



Harper Happenings



Jan. 16-20, 2017

Volunteer for Harper School Cafeteria, Library, or Garden

Lunch Menu

What's Happening

Monday January 16

- No school- Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday January 17

- Children's pajama drive begins.
- Last day to bring in holiday lights for recycling.

Wednesday January 18

- PTO General Meeting, 9:00am, Harper Auditorium (with special presentation from "Artist in Residency" mindfulness experts).

Friday January 20

- Spirit Day: Wear your Pajamas to school!
- Last day to donate to the children's pajama drive.
- D39 Kindergarten Enrollment for 2017-2018 school year.
- Fourth grade students: last day to submit baby picture for yearbook.

Coming Up / Reminders

Monday January 23

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

Friday January 27

- Early release Day, 12:15pm dismissal.

Monday January 30

- Harper Open Gym, 6:30-8:00pm.

Saturday February 4

- D39 Educational Foundation Trivia Night, 7pm, Masonic Lodge.

Tuesday February 28

- 4th grade to visit Shedd Aquarium.

Dr. Kick's Corner

-Kindergarten registration is on January 19th (9:30-6:30) and 20th (8:00-3:30)!
<http://www.wilmette39.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=360930&pageId=7232367>

If you have an incoming kindergarten student, PLEASE register him/her on one of these days in order to be a part of the 1/26 lottery.

-Hold the date! [Harper's 75th birthday celebration is May 24th at 6:30!](#) PLEASE spread the word and send me emails of alum and community members that would like to be invited to this special event!

-Do you know what a Beebot is? What about an Ozobot? How about a Dash and Dot? Do you know what they do and what they teach? Has your child talked to you about the Maker Space challenges?? What are the 4C's? Ask your child! They can help you decipher this new coding and Learning Common language. They can talk about how they are collaborating, communicating, being creative and thinking critically to enhance their learning. Maker Space challenges and coding practices are just one more way we are teaching students to work together, talk to each other, figure it out, problem solve, dive into their thinking, and be unique.

**Please send in the following to keep our Maker Space viable: paper towel, TP and wrapping paper rolls, pipe cleaners, marbles, juice cans, egg cartons, straws, toothpicks, aluminum foil, Q-tips, paper plates, crayons, markers, stamper pads, duct tape, yarn, string, rubber bands, plastic spoons, solo cups, popsicle sticks, buttons, ping pong balls, pompoms, tissue paper

Announcements

- **NEW Pajamas for Housing Opportunities for Women** - Harper is participating in a children's pajama drive January 17th to 20th. Sizes are assigned per grade: K - size 3/4 (XXS); 1st - 5/6 (XS); 2nd - 7/8 (S); 3rd - 9/10 (M); 4th - 12 (L). The donation week will end with a spirit day for Harper students to wear their PJs to school! Please consider donating and visit <http://www.how-inc.org> for more information about HOW. Thank you for your support and generosity!
- **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).
- **Attention 1st Grade Parents!** From January 12th to April 6th, the 1st Grade classes will participate in a yoga/mindfulness program led by Lisa Weber E-RYT with Northwestern University Athletics and Heaven and Earth Yoga in Evanston. Lisa will hold a 30-minute session for each class every other Thursday for a total of seven sessions. The program will teach the students techniques to help them calm their minds, and it will build upon the growing research showing the health benefits of a mindfulness practice. The 1st

grade teachers are also working on incorporating aspects of yoga/mindfulness into the classroom that they learned in three teacher training sessions held in the Fall. This combo teacher training /yoga instruction enrichment program is brought to you by IGNITE!

- **Do you have strands of holiday lights that have gone caput?** Instead of tossing them into the garbage, bring them to Harper! The Environmental Awareness Committee is collecting broken/unusable holiday lights from now until January 17. There will be a box by the front office for collection. All colors and lengths accepted. This is a program with the Village of Wilmette, the Elgin Recycling and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) who will be accepting holiday lights for recycling to save them from going into landfills. Harper's EA Committee will spare you the drive and take all of your broken lights for you.
- **Fourth grade parents:** Please email your child's baby photo to include in the yearbook by Friday, January 20th. Send the photo to Julie at jbegleyschmidt@yahoo.com. A high resolution image with a clear shot of your child's face works best. A digital photo or scanned photo will work. Files with jpeg, tiff or png extensions can all be used. Contact Julie if you need assistance. Thank you!
- **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.
- **Registration is still open and ongoing for Harper after school clubs.** Clubs run from Jan.3rd to March 24th. You may register in person at any Wilmette Park District facility or at www.wilmettepark.org
- **Smile while shopping and help Harper School!** A % of your Amazon purchases will go back to Harper School by simply using Amazon Smile at www.smile.amazon.com. Be sure to select "Harper Parent Teacher Organization –Wilmette, IL" as your supporting organization and .5% of all your purchases goes back to the PTO. This is a great easy way to shop and benefit our school!
- **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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