

Hurrah! for Harrison



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DON'T MISS OUR PARENT KICKOFF! There will be an Olweus Bullying Prevention Parent Kickoff in the cafeteria from 5:30-6:00 p.m. right before the Family Picnic on Friday, Sept. 18 for parents to learn more about bullying and how our school is implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Adults will be available to supervise children on the playground during the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

FEES: Please stop in the office and take care of your school fees if you haven't paid them yet!

A.M. PROCEDURES: Students may enter the building for breakfast at **8:30 a.m.**; outside supervision of students begins at **8:45 a.m.** All Students may enter the building at 8:55 a.m. Tardy bell rings and classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

ABSENCES: If your child is ill, please call 391-3119 prior to 9:00 a.m. each day your child is absent. For your convenience, an answering machine will take your message during all non-school hours.

DISMISSAL on Wednesdays is at 2:20 p.m. (1 hour early).

PETS AT SCHOOL: Please refrain from bringing pets to school. Some students are allergic to animals or are fearful and a well-behaved animal will sometimes react in an unexpected manner (perhaps even biting) when confronted with a large crowd of children. We appreciate your cooperation with this issue.

PARKING/DROP-OFF & PICK-UP REMINDER: The front parking lot is reserved for school bus drop off from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and pick up from 3:00-3:40 p.m. At these times **NO PARENT VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT.** Parents may park on Vine, Warren, Marquette, or Appomattox and walk to the building or use the back turnaround, Kussatz Lane, which is accessible from Appomattox Road. When using the back turnaround, children must enter and exit their ride from the sidewalk in the right lane only! The left lane is for **SLOWLY** passing the other cars in the turnaround to exit. Children will not be allowed to exit vehicles from the left lane. When dropping off and picking up in Kussatz Lane, please pull forward all the way to the end of the curve (not just at the sidewalk that leads to the playground). Should you feel the need to watch your child enter the building, please pull into a designated parking space and either step out of your vehicle to watch or walk them up to the building to prevent traffic from backing up. **PLEASE BE PATIENT AND WAIT YOUR TURN; SKIPPING AROUND CARS AHEAD OF YOU TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE IS DANGEROUS.**

Parents dropping off late arriving or picking up early departing students are asked to only come to the 53rd Street lot as all building exits are locked from the outside after the beginning of school. Parents are asked not to park in the yellow curb areas. Please find any empty space within the lot. An adult must check early departing or late arriving students in or out at the office.

Finally, there is ***No Parking on the Lutheran Home property.*** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will help to avoid having the Lutheran Home contact the police to hand out tickets.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS: PTA needs YOU! We need at least 2-3 people to help chair the 5th Grade Events Committee. Please contact Tifini ASAP at 388-7719 or myiatwins@aol.com to help plan special fifth grade events.

DO YOU HAVE A 1/2 HOUR TO SPARE? Help volunteer at this year's Fall Picnic on Friday, September 18th. The event is from 5:30-8pm. Contact Tanya Palkoner at 445-8998 if you can help.

NO SMOKING: The use of tobacco products by anyone, including students, employees and visitors, is prohibited on all Davenport Community School District property at all times, including school-sponsored and non-school sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this policy shall be required to properly dispose of the tobacco product or leave the school district property immediately. Thank you for your cooperation!

PTA MEETING: Please join us at our first PTA meeting on **Monday, September 14th at 6pm** in the library. If you have any questions or want to find out how you can join or be involved, contact Tifini Foglesong, PTA President, at myiatwins@aol.com or 388-7719

STAY UP TO DATE! Do you want to know about the most current Harrison PTA events, meet other Harrison families or find out how you can be involved? Then join us on our PTA Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com and if you are not yet a member, join for free. If you are a member, just search for **Harrison PTA.**

SPIRIT WEAR: Show your school pride and wear Harrison Hawk spirit wear! Items will be sold at school events or can be ordered throughout the year. Simply attach a check (payable to Harrison PTA) to an order form and drop it off at the Harrison office. If the item is in stock, it will be delivered to the school; if not, you will be notified that it has been ordered. Orders are placed with suppliers the 1st of each month. Call Kristin (528-4664) or Julie (386-3381) with questions.

DADS' CLUB SOCCER REGISTRATION: The deadline for Pre-K and Kindergarten Fall Dads' Club soccer is September 3rd. Please turn in registration forms to the Harrison office. The season begins the weekend of September 19th-20th and games are played at the Davenport Soccer Complex. Dads' Club is a program that emphasizes learning the game while focusing on sportsmanship and being part of a team. Players play a 5 game season and get equal playing time. Coaches and assistant coaches are also needed. For more information call Sara @ 445-1173 or visit www.dadsclubsports.com.

HY-VEE SMILES FOR EDUCATION: Hy-Vee is once again offering our school the opportunity to win as much as \$5000 through the Smiles for Education program. Each week for 8 weeks, Hy-Vee will hold a drawing to select 10 winning students. Each of these students will receive a free laptop computer - and each of their schools will receive a donation of \$5000 from Hy-Vee. Parents, teachers, and other school staff can join the Smiles for Education program by visiting their local Hy-Vee and registering their student's names for the drawing.

Thanks to all who attended Harrison's annual **"TISSUES, TEARS, AND TREATS"** event last Friday. It was fun to get together and learn more about PTA as well as meet other parents of new kindergartners! Thanks to the PTA volunteers who helped make the event great. Remember, there is still time to join PTA!

SAVE \$\$\$\$ & HELP YOUR NORTH WILDCATS!!: North Boosters and the i Wireless Center have teamed up for a great "fun"draiser. Just enter the code "**NORTH**" when purchasing tickets for the following events at the box office or via Ticketmaster (in-person and on-line) to receive a discount and have funds donated back to Boosters for every ticket purchased. The fundraiser is open to EVERYONE, not just future Wildcats, so spread the word to family, friends and everyone you know!

Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus:

\$1 off adult seats; \$2 donated back for these performances:

September 5th at 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

September 6th at 1 p.m.

September 7th at 1 p.m.

H2X Extreme Watersports Show:

\$2 off all tickets; \$3 donated to Boosters

September 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Disney Live! Rockin' Road Show:

\$1 off select seats (Not valid on \$45.75 or \$33.75 seats); \$2 donated back

October 16th at 3:30 p.m.

For show details, go to www.iwirelesscenter.com.

LADY CATS BASKETBALL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER:

Saturday, September 26, 2009, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, doors open @ 6:00 PM at Palmer College Campus Center, 1000 Brady Street, Davenport (east side of Brady Street under the skywalk). Tickets are \$10.00 per person for tables of eight and include 10 great rounds of trivia, cash prizes for the 1st & 2nd place winning teams, a bake sale and raffle drawings with great prizes. Walk-ins are welcome so bring all of your smart friends, co-workers, and family members!!! For tickets or more information, call Freddie Taylor at 563-579-1920. Don't forget to bring your favorite food and drinks!!!

NEW 2010 ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING TOUR books are here! Save \$100s on restaurants and entertainment in the Quad Cities by using these valuable coupons. Cinemas coupons are back this year in the Entertainment Book—that alone is worth the price of the book! Entertainment Books are \$20, Dining Tour Books are \$35 & both can be purchased in the office or by calling Catherine at 388-7415. Tell your friends who purchase one every year to pick them up at Harrison!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NOTES:

4th Grade String Orchestra with Mrs. Kendall: It's time to enroll in Beginning Strings at Harrison School! Informational registration sheets have been sent home with 4th grade students. If you turned in a "fall beginner" preference registration last spring, please fill out another form to guarantee your enrollment.

4th Grade String Orchestra will be on Mondays at Harrison. Specific lesson/class details will be sent home after registrations have been returned.

Things to do: 1. Fill out and return registration form 2. Go to music store and rent instrument, purchase lesson book & accessories

Current orchestra students:

You have received a group or lesson time for the week of 8/31. Bring your instruments and lesson books! See ya soon!

FUTURE WILDCATS - CAT PACK IS BACK! The Cat Pack is a great opportunity for current and future Wildcat fans and younger siblings of North athletes. For ONLY \$10, you will receive a Cat Pack t-shirt which will provide you free admission into any HOME North event (when accompanied by a paid adult) and one free popcorn at any home event during the winter (basketball) season. This is a great deal and pays for itself quickly with the admission savings alone. Flyers came home last week, so turn them in to the school office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Josund 359-1312. **GO WILDCATS!!**

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE available at Jan Christensen's daycare located on Oakbrook Road. Call 514-3175 for more information.



EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE...

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD: Deadline to register for Dad's Club Soccer.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH: No School, Labor Day Holiday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH: Spirit Day.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 6 p.m.: PTA Meeting, Library.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH: PTA Fall Fundraiser Kick Off.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 5:30 p.m.: Family Picnic & Movie. Movie starts 8 - 8:30 p.m. depending on darkness.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH-20TH: Start of Dad's Club Soccer season.

MONDAY - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST-24TH: Parent Teacher Conferences. If you didn't sign up for a conference time at Unpack Your Backpack, please contact your student's teacher.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH and 25TH: NO SCHOOL due to parent-teacher conferences & In-Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Lady Cats Trivia Night; doors open @ 6:00 PM.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH: School Pictures.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 6-8 p.m.: Skating Party at North Scott Skating Rink.

THE HURRAH! FOR HARRISON is the newsletter put out by the PTA to keep everyone informed of what's happening at Harrison. We welcome input from **ANYONE!!** To submit items, provide suggestions or ask questions, e-mail them to Jodie Toohey at hurrah@jodiet.com; if you do not have internet access, items may be submitted via telephone at 563/386-3236. Generally the Hurrah! deadline is NOON on Thursdays & delivered on Tuesdays so be sure to scavenge your child's backpack or ask them about it before it is rendered illegible by whatever substance is lurking in the bottom of his or her backpack! If you miss the hard copy version, the Hurrah! is stored on Harrison's web-site at www.davenportschools.org/harrison —just click on "Hurrah" at the top of the home screen.

NEXT HURRAH: Tuesday, September 8th.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOON on **WEDNESDAY**, September 3rd. **NOTE:** Deadline is 1 day early due to Labor Day!