

THE HARPER HORNET

The purpose of our newsletters is to keep Harper parents, students, and staff informed of important dates and events regarding Harper PTA. We feel a well-informed PTA is an effective PTA!



OCTOBER 2015

President's Message

by Teresa McKee, Co-President

The 2015-2016 school year is off to a great start. My name is Teresa McKee and I am a PTA Co-president and the recess coordinator here at Harper. First, I would like to thank all of our superhero members who have joined our PTA and shown their support. So far we have 100 superheroes! The events we've held have been a great success. A big shout out to all of our volunteers who have given their time to help out. We could not pull off what we do without you! Our shampoo drive was a huge success! Our hornets collected 350 bottles of shampoo/conditioner and a monetary donation of \$127.00 for Hangers. Way to go hornets! Mrs. Munoz third grade class won the shampoo drive and celebrated with an ice cream party. Movie night wrapped up our shampoo drive. We hope everyone who came out enjoyed the evening.

We still have five open chair positions. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other officer. I am very excited for this year and look forward to working with all of you!

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Principal's Message

by Lana Burton

What an exciting beginning of the school year we've had! We have added an additional kindergarten classroom, added classroom assistants, and started our afterschool programs. We are elated to have the following staff members join us this year: Brandi Blosl-nurse; teachers: Carrie Weil, Joanna Wiltsie, Victoria Auten, Angela Brannick; assistants: Michele Combs, Susan Spradley, Robert Schnautz; and teachers who have moved to different positions: Jane Elgin-1st grade; Leah Hoffman-5th grade; and Colleen McGovern-5th grade.

Thanks to all the families who have signed up for our Class DoJo project. This project has added a stronger daily communication with our families and staff members. For those who don't have internet access you will be receiving weekly information about your child. This communication has assisted us in getting information to our families in a timely manner.

We're also thankful to all the families who have participated in our school events so far year.

As a reminder we are in the process of upgrading our school auditorium and having it renamed "The Mattie Miller Auditorium". Mattie Miller was a former teacher and principal at Harper. We are in the process of planning the opening of the auditorium for the spring 2016. If you would like to make a donation to this project please send your donation to Harper School or the EVSC Foundation. All the funds raised during this campaign will be used for Harper School only.

Thanks for all you do for the students, staff, families, and community of Harper School.

Membership...We Need You

by Teresa McKee, Membership Chair

Our PTA is off to a great start! Thank you to all the parents, teachers, staff, and supporters that have joined. **We have 100 SUPERHEROS!** It is not too late to sign up! You can complete the membership form at a meeting, or there are forms outside the office at school. You can also contact myself and I will get a form sent home with your child. Membership is \$8.00. The Ice Cream Social has passed but you can still take advantage of the end of the year movie for your child.

We kicked off the year with an Ice Cream social for PTA members and their children. We had roughly 50 students that attended this event and it was a success! We love to see the children interact with kids they would not normally get to play with because of grade levels. Thank you to the volunteers that came out to make it happen. We couldn't do what we do without you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 29, 2015 - Muffins w/Mom

October 2, 2015 - Movie Night w/Pizza and Popcorn

October 6, 2015 - Donuts w/Dad

October 8, 2015 - PTA Meeting 6:00

October -12, 2015 - No School

October 12 - 16, 2015 - Book Fair (Volunteers Needed)

October 15, 2015 - Grades 3--5 Math Night (Volunteers Needed)

October 16, 2016 - Report Cards go home

October 30, 2015 - Free Dress Day

(Exact date TBD) - Peelers (This is a school event the PTA will be helping with)

November 2 - 13, 2015 - Can Food Drive (More information to follow)

November 10, 2015 - PTA Meeting 6:00

Friday Snack Days

by *Carrie Aiken*

I'd like to thank those who have been volunteering for Friday Snack Days. We could not do this without dedicated PTA members to help out. The kids really love to see their family here at school, and really look forward to the special snacks. We still need volunteers to help for the month of October, however. Please check in on volunteerspot.com to sign up. We have a great time getting to know each other as parents. We also earn Hornet Volunteer Bucks for the time we are volunteering. If you have any questions, please call or text Carrie Aiken at 812-484-2545.

Sept 25: Granola Bars (Volunteers are Kim Raider and Autumn Hite)

Oct 1-2: Corn Pops (Volunteers are needed to bag the cereal on Thursday or Friday Morning, and then 2 volunteers for passing out from 10:45-1:00 on Friday.)

Oct 9: Frozen Yogurt Tubes (2 volunteers are needed)

Oct 16: Granola Bars (2 volunteers are needed)

Oct 23: Granola Bars (2 volunteers are needed)

Oct 30: Popcorn (Volunteers are needed to pop the popcorn on Thursday or Friday Morning, and then 2 volunteers for passing out from 10:45-1:00 on Friday.)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



This month, the Harper PTA would like to take the time to thank Carrie Aiken for giving her time and effort to make sure our Hornets enjoy a Friday Snack. Carrie has a daughter in kindergarten and is our Friday Snacks Chair. If you see her around school say hello and tell her **THANK YOU!**

Harper PTA Committees

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