

Hurrah! for Harrison



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****ABSENCES CORRECTION**:** If your child is ill, please call **391-3113** 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.

BACKBACK SAFETY:

- ✓ Make sure your child's backpack weighs no more than 5 to 10 percent of his or her body weight to prevent your child from bending forward in an attempt to support the weight on the back rather than on the shoulders, by the straps.
- ✓ When packing the backpack, make sure pointy or bulky objects are packed away from the area resting on the child's back. An uneven surface rubbing against your child's back could cause painful blisters.
- ✓ Tell your child to use both shoulder straps, not just one. A backpack slung over one shoulder disproportionately shifts all of the weight to one side, and can cause neck spasms, muscle spasms and low back pain.
- ✓ Padded shoulder straps are very important as they are more comfortable than non-padded straps and help prevent the straps from digging into your child's shoulders.
- ✓ Shoulder straps should be adjustable so the backpack can adjust to fit your child's body. Too loose shoulder straps can cause the backpack to dangle uncomfortably, causing misalignment and pain.

PARKING/DROP-OFF & PICK-UP: Remember 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. when **NO PARENT VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT.** Parents may park on nearby side streets or use the back Kussatz Ln. turnaround off of Appomattox Road. **REMEMBER** children must enter and exit rides from the sidewalk **ONLY** in the right lane of the turnaround! Children will not be allowed to exit vehicles from the left lane which is for **SLOWLY** passing the other cars in the turnaround to exit. Please pull forward all the way to the end of the curve (not just at the sidewalk that leads to the playground). To watch your child enter the building, please pull into a designated parking space and step out of your vehicle or walk them up to the building to prevent traffic back ups.

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.

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.

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

PETS AT SCHOOL: Please refrain from bringing pets to school as students are dropped off or picked up. 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.

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.

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!

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 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!

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: Remember the season begins the weekend of September 19th-20th at the Davenport Soccer Complex. If you want to help or need more information, call Sara @ 445-1173 or visit www.dadsclubsports.com.

HY-VEE SMILES FOR EDUCATION: Hy-Vee is again offering our school the opportunity to win up to \$5000 with Smiles for Education. Each week for 8 weeks, Hy-Vee will hold a drawing to select 10 winning students who will each 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.

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!

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. Kendell: 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

FUTURE WILDCATS - CAT PACK IS BACK! The Cat Pack 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!!**

UPCOMING CAT PACK ELIGIBLE EVENTS (All times p.m.):

9/11-Soph/Vars Football vs. Bettendorf @ Brady, 4:45/7:30

9/15-Freshman Football vs. West @ Brady, 7:30

9/15-Girls Swimming vs. Clinton @ North YMCA, 6:00

9/18-Fresh, Soph, & Varsity Volleyball @ North, 4:30 & 5:45

9/21-Freshman Football vs. Muscatine @ Brady, 7:30

9/22-Fresh, Soph, & Vars V-Ball @ North vs. Musc., 4:30 & 5:45

9/29-Girls Swimming vs. PV @ North YMCA, 6:00

YMCA NEWS: Fall North YMCA classes are NOW available and include Gymnastics-Beginner thru Advanced-Wednesday Nights (call for times) and Tae Kwon Do Mondays & Thursdays from 6:40pm-7:55pm. Classes are held at the North Family YMCA

gymnasium, 624 West 53rd Street, Davenport. Call The Welcome Center at (563) 391-7771 for more information.

Y-ZONE SATURDAY NIGHT FUN! Hang out and have FUN with your friends at the YMCA. Y-zone is a supervised, safe and structured place for 4th - 8th graders to have a great time on Saturday nights from 7-10 p.m. Parents can run errands or just relax for a few hours while the kids play games, swim and eat pizza and juice. A different YMCA will host Y-zone each week from October 3rd through March, 2010. Transportation is provided—just call branches for schedule and bussing times. A parent/guardian must sign a registration form and waiver prior to the first Y-zone attendance—after that, kids just need signed in each time they attend. The program fee for everyone is only \$3.00 per child. For a FREE pass to try it out, contact Sarah Harris at 391-7771 or sharris@scottcountyfamilyy.org.

ATTENTION ALL BUDDING AUTHORS: The Midwest Writing Center's Semi-Annual Pen in Hand Mini-Conference includes a special session for kids age 8-13 entitled "The Playful Pen" led by Sarah Gardner from 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 3rd at MWC in the Bucktown Center for the Arts in Davenport. The \$20 fee (\$25 after Sept. 26th) includes free refreshments!! Several great writing workshops for adults are also available. Call 324-1410 or visit www.midwestwritingcenter.org for more info & to register!

EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE...

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.

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 generally goes Tuesdays and the deadline for submissions is generally at NOON on Thursdays!! To submit items, provide suggestions or ask questions, e-mail Jodie Toohey at hurrah@jodiet.com; if you do not have internet access, items may be submitted via telephone at 563/386-3236. Electronic versions of the Hurrah! are 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 15th.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOON on THURSDAY, September 10th