

**Harper Happenings**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
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## **What's Happening**

### **Monday April 10**

- Harper Garden Club begins.

### **Wednesday April 12**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade meeting for Outdoor Ed., 7pm, Harper Auditorium.

### **Thursday April 13**

- 4th Grade concert, 9:30am, Harper Auditorium.
- The Clay Lady visits Kindergarten.

### **Friday April 14**

- No school- Good Friday.

## **Coming Up/Reminders**

### **Monday April 17**

- April Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick.

### **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.
- School Kits ordering begins.

### **Monday April 24**

- Deadline to order Harper 75th Anniversary T-shirts.

### **Wednesday April 26**

- Fourth Grade Highcrest Transition Meeting/Parent Panel, Harper auditorium, 9am.

### **Thursday April 27**

- SWANCC to visit Kindergarten.
- District 39 Educational Foundation 10 Every Day Heroes event, 6-8pm, Kenilworth Club.

### **Thursday May 4**

- Harper Spring Chorus Concert, 6:30pm.
- Fourth Grade parents Highcrest transition meeting, Highcrest, 7pm.

### **Wednesday May 10**

- Harper PTO General Meeting and Spring Luncheon, 9:15am.

### **Wednesday May 17**

- Harper Outdoor Ed.

### **Wednesday May 24**

- Harper 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, 6:30pm.

## **Dr. Kick's Corner**

Everyone is SO busy! Here are some tips to keep your child(ren) organized and prepared.

- Post a paper/whiteboard calendar
- note the due dates of upcoming assignments/projects
- establish set homework times/location
- estimate the amount of time needed
- keep needed materials in a central location
- indicate daily/weekly activities
- note special events, such as Fancy Friday, etc.
- Get organized the night before each school day
- have your child lay out their clothes for the next day
- have your child organize their backpack for the next day
- set out the basics for lunch packing
- Introduce checklists to your child
- Expect your child to complete household chores

## **Announcements**

- **Attention parents of second graders!** On Friday, April 7th, all second grade classrooms will attend a performance of Charlotte's Web at the North Shore Center of Performing Arts in Skokie. The performance is at 10 am and children will be back by lunch. This enrichment event was made possible thanks to your contributions to iGNITE!
- **Calling all handymen and handywomen!** The Harper Garden arbor and fence is in need of repair and we would love to enlist the "handy" talents of our community to do the job. There is an opportunity for reimbursement of material costs. If you are interested in this project, please contact Beth Karnes at garden@harperpto.com.
- **Do you love gardening? Do you love planning fun activities, like arts & crafts or games for kids? Do you like to visit with your child during the school day?** Volunteering for lunch recess in the garden is a fun way you can enjoy one or all three of these things! No gardening experience necessary and younger siblings are

welcome. Volunteering for lunch recess in the garden will be open on Monday, April 3rd. You can sign up on the Harper PTO website or via the signup genius link [Harper Garden Lunch Recess Volunteers](#). Please contact Beth Karnes at [garden@harperpto.com](mailto:garden@harperpto.com) if you have any questions.

- **Attention Kindergarten parents! The "Clay Lady" is coming!** Wilmette artist and Harper Mom, Jenifer Thoem, will be visiting Ms. Hofschield's and Ms. Levine's classes on April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> to teach a curriculum enrichment clay project. This hands-on workshop will allow students to experience the ceramic process from start to finish. Students will learn about hand building & glazing techniques and create a masterpiece that will be cherished forever! This event is made possible by your contributions to iGNITE!
- **Thank you to all who contributed to the last Box Top collection contest!** We raised about \$350 for the school with this submission! **\*\*Will Griffin\*\*** Congratulations - you are the winner of our Box Top contest with over 300 Box Tops submitted! You have won Bonus Fun Fair tickets. Way to go! Lastly, please continue to clip and collect! Keep in mind when cutting the Box Top, there is an expiration date that must be visible and not expired. Thank you again for your support.
- **School Kit Ordering starts Friday, April 21st.** Don't spend your summer running around trying to find school supplies at the last minute - pre-order your child's kit and the supplies will be waiting for him/her on the first day of school! Ordering information will be sent home in your child's backpack. Ordering runs from April 21st to May 12. Questions? Contact Sara O'Hare at [oharefamily4@gmail.com](mailto:oharefamily4@gmail.com).
- **Attention 4th grade parents!** The Highcrest online school supplies sale will run 4/19-5/12, so mark your calendars and don't miss out on purchasing a school kit for your incoming 5th grader. Detailed information including pricing, list of supplies and an order code will be sent out in early April. Questions? Contact [schoolkits@highcrestpto.org](mailto:schoolkits@highcrestpto.org).
- **Attention Kindergarten parents!** On Thursday April 27th, The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will present a 30-minute early childhood educational program called Taking Care of Our Earth, to our Kindergarten students. Concepts include the environmental R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, as well as respect for our environment. This event is made possible by your contributions to iGNITE!
- **What's your favorite memory of Harper?** The first day of school, Outdoor Ed, a favorite meal in the cafeteria? It's been 75 years of educational fun and we'd like to know what some of your favorite memories during your time at Harper School. Go to <http://harperpto.com/harper-school-75th-birthday-guest-book/>
- **Do you have a current student at Harper? Are you a Harper Alumni? Need a fun gift for a former Harper staff member?** Harper 75th Anniversary T-shirts are now available to order. Only \$10 each, youth and adult sizes are available. Go to <http://harperpto.com/harper-school-75th-birthday-tshirt/>. Orders must be received by April 24th. T-shirts will be delivered at the May 24th event. A fun way to remember this historic Harper anniversary.
- **Commemorative, engraved bricks are here!** Many of you have been asking about

these for years! The bricks will be beautifully placed in the reading garden located in the back of the school by the reading benches and playground. Help celebrate Harper's 75th Birthday and honor your family, child(ren) or past/present staff member! To order a brick go to <http://harperpto.com/harper-turns-75/> **ORDERS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 26th!**

- **The District 39 Educational Foundation will be honoring 10 Every Day Heroes on Thursday, April 27 from 6-8pm at the Kenilworth Club.** These D39 staff members will be recognized for touching the lives of many and having a lasting impact on our school community. Harper's own Anne Clark and Conrad Wolski are two of the honorees! This family-fun event is expected to sell out so buy your tickets soon or donate in honor of a hero who is special to you at [www.d39foundation.org](http://www.d39foundation.org).
- **Don't forget to purchase your 2017 Harper Yearbook!** Guarantee your child gets a yearbook. Last year we sold out! You can purchase yearbooks at [jostens.com](http://jostens.com). If you can't remember whether or not you purchased one already, please contact Laura Hirschtritt at [laurahirschtritt@hotmail.com](mailto:laurahirschtritt@hotmail.com) or Sonia Esler at [soniaesler@gmail.com](mailto:soniaesler@gmail.com)

All announcements to be included in the Harper Happenings should be sent to Yvonne Kelly via the Communication Request Form at [www.harperpto.com](http://www.harperpto.com) **by Mondays at 9am**. If you do not receive an email response within 24hrs, please send an email to [yvykelly@hotmail.com](mailto:yvykelly@hotmail.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)