

Harper Happenings
May 15th- 19th 2017
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What's Happening

May 15

- Last day to order School Kits!

May 17-19

- 4th Grade Outdoor Ed.

Thursday May 18

- 2nd grade Bike Safety Training.

Coming Up/Reminders

Monday May 22

- Harper Garden Little Library unveiling and Cub Scout Recognition ceremony, 3:15pm.
- 4th Grade Bike to Highcrest, 3:30-4:30pm.
- D39 Board of Ed Meeting, 7pm, MEC.

Wednesday May 24

- Wear your Harper 75th T-shirt or Harper Spirit wear for Harper's 75th Birthday Celebration.
- Harper 75th Birthday Party, 6:30-8pm, Harper school.

Thursday May 25

- 3rd grade Sky Dome Planetarium presentation
- Harper Fun Fair, 3:15-4:15pm.

Monday May 29

- No school- Memorial Day.

Thursday June 1

- Field Day, Tug-o-War at 3:15pm.

Friday June 2

- 4th grade Farewell Lunch.

Friday June 9

- Last day of school, early dismissal 12:15pm.
- 4th Grade party 3:45pm.

Dr. Kick's Corner

-Teachers have begun 75th activities within the classroom! Students are reading 75!!! This is individualized to each grade level. So, students may read 75 minutes, words, books, etc. Third and fourth grade students have submitted questions for alum, previous staff and current long standing staff to answer. Grade levels are placing items in their time capsules!!

-Are there items that you would like information/research on? Please let me know so I can include that meaningful information to my weekly email!

Announcements

- **LAST CHANCE: SCHOOL KIT ORDERING ENDS THIS MONDAY- May 15th!** Don't miss out, order your supplies here - www.shopttkits.com Harper Account #20325 Questions? Contact schoolkits@harperpto.com
- **Attention 2nd Grade Parents! Thursday, May 18th, your child will participate in the annual Bike Safety Training between 9-11:15am.** An ATA representative will be at Harper, along with a Wilmette Police officer, to demonstrate proper helmet fit and safety rules of the road. Students will ride through an obstacle course set up on the north field blacktop. If your child is not comfortable riding a bicycle on their own, it is perfectly fine to ride a scooter or walk the course. Please Sign Up to help!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a5a729abfd0-bike5>
- **The annual 4th Graders Bike to Highcrest will be held on Monday, 22nd 3:30pm-4:30pm.** Students are encouraged to ride, with a parent/caregiver to review the preferred bike route to Highcrest, encourage helmet use and to teach important bike safety information. *All participants must use signup genius and return filled in waiver to the front office by May 22nd.* <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a5a729abfd0-bike9>
- **Attention 3rd Grade parents!** On Thursday May 25th, the students will participate in a Sky Dome Planetarium presentation, which will be held right in the Harper gym! Students will enter the dome and be introduced to a "star filled" sky, and the presenter will guide students through the stars of the Northern Hemisphere exactly as they appear on the day of the presentation. This event is made possible by your contributions to iGNITE!
- **It's never too late - Box Tops are collected year round!** Please continue to cut and bring in to the bin at the front desk. Reminder - there is an expiration date that must be visible and not expired! Thank you!
- **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!
- **Attention 4th Grade parents!** The 4th Grade End-of-the-Year-Event Form has been distributed and is due back at the front office by Monday, May 15, 2017. If you have

misplaced the form, please print the form attached. Mark your calendars - The 4th Grade Farewell Lunch is Friday, June 2nd and the 4th Grade Farewell Party is Friday, June 9, 3pm-4:45pm. CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS - Be part of the 4th Grade Farewell Party and sign up here - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0844a8af23a64-parent> .For questions/concerns please email Jessica Reynolds at jreynolds028@gmail.com

- **With summer around the corner, we are collecting sunscreen, bug spray, and reusable water bottles for Connections for the Homeless.** Please consider donating any of the above items and bring them to the Fun Fair on May 25 to earn a ticket to use at the Fun Fair. Lisa Todd, Community Relations Manager at Connections, will be joining us at the Fun Fair to express gratitude for Harper's generosity throughout the year and to answer any questions about the organization. Thank you!
- **Harper Fun Fair will be Thursday May 25 from 3:15-4:15pm on Harper North Field.** Join us for games and raffle prizes. There is no rain date. Adult supervision is required. Tickets can be purchased in advance starting Monday May 15 through Tuesday May 23 by sending \$5 to your child's classroom teacher. Students can only buy their own ticket from their classroom teacher, not for siblings. All other tickets must be purchased at the door. Sponsored by Harper Student Council and ticket donations will benefit Connections for the Homeless.
- **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/>
- **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/>
- **Want To Be a Room Parent at Highcrest for the 2017/18 School Year?** If you are interested in being a room parent next year for your incoming 5th grader, please visit the SignUpGenius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fafa929a7fa7-2016>. If you have more than 1 child that will be at Highcrest Middle School, please include any child for which you would like to be a room parent. We will make every effort to place everyone where they wish to volunteer, but please understand much of the volunteer assignments depends upon which classroom children are assigned to and number of parent volunteers received per class. The room parent placement process will begin after classroom placements are announced in late August. Thank you for your interest in volunteering!
- **Is there an author you love and wish you could share their message with everyone who you know?** Is there something you have read that has changed your perspective in some significant way as a parent or as a person? Your liaisons have an opportunity to meet with FAN decision makers and would love to pass on your recommendations for incredible authors to host in the spirit of parent education. Please e-mail julie.lipford@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