

**Harper Happenings**  
**September 11th – September 15th 2017**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
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## **What's Happening**

### **Monday September 11**

- Dr. Kick's July Birthday Lunch
- First day of after school Chess Club, 3:15 pm

### **Tuesday September 12**

- Picture Day
- Library Volunteer Training, 2:15 pm
- Kindergarten Curriculum Night-AM, 6:30 pm
- Kindergarten Curriculum Night-PM, 7:15 pm

### **Wednesday September 13**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night, 6:30 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Curriculum Night, 7:15 pm
- FAN presentation "Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Conversation with Jesmyn Ward" and "Interlocutor: Natalie Moore", 7:00 pm, Evanston Township High School.

### **Thursday September 14**

- FAN presentation "Blurred Lines" with Vanessa Grigoriadis, 12:00 pm, Loyola University Chicago School for Law and 7:00 pm, New Trier High School, Northfield Campus.

## **Coming Up/Reminders**

### **Monday September 18**

- Welcoming Committee coffee, AM/PM Kindergarten Parents, 9:30 am, Corey Guenin's home, 1018 Cherokee Road.

### **Tuesday September 19**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Curriculum Night, 6:30 pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Curriculum Night, 7:15 pm

### **Thursday September 21**

- No school- Rosh Hashanah

### **Friday September 22**

- No school – Teacher Institute Day

### **Monday September 25**

- Dr. Kick's August and September Birthday Lunch
- D39 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday September 26**

- FAN presentation “On Edge: A Journey Through Anxiety” with Andrea Petersen, 12:00 pm, Loyola University Chicago School for Law and 7:00 pm, New Trier High School, Northfield Campus.

### **Wednesday September 27**

- PTO General Board Meeting, 9:00 am
- FAN presentation “Braving the Wilderness” with Brene Brown, Ph.D. LMSW, 7:00 pm, Evanston Township High School.

### **Thursday September 28**

- D39 “Attire to Inspire” Education Foundation Fashion Show, 11:00am, Michigan Shores Club.
- Fan presentation “The All-Or-Nothing Marriage: A Conversation with Eli Finkel, Ph.D.”, Interlocutor: Heidi Keibler Stevens, 7:00 pm, Northshore Country Day School.

### **Sunday October 8**

- Harper Hoedown 11:30 pm-2: 30 pm at Harper

### **Friday November 3**

- The Harper Parent Social 8 pm-11 pm at The Kenilworth Club

## **Dr. Kick’s Corner**

-Welcome back to another great school year! Please take time to read through all of the back-to-school year documents.

<http://harper.wilmette39.org/cms/one.aspx?portalid=361219&pageid=5384196>

-Our new Assistant Principal, Elena Ryan, is eager to get to know our students and you! She will be at Harper on T/Th and every other Friday.

-Last call on ordering commemorative bricks (Friday, 9/8 is the deadline)! <http://harperpto.com/harper-school-75th-birthday-bricks/>

-Is there an educational topic that calls for more information? Please let me know and I'll do my best to inform you!

## **Announcements**

- **Dr. Kick Birthday Lunches:** Dr. Kick will host July birthday lunches on Monday, September 11th. She will then host August and September birthdays together on Monday, September 25th.
- **ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS:** Please join the Welcoming Committee for a gathering at the home of Corey Guenin (1018 Cherokee Road) on Monday, September 18th at 9:30 am. Coffee and pastries will be served. This event is for BOTH morning and afternoon kindergarten. Thank you, Amy Black, Corey Guenin, & Trevor Jesse
- **The Harper Cafeteria is looking for volunteers for the month of September!** Please

[click here](#) to volunteer!

- **Interested in Cub Scouts?** Join Pack 8! Cub scouts offers fun, educational activities designed to assist parents in building character, developing good citizenship and strengthening physical fitness in youth. Fun with a purpose! To find out more information or request an application, please email Kerrie Crawford, Pack 8 Membership Coordinator at [kerriecrawford9@gmail.com](mailto:kerriecrawford9@gmail.com)
- **Volunteer to be a classroom photographer for the yearbook!** Capture classroom moments from August and upload photos by Winter break. If this fun and flexible volunteer opportunity would work for you, please contact [soniaesler@gmail.com](mailto:soniaesler@gmail.com) for more details.

The Yearbook also wants your Harper photos from the first day of school! Download the Jostens ReplayIt app today and contribute to the yearbook all year long. [www.replayit.com](http://www.replayit.com) (password is HarperRocks) or email [soniaesler@gmail.com](mailto:soniaesler@gmail.com)

- **September is full of 5 fantastic FAN speakers:**  
Jesmyn Ward, with Natalie Moore, Sept. 13  
Vanessa Grigoriadis, Sept. 14 -- Two Events  
Andrea Petersen, Sept. 26 -- Two Events  
Brené Brown, Ph.D., LMSW, Sept. 27 -- This event is FULL  
Eli Finkel, Ph.D., with Heidi Keibler Stevens, Sept. 28  
All events free and open to the public. For more information please see [www.familyactionnetwork.net](http://www.familyactionnetwork.net)
- **Donate now to iGNITE! and help your children have a fun filled year of enrichment opportunities!** The suggested donation of \$125.00 per child (tax deductible) enables iGNITE! the opportunity to bring in speakers, scientist, and programs along with take children on field trips. In addition, this pays for our amazing crossing guards that keep your kids safe and secure! We ask that you donate early so we can begin these programs at the beginning of the year! Thank you in advance for your donation!
- **New year, new gear!** We are excited to present a fresh range of Harper Spirit Wear this year - kid-tested, mother-approved. Choose from sporty t-shirts for boys and girls, athletic shorts and socks, leggings, knit hats and more. Make sure to buy before it sells out - there will be NO reorders! We will be selling spirit wear at the Curriculum Nights in September. CASH OR CHECK PREFERRED. Every Friday is Spirit Day at Harper so make sure your child is ready to show their Dolphin Pride!
- **Want to spend time with your child's class in a quiet and relaxed environment?** Volunteer in the Harper Library! Please join us for a Volunteer Training Session on Tuesday, September 12th at 2:15pm if interested. To sign up for the training and other library volunteer spots, click [here](#) .
- **Harper Hoedown Tickets On Sale Now!**  
Dust off your dancing boots for the 14th Annual Harper Hoedown, Sunday 10/8/17, 11:30AM–2:30PM at Harper. This year'll be a hoot with new rides, games and prizes for the kids. Try your luck with the Hoedown Raffle. And come hungry—there'll be tasty treats for sale. Save with advanced discount tickets available through 9/29/17. For more

information or to buy your tickets and t-shirts online, visit the [Hoedown Page](#)

- **Wanted: Deputies & Donations for the Hoedown**  
We're in need of some kind-hearted folks to help out at the Hoedown. If you can donate any time, or know alumni in need of service hours, please volunteer for a time slot [here](#). We also need new/gently-used stuffed animals (no rips or stains, please) and goody bag-type items for our prize tent. Please place them in the donation bin in the Harper lobby.
- **Chess Club is starting soon!** Chess is a sport of the mind that will exercise your child's brain and build life skills. Professional instruction from basics to strategies and theories will be provided. All participants can register through the Wilmette Park District starting August 22 at 9am. Fall session runs Mondays, September 11- December 18 from 3:30-4:30 in the Harper Cafeteria.
- **Ready, set, GROW...with the Harper Garden Club!** Garden Club is an 8-week club beginning Monday, Sept 18 and continuing each Monday until Nov 6. The Garden Club meets from 3:15-4:30. The sign up opens on the Harper PTO website on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and costs \$80. Space is limited to first 12 students. For more info, contact Ali Staitiff at [alistaitiff@gmail.com](mailto:alistaitiff@gmail.com)
- **The Harper Garden needs you!** Sign up to volunteer in the garden. No experience necessary! It's a great way to see your child at school and younger siblings are welcome. Sign up genius is on Harper PTO website or [click here](#)  
For more info, contact Beth Karnes at [beth.karnes@yahoo.com](mailto:beth.karnes@yahoo.com).
- **Save The Date:** Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Harper Parent Social. 8 pm-11 pm at The Kenilworth Club.

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