



Harris Bilingual Immersion School

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News from Principal Norma Huerta-Kelley

Dear Harris Community:

We have had a wonderful beginning to our school year! Thanks go out to each of you for making sure your children are well rested and on time for school!

Our August 30th Back to School Night was a success. We enjoyed some delicious Walrus Ice Cream! I hope that you each were able to meet your child's teacher, get to know the routines in the classroom and have your questions answered.

This year, we welcome Ms. Salazar to 1st grade and Ms. Armour as our new Music teacher. A few other familiar faces are also back in the building – welcome back Ms. Richmond (GT/Interventionist) and Ms. Dorado (Integrated Services). We also want to welcome Mr. Reeves (Speech Pathologist) and Ms. Cavanaugh (Lunch Clerk) to Harris as they are new to our building.



Our 5th Grade students did a spectacular job during ECO WEEK last week. A huge thank you to our 5th grade teachers, Ms. Rogers and Ms. Brooks-Larson for coordinating the trip and ensuring the safety of all the students. ECO WEEK is a time for our older students to step out of their comfort zone, take some risks and become more confident. If you are a parent of a 5th grader, you will watch your child learn and grow this year as they prepare themselves for their next milestone, middle school! ECO WEEK is just the beginning!! A big thank you also goes out to all the Harris staff who attended ECO WEEK and made the three days possible.

Our youngest Harris students have done a fabulous job these last few weeks. I am sure they are very tired when they get home and just want to be held. Thank you for trusting us to care and nurture your little ones!! Of course, we cannot forget about our 2-4 graders!! It has been such fun to get to know them – they are very comfortable in the school and they give me many hugs throughout the day! I enjoyed reading to 3rd graders about “filling their bucket” and being a good neighbor to others. They are wonderful role models. As always, my door is open if you want to visit.

Sincerely,

Norma Huerta-Kelley, PhD
Principal

News from the Front Office

If you need to make last minute transportation arrangements, or are clanging after school plans for you child please call the front office **NO LATER than 2:30 PM.**

Students are allowed to receive five bus passes per year. If your student needs a bus pass we require a written note or a phone call from the student's parent AND the parent who's house the student will be going to.

We are excited to start another year of Baile Folclórico this September! To start off we will introduce the students to powerful, energetic Aztec dancing. Next, we will add some colorful dances from the state of Michoacán, México. Returning students will also review some of the dances from last year. We can't wait to celebrate Harris's 100th anniversary with all of you!

If you are interested in your child participating in the Spanish Enrichment class, please call the office and let us know.

News from Martha Petty – Media Specialist

Book Check-out

Your child has started visiting the Harris Bilingual Library and Media Center. Your child will begin bringing home 1 or 2 books from the library each week. Books are due back to the library the following week on their library day. Students may renew a book that they are still reading by bringing it back to the library with them.



We will be teaching and reinforcing good library habits:

- ✓ How to handle books carefully;
- ✓ How to keep books in a safe place;
- ✓ How to return books to the library on time.

In our library, we do not charge fines for late books. However, we do charge for book damages. These may include replacing the book. If the book is lost, we charge the cost to replace the book.

We are looking forward to sharing our love of reading and books with your child. **If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Suazo at 488-5236 or Mrs. Petty 488-5237.**

If you would like to volunteer in the library, please contact Mrs. Suazo at 488-5236 (tsuazo@psdschools.org) or Mrs. Petty 488-5237 (mpetty@psdschools.org). Thank you!

News from Carlos Delano Meikel – Art Specialist



Hello and greetings once again from the Harris Art Room!

We are gearing up for another great year of Art here at Harris. We will work with everything from simple markers and crayons, to paints and clay, and probably some different things in between!

So far we have five Art shows on the books this year. No specific dates have been settled up on yet, but as soon as they have been decided up, I'll get dates, times and venues out to you so you can come and see, not only great Art created by our amazing students, but Art created by students from across the district as well!

If you have any questions or comments or just want to talk Art, you are welcome to contact me at cmeikel@psdschools.org. Or if you want to stop by Harris, I am here Tuesdays and Fridays.

It's a pleasure to work with our students and I can't wait to show you what they can do this year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Meikel

News from Josh Gomez – PE Specialist

Harris Running Club: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 4:00-4:30 p.m.



The Harris Running Club will start up again on Tuesday September 18th. We will be meeting every Tuesday and Wednesday immediately after school until 4:30pm. This is a great way to get exercise and make new friends. No experience needed, just the desire to be outside and stretch those legs. Awards are given for miles that are run.

Morning PE: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 8:00-8:45 a.m.

We will be continuing the morning PE program again this fall. We had an excellent and consistent turn out last year and look forward to the same for 2018-2019. We will begin the morning of Tuesday September 11th at 8am and will have it every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. **There will be no morning PE on Wednesday September 12th.** There is no sign up necessary, so please encourage your kids to come in for some great physical activity before school starts! **Just drop them off no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and let the fun and healthy exercise begin! If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 970-488-5216.**

Sports Equipment

We have gently used sports equipment to loan to Harris families for their young athletes who may need a piece of equipment for a sports season. It is a good alternative to purchasing something new that will be outgrown before it is worn out. If you have some gently used cleats, jerseys, shin guards etc., donations are welcome. **Please contact Mr. Gomez at 488-5216 with information on the items that are available or to contribute.**

News from the Heath Office

Medications at School

According to the Poudre School District policy, ALL medications, whether prescription, over-the-counter, long-term or short-term, require a written authorization signed by both the prescribing practitioner and the parent/ guardian. This includes cough drops, Tylenol, vitamins, etc. Herbal and homeopathic remedies also require written authorization from a prescribing practitioner and parent.



State guidelines define “prescribing practitioner” as a “physician, podiatrist, dentist, advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority, physician’s assistant who has directions of a physician or written protocol.”

The written authorization must be renewed yearly. Forms are available in our Health Office. All medications must be in the original bottle/container/package, whether prescription or over the counter. No medications will be accepted in envelopes, baggies, etc.

All medications are kept in a locked cabinet in our Health Office. Those medications requiring refrigeration are kept in a locked box in a designated refrigerator. Students may not keep medications and administer them to themselves in order to help prevent a potential danger that medications may be lost, improperly used, or accidentally ingested by another student

ASTHMA INHALERS may be carried by a student, if the authorization form required is signed by both the prescribing practitioner and the parent/guardian.

If your child has a health condition that could affect their time at school, please let us know. We want to make sure they are healthy and safe at school.

If you signed an exemption for immunizations last year, remember that it needs to be re-signed each year. You can go to the website <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaccine-exemptions> for information and the form. Please let Debbie or Mary Lou know if you have questions!

These procedures are important for safeguarding ALL students.

News from the Parent Teacher Organization

The Harris PTO supports the students of Harris Bilingual Immersion School through community building, fundraising, and financial and volunteer assistance.



PTO Meeting

Join us for the first Harris Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting on **Thursday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome! Childcare and pizza will be provided.

Upcoming PTO Meetings

The PTO typically meets the **second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.** Below are the dates for the rest of 2018:

- Thursday, Oct 11;
- Thursday, Nov 8;
- Thursday, Dec 13;



Volunteer at Harris!

We have many opportunities for parents, family, and community members to get involved by volunteering at the school!

- **All volunteers must register with Poudre School District and pass a background check before working with students.** This includes classroom volunteering, volunteering for special school events, and attending field trips.
- If you haven't registered yet, just go to <http://www.psdschools.org/partnership-and-volunteer-center/volunteers> to sign up! The process usually takes about one week.
- Please note that the volunteer website is only available in English. Paper volunteer applications in English and Spanish are available in the Harris office.

- **When you come in to volunteer, go to the main office,** get a lanyard and your nametag from the wooden box, and scan the barcode at the computer to sign in. Choose your expected departure time and volunteer activity on the screen.
- **When you leave, you will scan your barcode again to sign out.** Office staff is available to help if you need any help with the sign in process.

Questions about volunteering? Please contact PTO Volunteer Coordinator Martha Sarmiento at (970) 402-7217 or martha_sar@yahoo.com.

2018 PTO Officers

- President: **Charlie Vollmer**
- Vice President: **Stacy Laughlin**
- Treasurer: **Claudia Santillan**
- Secretary: **Cecilia Rosas-Goulart & Paul Goulart**
- Volunteer Development: **Martha Sarmiento**
- Publicity: **Gwen Park**

- Event chairs: **Jinna Forhman & John Henderson (Stomp), Diana Hutchinson (My School Anywhere/directory), Jeanette Diaz Bozek (Holiday giving), Yara Gonzalez & Luke Caldwell (Book Fair), John Henderson (Fiesta), Irma Gonzalez (Scholarships), Karin Wangberg-Rogers (Wellness Family Events & Boxtops), Taryn Morrow (Logowear), Martha Sarmiento (Staff Appreciation), Andria Burgoon (Garden & AR Raffle)**

PTO Position Openings!

- **Friendship Dinner & Dance Coordinator**
- **Fiesta Co-Chair**
- **Grocery Fundraising Chair**
- **Parent Representatives (Spanish & English) for each Classroom**

Serving on the PTO is a great way to connect with fellow parents and educators, hone your skills, bolster your resume, and gain experience in volunteer leadership.

Interested in serving with the PTO? Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Martha Sarmiento at (970) 402-7217 or martha_sar@yahoo.com.

Save the Date for our Twelfth Annual Stegosaurus Stomp!

Our **Twelfth Annual Stegosaurus Stomp** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 3, 2018**. Each student will run and/or walk laps around a course set up on the Harris playground. The Stomp is a ton of fun, helps promote health and wellness, and is the largest fundraising event for our PTO! Many parent volunteers are needed to make it a success. Volunteers help with the water station, snacks, counting laps, punching cards and cheering! Please keep a look out for a sign-up sheet coming home soon with additional details and to sign up as a volunteer. Completed volunteer forms can to be turned into the office by **Wednesday, September 19th**. You may also sign up online at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/2018-Stomp-Volunteer-Sign-Up>. All volunteers must be registered with PSD through their web site (www.psdschools.org) to volunteer. We will need about 10 volunteers per session. Thank you and let's make the 2018 Stomp our best one yet!

My School Anywhere - Sign up for the new parent news and online directory

This year the PTO is starting an online parent system called My School Anywhere. This system give us an online and printable directory, an email contact system for our PTO eNews, a volunteer signup portal, and (coming soon!) a store feature for donations or Harris spirit t-shirt orders.



- Returning families should have seen an email requesting you to update your family information and display settings, and an invitation to create a parent portal account.
- New families can get started at join.myschoolanywhere.com - Harris is the invitation code.
- Share your local business with Harris families on our Sponsors and Links page

If you have any questions about getting set up with the portal or adding your business information, please contact Diana Hutchinson at 970-219-2994 or diana@trebuchetgroup.com.

We are very excited for another year of Chessmates at Harris!

In chess we will learn strategies each week and play chess with each other. There will be games, prizes and lots of fun. All ages and skill levels welcome.

- Day and Times: Friday 7:45 – 8:45 AM
- Fall 2018 Dates: Sept 7, 14, 28 | Oct 5, 12, 26 | Nov 2, 9, 16, 30 | Dec 7, 14
- Cost: \$65 for 12 weeks of class and chess instruction.
- Room: Classroom 107
- Sign up here: <https://chessmatesfc.com/school/harris/>

Ways to Help Harris Earn Money!

King Soopers Reloadable Gift Cards



To use the King Soopers Reloadable Gift Cards is an easy way to support Harris without spending extra money! Here is how it works:

- Buy a gift card from PTO for \$5. This card is pre-loaded with \$5 on it.
- Stop by the customer service desk at your local King Soopers before you do your shopping.
- Load your card with any amount up to \$500, using your normal payment method (cash, check, credit or debit card)
- Use your card when you do your shopping. Reload whenever needed

Box Tops



Look for Box Top coupons on [hundreds of products](#). Clip them and send them in with your child.

Morning Fresh Dairy Bottle Caps



Morning Fresh Dairy contributes \$.05 for every bottle cap with their logo on it. Collect them and send them in with your child.

NOTE: When a class' collection of box tops and bottle caps reaches 125, students receives an extra 15 minutes of recess or free time.

Cartridges for Kids Program (CFK)



CFK (Cartridges for Kids®) is an environmentally-friendly program that pays schools and non-profit organizations **CASH** for recyclable items such as cell phones, empty laser and inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, PDAs, video games & consoles, digital cameras, DVDs and GPS devices.

Participation helps protect the environment by keeping electronics out of landfills. Recycling helps to preserve our natural resources!

Direct Donation Drive- DDD

Our direct donation drive kicks off during the month of September! Watch your child's Thursday folder for more information. The donation drive is a great, easy way to support Harris throughout the year. Every gift, big or small, is greatly appreciated. Join us in supporting our wonderful school!

Dates to Remember

September 7, 2018	Fire Drill Beginning of Chessmates	7:45 a.m.
September 10, 2018	Lockdown Drill	
September 11, 2018	School Picture Day Beginning of Morning PE	9:15 a.m. 8:00 a.m.
September 13, 2018	PTO meeting- Childcare and pizza provided	6:00 p.m.
September 18, 2018	Beginning of Running Club	4:00 p.m.
September 19, 2018	STOMP Volunteer Forms due and Kick off STOMP Assembly	
September 21, 2018	Teacher Collaboration Day	No school
September 26, 2018	Field Trip 3 rd grade, CSU Art Center	9:10-10:40 a.m.

Looking Ahead

October 3, 2018	Fundraiser “Stegosaurus Stomp”	
October 11, 2018	PTO meeting – Childcare and pizza provided	6:00 p.m.
October 18 - 19, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conferences	