

Harper Happenings
May 22nd- 26th 2017
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What's Happening

Monday May 22

- Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick for grades 1-3.
- 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

- Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick for grade 4.
- 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.

Coming Up/Reminders

Monday May 29

- No school- Memorial Day.

Thursday June 1

- Field Day, Tug-o-War at 2:30pm.

Friday June 2

- 4th grade Farewell Lunch.

Thursday June 8

- Last day of school for Kindergarten.

Friday June 9

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

Dr. Kick's Corner

Hello! Mr. Valentino here. In preparation for the Harper 75th celebration, students submitted questions to willing alumni who were eager to answer what life was like when they attended Harper School. Without a doubt, some of the most interesting answers came from questions regarding the cafeteria and what people used to do for lunch. Here is a sample of some fun responses! Come to Harper's 75th Celebration to see all of the fun responses from our wonderful alumni!

Name: Alice Magos

Graduation year (from Harper): 1946

Question: How was the cafeteria food?

The food was often meatless since war rationing was in place. Mrs. McKeighen was our cook, a lovely lady who lost a son in that war. She gave us alternative proteins such as lima beans. We had mock chicken legs ... mystery food formed around a wooden stick and creamed chipped who-knows-what on toast. We also ate baked potatoes from Mrs. Schreiner (2nd grade teacher). She made us eat the skins which was unheard of in those days. We had lots of vegetables though and most families had Victory gardens to grow their own vegetables.

Name: Betsy Jaeschke

Graduation year (from Harper): 1967

Question: What kind of food was served in the cafeteria?

My favorite day was Thursdays when we had hamburgers. We also were allowed to go home for lunch which a lot of kids did every day. Most mothers were home and not working so this was an option. I remember watching the Bozo Show and when the grand prize game came on I knew I had to leave to get back to school on time.

Announcements

- **Attention 4th grade parents!** All 4th Grade parents need to return the attached form so their child can successfully participate in the 4th Grade Farewell Lunch (Friday, June 2) and the 4th Grade Graduation Party (Friday, June 9). The form **MUST** be completed and returned to the Harper Front office no later than Friday, May 19. Shirts and food need to be ordered. Questions please email Jessica Reynolds at jreynolds028@gmail.com.
- **Thank you, Boy Scout Troop 9 and Wilmette Pack 8!** Please join us for a quick ceremony in the Harper garden **Monday, May 22nd at 3:15** to recognize the boy scout troops who have worked to improve our school garden this spring. Please bring a book to help stock the Little Libraries in the garden.
- **Attention 3rd grade parents:** your child is eligible to enter into next year's yearbook cover contest! Guidelines and extra copies of the border template are available in the yearbook mailbox in the front office. For questions email Sonia Esler: sonia@barrettphoto.net.
- **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!
- **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!
- **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!

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