



Harper Happenings

Feb. 13-17, 2017



Volunteer for Harper School Cafeteria, Library, or Garden

Lunch Menu

What's Happening

Friday February 10

- FAN presentation 'Scaling the Empathy Wall: Listening with Curiosity and Interest', 7pm, North Shore Country Day School.

Monday February 13

- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:30pm.

Tuesday February 14

- Valentine's Day Parties.

Wednesday February 15

- FAN presentation 'The Money Talk: Teaching Youth About Work, Debt, Savings, and the Giving Spirit', 7pm, NTHS Northfield Campus, Cornog Auditorium.

Thursday February 16

- Second Grade concert, 9:30am, Harper Auditorium.

Coming Up / Reminders

Monday February 20

No school, President's Day.

Thursday February 23

- D39 PASS Meeting, 7pm, MEC.

Friday February 24

- Deadline to return Box Tops Collection sheets.
- Deadline to donate vases or jars for Random Acts of Flowers.

Monday February 27

- February Birthday Lunch with Dr. Kick. Harper
- Open Gym, 6:30-8:30pm.
- Board of Ed Meeting, 7:00pm, MEC.

Tuesday February 28

- 4th grade visit to the Shedd Aquarium.

Monday March 6

- Teacher Appreciation Week begins.
- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:30pm.

Wednesday March 15

- PTO General Meeting, 9:00am.
- Harper Open House, 6:30pm.

March 27-31

- No school, Spring Break.

Dr. Kick's Corner

-Placement for 2017-18-Please submit placements letters PRIOR to Spring Break 3/24. Attached is the criteria for submitting a placement letter.

-Thank you again for your purchases at the Harper Book Fair in November! With the Scholastic Dollars we earned, we were able to purchase the following items:

-Many books for the Dolphin Den!

-12 standing desks!

-10 Little Bits Synth Kits! (create your own music and instruments)

-10 iPad charging stations!

-Report cards went "live" on Wednesday! Don't forget to click on the link sent to you by D39 to review your child's progress. No paper copies will be sent.

-Students have been partaking in "breakout EDU" sessions in the Dolphin Den! Here's a video to give you sample of what students are doing and what it means!

<http://www.breakoutedu.com/welcome>

Announcements

- **Interested in joining the PTO Exec or General Board?** We'd love to have you! The PTO Nominating Committee is currently searching for candidates to fill open positions for the 2017-18 school year. The committee will be meeting in February and the slate of candidates will be voted on at the March PTO meeting. If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please contact one of the committee members - Sophie Candido (sophiecandido@gmail.com), Brooke Conkey (abconkey@comcast.net), Katharine Dunn (katharinedunn@hotmail.com), Mandy Gibbons (mandygibbons1@gmail.com), Amanda Jacobson (jacobsonamandaeve@gmail.com), Susan Landwer (susanlandwer@yahoo.com), Ali Pearson (alipearson5@yahoo.com), Sissy Polacek (polacek4@sbcglobal.net), Megan Roberts (mcnally.megan@gmail.com) or Beth Stark (stark.elizabeth@gmail.com)
- **Cafeteria Volunteers Needed!** The cafeteria duty shift begins at 11:15 am and ends at 12:20 pm. We are short on a lot of volunteers in the cafeteria right now - especially Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Sign up by clicking this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4caeab2ca02-cafeteria> Questions? Trevor Jesse at Cafeteria@harperpto.com

- **Do you have extra vases and/or mason jars you no longer need?** The Environmental Awareness Committee will happily collect them for Random Acts of Flowers, a charity who delivers floral arrangements to the sick and elderly. We all know the joy of receiving beautiful bouquets. Our school's contributions will help RAF to not only deliver flowers but do it with personal moments of kindness. For more info on RAF, please visit <http://chicago.randomactsofflowers.org/our-mission/>. Vases should be 6-9" tall (not too thin, not too wide). Donations can be left in a bin by the front office from February 13-24. If you have questions, please reach Aimee Stoltz or Shefali Nathan at Aimee_Prunier@yahoo.com or Shefali.nathan@gmail.com
- **The second graders are preparing to present their music show "The Lost Sheep" on February 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Harper Auditorium.** If you know your child will not be present on February 15th or 16th, please let Mrs. Lambros know as soon as possible.
- **Fourth Graders will visit the Shedd Aquarium on Tuesday February 28th, leaving Harper at 9am.** While there, they will participate in a learning program called Science Investigators, where they will observe and investigate animals in the Wild Reef Exhibit. They will also have time to explore the Aquarium, and watch the Aquatic Show. This program is made possible by your generous contributions to iGNITE!
- **Attention Moms of 3rd and 4th grade girls!** We need parent leadership for our Girls on the Run event for this May. If your daughter is in 3rd or 4th grade and has an interest in training with friends, building confidence through an amazing program and running in a super fun race then we need your help in continuing Harper's Girls on the Run program. Training should begin in March, two days per week and a race in May (date TBD). Please let me know if you have an interest in making this amazing program a reality for our Harper girls. We need more than one to volunteer so ask your friends to join you. If we do not have volunteers, then there will be no GOTR for the girls. Email Sissy Polacek if you have any questions or interest.
- **Open Gym Night at Harper has begun every Monday evening school is in session up until Spring Break!** This Harper tradition is brought to you by iGNITE! and supervised by a district staff member however, parents are required to stay with their children for the duration of the evening. Please bring a change of shoes to protect our gym floor and keep it clean. Thank you!
- **FAN presents 'Scaling the Empathy Wall: Listening with Curiosity and Interest'** Professor & Author Arlie Russell Hochschild, Ph. D Friday Feb. 10th 7pm North Shore Country Day School Auditorium. Suitable for ages 10+. More info: www.familyactionnetwork.net
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- **Contribute to the 2017 Harper Yearbook!** We want your photos from Halloween, 1st day of school, field trips, etc. Download the Jostens ReplayIt app today www.replayit.com (Password is HarperRocks) or email your photos directly to laurahirschtritt@hotmail.com or soniaesler@gmail.com

All announcements to be included in the HarperHappenings should be sent to Yvonne Kelly via the Communication Request Form at www.harperpto.com by **Mondays at 9 AM**.

For more community news, visit see News>CommunityEvents on the [D39 web site](#).

For more school information, visit the Harper PTO website: www.harperpto.com

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