



# Harper Happenings



Jan. 30- Feb. 3, 2017

**Volunteer for Harper School Cafeteria, Library, or Garden**

## **Lunch Menu**

### **What's Happening**

#### **Monday January 30**

- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:00pm.

#### **Friday February 3**

- 1st grade classes experience The Giant Map.

### **Coming Up / Reminders**

#### **Saturday February 4**

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

#### **Monday February 6**

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

#### **Tuesday February 7**

- FAN presentation "An Evening with Wes Moore", 7:00pm, Evanston Township High School.

#### **Wednesday February 8**

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

#### **Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

### Monday February 13

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

### Thursday February 16

- Second Grade concert.

### 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

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

### Tuesday February 28

- 4th grade visit to the Shedd Aquarium.

## Dr. Kick's Corner

-Spread the word: The Wilmette Visual Art Department has created an Instagram account! Follow **D39Art** to catch glimpses of what Harper students are making and learning about in art class, along with images from our other elementary schools, Highcrest, and the Jr. High.

-Save the date! May 24th at 6:30 will be Harper's 75th Birthday Party!!!

-Students are learning to be "mindful"! Harper's Artist in Residence program, "Mindfulness" began last week. Students are learning how to incorporate "mindful minutes" into their day. They are also learning how to breathe and focus their breath to promote more positivity, calmness, relaxation, attention, etc.

## Announcements

- **A message of thanks from Sheila Quinn, HOW Inc.:** Thank you so much for the generous donation of pajamas for our HOW Youth! We distributed them to the participants in our Youth Program (pictures attached) as well, when case managers have home visits, they are taking pajamas to the families that need them. Most of our youth do sleep in their clothes to stay warm at night, so comfy pajamas are truly a wonderful gift! More than half of the donation has already been given out!
- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!
- **Attention 1<sup>st</sup> Grade parents!** On February 3rd, the First Grade classes will get a chance to experience The Giant Map. Students will become part of the physical geography of the United States as they step onto the colorful 11'x14' base floor map. Students will learn how to "unlock" a map key, locate neighboring states and countries, recognize weather patterns, and identify the mountainous regions as well as the Central and Great Plains. This great program is brought to you by iGNITE!
- **Attention 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parents!** From January 12<sup>th</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade classes will participate in a yoga/mindfulness program led by Lisa Weber E-RYT with Northwestern University Athletics and Heaven and Earth Yoga in Evanston. Lisa will hold a 30-minute session for each class every other Thursday for a total of seven sessions. The program will teach the students techniques to help them calm their minds, and it will build upon the growing research showing the health benefits of a mindfulness practice. The 1st grade teachers are also working on incorporating aspects of yoga/mindfulness into the classroom that they learned in three teacher training sessions held in the Fall. This combo teacher training /yoga instruction enrichment program is brought to you by iGNITE!
- **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](mailto:abconkey@comcast.net)).
- **Smile while shopping and help Harper School!** A % of your Amazon purchases will go back to Harper School by simply using Amazon Smile at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Be sure to select "Harper Parent Teacher Organization –Wilmette, IL" as your supporting organization and .5% of all your purchases goes back to the PTO. This is a great easy way to shop and benefit our school!
- **FAN invites you to "An Evening with Wes Moore"** Wes Moore Author, The Other Wes Moore and The Work, Founder and CEO, BridgeEdU. Tues, Feb 7, 7:00 PM Evanston Township High School Auditorium 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201 Free and open to the public. The event will NOT be videotaped. Suitable for ages 10+
- **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](http://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](http://www.replayit.com) (Password is HarperRocks) or email your photos directly to [laurahirschtritt@hotmail.com](mailto:laurahirschtritt@hotmail.com) or [soniaesler@gmail.com](mailto:soniaesler@gmail.com)

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All announcements to be included in the HarperHappenings should be sent to Yvonne Kelly via the Communication Request Form at [www.harperpto.com](http://www.harperpto.com) by **Mondays at 9 AM**.

For more community news, visit see News>CommunityEvents on the [D39 web site](http://www.d39.org).

For more school information, visit the Harper PTO website: [www.harperpto.com](http://www.harperpto.com)

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