can connect you with our school psychologist or nurse

-Kindergarten registration occurred last week! At this time, we have 64 kindergarten students which equates to two AM sections and one PM section. If you have a kindergarten aged child and have not registered them, please stop into the school office!

Announcements

- **Interested in joining the PTO Exec or General Board?** We'd love to have you! The PTO Nominating Committee is currently searching for candidates to fill open positions for the 2017-18 school year. The committee will be meeting in February and the slate of candidates will be voted on at the March PTO meeting. If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please contact one of the committee members -

Sophie Candido (sophiecandido@gmail.com), Brooke Conkey (abconkey@comcast.net), Katharine Dunn (katharinedunn@hotmail.com), Mandy Gibbons (mandygibbons1@gmail.com), Amanda Jacobson (jacobsonamandaeve@gmail.com), Susan Landwer (susanlandwer@yahoo.com), Ali Pearson (alipearson5@yahoo.com), Sissy Polacek (polacek4@sbcglobal.net), Megan Roberts (mcnally.megan@gmail.com) or Beth Stark (stark.elizabeth@gmail.com).

- **Calling all Harper Alumni!** If you are a parent who attended Harper as a student, please email Ali Pearson at alipearson5@yahoo.com. We are updating the Harper family alumni list. Thank you!
- **Attention parents of 2nd graders!** Each 2nd grade classroom will participate in 3 sessions with Harper School's favorite presenter Juliette Zielke regarding sound (2 sessions) and light (1 session) to enhance their curriculum. The sessions will take place on Wednesdays (Ms. Divis), Thursdays (Ms. Fowler) and Fridays (Ms. Peterson and Ms. Moore) during the weeks of January 23rd, January 30th and February 6th. This event was made possible due to your contributions to iGNITE!
- **The second graders are preparing to present their music show "The Lost Sheep" on February 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Harper Auditorium.** If you know your child will not be present on February 15th or 16th, please let Mrs. Lambros know as soon as possible.
- **Does your child have a February birthday?** Please remember to sign up for birthday books! More information is available on the [Harper PTO website](#).
- **Fourth Graders will visit the Shedd Aquarium on Tuesday February 28th, leaving Harper at 9am.** While there, they will participate in a learning program called Science Investigators, where they will observe and investigate animals in the Wild Reef Exhibit. They will also have time to explore the Aquarium, and watch the Aquatic Show. This program is made possible by your generous contributions to iGNITE!
- **Attention Moms of 3rd and 4th grade girls!** We need parent leadership for our Girls on the Run event for this May. If your daughter is in 3rd or 4th grade and has an interest in training with friends, building confidence through an amazing program and running in a super fun race then we need your help in continuing Harper's Girls on the Run program. Training should begin in March, two days per week and a race in May (date TBD). Please let me know if you have an interest in making this amazing program a reality for our Harper girls. We need more than one to volunteer so ask your friends to join you. If we do not have volunteers, then there will be no GOTR for the girls. Email Sissy Polacek if you have any questions or interest.
- **Open Gym Night at Harper has begun every Monday evening school is in session up until Spring Break!** This Harper tradition is brought to you by iGNITE! and supervised by a district staff member however, parents are required to stay with their children for the duration of the evening. Please bring a change of shoes to protect our gym floor and keep it clean. Thank you!
- **Highcrest Nominating Committee is in need of two Harper 4th grade parents.** If you are interested, please contact Brooke Conkey (abconkey@comcast.net).
- **The Wes Moore event scheduled for Feb. 7, 2017 at Evanston Township High School has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.** FAN apologizes for any inconvenience and thanks you for your understanding and support of FAN programming. The event will not be rescheduled.
- **Do you have preschoolers and/or a kindergartener?** This free FAN presentation is for you: "Parents as First Teachers: How to Cultivate the Whole Child" Panelists include nationally renowned early childhood experts and educators. Thurs, Feb 9th 7:00pm at Carleton Washburne School's Little Theater 515 Hibbard Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093 More information on panelists and events at www.familyactionnetwork.net
- **Contribute to the 2017 Harper Yearbook!** We want your photos from Halloween, 1st day of school, field trips, etc. Download the Jostens ReplayIt app today www.replayit.com (Password is HarperRocks) or email your photos directly to laurahirschtritt@hotmail.com or soniaesler@gmail.com

All announcements to be included in the HarperHappenings should be sent to Yvonne Kelly via the Communication Request Form at www.harperpto.com by **Mondays at 9 AM**.

For more community news, visit see News>CommunityEvents on the [D39 web site](#).

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

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