

Harper Happenings
April 17th-21st 2017
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What's Happening

Monday April 17

- April Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick.
- 4th grade Annual Bike Safety Training.

Wednesday April 19

- Kindergarten Orientation, 6:30pm.
- School Kits ordering begins.

Thursday April 20

- Early release day- Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:15pm dismissal for grades 1-4.
- PM Kindergarten dismisses at 10:20am/ No AM Kindergarten.

Friday April 21

- No school- Parent Teacher Conferences.

Coming Up/Reminders

Monday April 24

- Get your Green On! Welcome Earth Week with your green wardrobe!
- Deadline to order Harper 75th Anniversary T-shirts.

Tuesday April 25

- Trash-free Tuesday-reduce your cafeteria waste by using reusable containers and ordering what you will eat.

Wednesday April 26

- Walk to school Wednesday.
- Fourth Grade Highcrest Transition Meeting/Parent Panel, Harper auditorium, 9am.

Thursday April 27

- Lights Out! Classes will conserve energy by turning off lights for up to 30 minutes.
- SWANCC to visit Kindergarten.
- District 39 Educational Foundation 10 Every Day Heroes event, 6-8pm, Kenilworth Club.

Friday April 27

- Eco-friendly cleaners will be prepared at recess.

Thursday May 4

- Harper Spring Chorus Concert, 6:15pm.

- Fourth Grade parents Highcrest transition meeting, Highcrest, 7:15pm.

Wednesday May 10

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

Wednesday May 17-19

- Harper Outdoor Ed.

Wednesday May 24

- Harper 75th Birthday Party, 6:30pm.

Thursday May 25

- Harper Fun Fair, 3:15-4:15pm.

Dr. Kick's Corner

-Save your aluminum "pop" tabs!!! Harper's Green Team began a classroom competition to determine which class can save the most tabs!!! The winning class will boast the beautiful Green Team Pop Tab Trophy for one month! They will also earn an extra recess. The competition will run again in May. Collecting the pop tabs is one way to recycle. Also, the tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House to raise money for family expenses when a child is hospitalized.

-Carpool reminders -We had a "close call" this week at the intersection of Thornwood and Dartmouth. PLEASE remember that our carpool line runs quite smoothly (it takes around 10 minutes). Be PATIENT. Be PRESENT. Be HANDS-FREE. Drive SLOWLY. THANK-YOU!

-Ask your child what their favorite time with you volunteering at school has been!!! You might be surprised! Here were the responses from my own children: 1) "I loved when you were the "picture lady". I knew you weren't artistic, but loved that you thought it was important."-Casie age 25- 2) "I liked having you read in my classroom, but wished you wouldn't have come in dress clothes. I wanted you to wear jeans."-Lynden age 23- 3) "I liked how you volunteered for things like Field Day and Special Lunch. You were there enough, but not too much." -Kevin age 26- Make the most of the time you can volunteer!!

-On Thursday, April 27th from 6:00-8:00pm at the Kenilworth Club, the Foundation will honor "10 Every Day Heroes" by recognizing outstanding District 39 staff who have touched the lives of many and had a lasting impact on our community. These honorees were selected for their stellar contributions to our students, parents and schools. They are crossing guards, custodians, front desk staff, a cook, PE teachers and more! Please join in this family-friendly celebration. It is a wonderful way to thank these individuals for all they do and congratulate them on this honor. This event is expected to sell out so buy your tickets today! To purchase tickets or donate in honor of a hero, go to www.d39foundation.org or call [847-853-3939](tel:847-853-3939).

Announcements

- **Attention 4th Grade Parents!** On Monday, April 17th, your child will join in the annual Bike Safety Training during his/her regular gym class period. A representative from the

ATA will be on hand to discuss bike safety issues. Please make sure to send their bike helmets with them to school. No bike necessary, just helmets. Questions- contact Sam Wallace at safety@harperpto.com.

- **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 if you have any questions.
- **School Kit Ordering starts Wednesday, April 19th.** 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 19 to May 12. Questions? Contact Sara O'Hare at oharefamily4@gmail.com.
- **Attention 4th grade parents!** The annual Highcrest school kits online sale will run 4/19-5/12. To order your 5th grade kit, click on <http://www.shopttkits.com/> and enter our school code # 30095. Questions? Contact schoolkits@higcrestpto.org.
- **April 24th to 28th is Earth Week!** See calendar for a list of daily activities. Wednesday April 27th is Walk to School Wednesday. Walking routes will be expanded for those who live west of Harper! Two parents are needed to chaperone these walkers. Please email Aimee Stoltz if you can help: aimee_Prunier@yahoo.com.
- **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!
- **Harper Fun Fair will be Thursday May 25 from 3:15-4:15pm on Harper North Field.** There is no rain date. Adult supervision is required. Tickets can be purchased in advance starting Monday May 15. Sponsored by Harper Student Council and ticket donations will benefit local charities. More details to come!
- **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!**
- **FAN Presents: Pedro Noguera, Ph.D. -- 2 Events!** Distinguished Professor of Education, UCLA. EVENT #1:"Equity and Deeper Learning" Monday, April 17, 2017, 4:00 PM- Elm Place Middle School Auditorium. EVENT #2:"Education for a Changing Society" Monday, April 17, 2017, 7:00 PM-Elm Place Middle School Auditorium. 2031 Sheridan Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035
Free and open to the public. PD available for educators. Ages 10+
- **FAN Present "The Mind-Gut Connection: The Impact on Mood, Choices, and Health" Emeran Mayer, MD, Ph.D. -- 2 Events!** Executive Director, G. Oppenheimer Center, UCLA, Co-Director, CURE: Digestive Diseases Research Center. EVENT #1: Wed, April 26, 7 PM NTHS, Northfield, Cornog Auditorium 7 Happ Rd. EVENT #2: Thurs, April 27, 12:30 PM, Corboy Center, 10th Fl, Loyola University Chicago 25 E. Pearson St., Chicago, IL 60611. RSVPs requested for Loyola event.
- **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. If you can't remember whether or not you purchased one already, please contact Laura Hirschtritt at lahirschtritt@hotmail.com or Sonia Esler at 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 **by Mondays at 9am**. If you do not receive an email response within 24hrs, please send an email to yvykelly@hotmail.com to confirm your Communication Request Form was received.

For more school information, visit the Harper PTO website: 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