



Harper Happenings



March 6-10, 2017

Volunteer for Harper School Cafeteria, Library, or Garden

Lunch Menu

What's Happening

Monday March 6

- Teacher Appreciation Week begins. All week you can donate pods for the k-cup in the teacher's lounge.
- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:30pm.

Tuesday March 7

- Teacher Appreciation Week- Flower Day, each child brings three flowers for the teacher/staff bouquets.

Wednesday March 8

- Teacher Appreciation Week- Please have your child return the 'My Teacher Rocks' form (unless your classroom has requested an earlier date).
- Harper Chorus Choral Fest, 7:00pm, Regina Dominican High School.

Friday March 10

- Teacher Appreciation Week- Each teacher will be receiving a special book made from your children's "My Teacher Rocks" creations.
- Harper Spirit Day! Bring a Stuffed Animal to School to show your school spirit!
- Last day to donate items to the Harper Toiletry Drive.

Coming Up / Reminders

Tuesday March 14

- Registration opens for Garden Club.

Wednesday March 15

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

Monday March 20

- Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00pm, MEC.

March 27-31

- No school, Spring Break.

Thursday April 13

- 4th Grade concert, 9:15am.

Friday April 14

- No school- Good Friday.

Wednesday April 19

- Kindergarten Orientation 6:30pm.

Thursday April 20

- Early release day- Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:15pm dismissal.

Friday April 21

- No school- Parent Teacher Conferences.

Dr. Kick's Corner

-OPEN HOUSE!!! Wednesday, March 15th 6:30 PM. Come with your child(ren) and visit their classroom and specials! This is a great opportunity for you to see your child's work and their school environment!

-Green Team update: Our 3rd/4th grade Green Team has had so many great ideas! They have hung laminated posters in the hallways with "green" tips. They have hung "don't forget to shut off the lights" signs near most light switches at Harper. They will continue to make more signs! They have created a visual display board that will be a part of a local go green event, "Going Green Matters"-Michigan Shores, March 12th, 12:00-4:00. Our interested 1st and 2nd graders will begin Green Team meetings beginning on March 10th! We are looking into guest speakers, writing grants and more!

-Jessie Kerber, 4th grade teacher, had a healthy baby boy on 2/24! Kaitlin West is Jessie's maternity substitute and will be with us until the very end of the school year.

-Last call! Placement letters need to be submitted before spring break! Please see the attached letter for guidelines on submitting a letter.

- Please see attached flyer about parent meetings about 2017-18 proposed school start/end times.

- On Monday, we begin PARCC testing. Our third and fourth grade students will complete the math portion of the test March 6th - March 9th, and they will complete the English language arts portion March 13th - March 15th. Each day our students will finish one unit of testing, which have a duration of 60 - 90 minutes depending on the test. As a district, we recognize standardized testing is only one measure of our students' academic growth, so like any other assessment, we simply ask our students to try their best and give their best effort. In order to help ensure our students are ready to give their best effort, a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast is advised.

- Parents, we need your help! District 39's Community Review Committee (CRC) is currently researching the topic of school climate. Please take five minutes to complete a survey inquiring about your child's experience in

our schools and your views on the school climate within our district. Thank you!

Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QR9F6ZZ>

Announcements

- **Teacher Appreciation Week is March 6th-10th!** Look for an email from your room parent with specific requests. Tuesday, March 7th is Flower Day – each child brings three flowers for teacher/staff bouquets. On Friday, March 10th each teacher will be receiving a special book. Please have your child fill out the "my teacher rocks" form (attachment below) by Wednesday, March 8th. All week you can donate pods for the k-cup in the teacher's lounge.
- **Harper Chorus will take part in Choral Fest**, a joining of voices from Harper and other District 39 schools, on Wednesday March 8th at 7:00pm at Regina Dominican High School.
- **March 10 is a Harper Spirit Day!** Bring a Stuffed Animal to School to show your school spirit!
- **Harper's Toiletry Drive** - Please bring in any donations of travel sized shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes by March 10th. They are in particular need of deodorant this year. All items will be donated to Connections for the Homeless in Evanston, where they will be used in their drop off facility. These items will give homeless individuals an opportunity to shower and get cleaned up for jobs and/or interviews. Thank you in advance for your participation!
- **Spring is around the corner and so is Spring Garden Club!** Spring Garden Club will meet from 3:15-4:30 beginning Monday, April 8th and will run 7 weeks until Monday, May 22nd. The cost of the club is \$70. Registration will open on Tuesday, March 14th and is open to the first 12 students. See the Harper PTO website at harperpto.com for registration link or email garden@harperpto.com if you have any questions.
- **The 2017-18 PTO Executive and General Board slate is now posted on our Harper website and will be voted for approval at our General PTO Meeting March 15th 9:00 am.** Board openings still remain for Chorus assistant, Hospitality co-chair, Ways & Means/Spiritwear co-chair, Yearbook co-chair and Yearbook assistant. If interested, contact Nominating Committee Chair Susan Landwer (susanlandwer@yahoo.com).
- **Does your child have a March birthday?** Please remember to sign up for birthday books! More information is available on the [Harper PTO website](#).
- **Please donate your used Harper Chorus polo shirts!** We now have a collection box in the main office area where you can return your old chorus shirts so that they may be reused by future Harper Chorus students.
- **The Girls on the Run Program will be coming to Harper in the 2017-2018 school year- possibly as early as the Fall!** Look for the information in late summer through the Harper Happenings. We will need parent volunteers for after school training. Stay tuned future 3rd and 4th grade girls!
- **Open Gym Night at Harper is 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!
- **Don't forget to purchase your 2017 Harper Yearbook!** Last day for personalization (which all the kids love) is Feb. 25. Guarantee your child gets a yearbook. Last year we sold out! You can purchase yearbooks at jostens.com. If you can't remember whether or not you purchased one already, please contact Laura Hirschtritt at laurahirschtritt@hotmail.com or Sonia Esler at 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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