

**Harper Happenings**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
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## **What's Happening**

### **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. See attached map for routes.
- 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 28**

- Eco-friendly cleaners will be prepared at recess.

## **Coming Up/Reminders**

### **Wednesday May 3**

- Harper Spirit Day: Wacky Wednesday!

### **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, 9:15am.

### **Friday May 12**

- Last day to purchase School Kits.

### **May 17-19**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Ed.

### **Wednesday May 24**

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

#### **Thursday May 25**

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

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

-Thank you for attending Parent/Teacher Conferences! We consider them to be invaluable and a true partnership between parents and teachers. As you know, this is just one of the many venues in which we communicate information about your child(ren). If you have any follow-up questions post conference, please feel free to email/call your child's teacher.

-Harper is celebrating Earth Week next week! Please make note of all of the special activities that are indicated on the calendar.

-75th birthday t-shirt sale ends on Monday, April 24th!! Don't forget to purchase your brick! <http://harperpto.com/harper-turns-75/>

-Spring has arrived in the Harper garden! Our NEW beds look amazing. Thank you to our parent volunteers and our Garden Club staff members!

### **Announcements**

- **April 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> is Earth Week!** See calendar for a list of daily activities. Wednesday, April 26 is Walk/Bike to School Wednesday - Schiller Avenue route added! Please see attached map. The "Walking School Buses" will depart promptly by 8:15am at the following locations: Beechwood/Ridge; Greenwood/Ridge; Schiller/20th. Please join us!
- **The proposed PTO 2017-2018 Budget is now available on the PTO website for review.** Please note that the vote to approve the budget will occur at the General PTO meeting on May 10th.
- **Spring Cleaning? The Hoedown Prize Tent Needs Donations!** Keep the Fall Hoedown in mind as you do your Spring cleaning. We're seeking new/gently-used stuffed animals and goody bag-type items for our prize tent. Have the kiddos help by telling them they're donating to a fun cause. Donations can be delivered to the collection bin in the Harper lobby. Thanks and happy Spring!
- **It's time to order your school supplies for next year!** Online ordering is underway and will end on Friday, May 12th. Don't miss out, order your school supplies for the 2017/2018 school year by visiting [www.shopttkits.com](http://www.shopttkits.com) and enter the Harper Account Code 20325. Questions? Contact Sara O'hare at [oharefamily4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:schoolkits@higcrestpto.org).
- **Fourth Grade Parents!** Highcrest Transition Meeting, Wednesday, April 26th 9:00 am

Harper Cafeteria. Principal Kelly Jackson and 5th Grade Level Administrator Aaron Dubnow will meet with us, followed by a Harper parent panel for additional Q/A. Alternatively, Highcrest will host the same meeting May 4th 7:15-8:15 pm in the auditorium.

- **Wednesday May 3 is a Harper Spirit Day!** It's Wacky Wednesday! Wear anything wacky or mismatching to show your school spirit!
- **Last PTO meeting of the year!** Wednesday, May 10th 9:15 am. Please join us as we welcome in the 2017-18 board, approve the budget and wrap up another great year at Harper!
- **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. We are looking for parent donations for small prizes to raffle off during Fun Fair. Some ideas include: stuffed animals, lego set, fidget cube, Rubix cube, Pokemon or sports trading cards, board games, or small gift cards for Homer's or local restaurants. If you would like to donate a prize, please send to Harper, c/o Samantha Johnson by Friday May 5. Contact Samantha Johnson ([johnsons@wilmette39.org](mailto:johnsons@wilmette39.org)) or Kate Cummings ([cummingk@wilmette39.org](mailto:cummingk@wilmette39.org)) for questions.
- **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 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](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)