



Harris Bilingual Immersion School

Escuela Bilingüe Harris

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News from Principal Norma Huerta-Kelley

Harris Community,

This month we are celebrating the students who display the Harris Hero value of INITIATIVE. Initiative is when a person is independent – they take charge of a situation like a leader.

Harris Heroes have INITIATIVE because they:

- Follow instructions
- Include everyone
- Have a Ready, Set, Learn attitude
- See a problem and find solutions
- Ask questions

Our weather is very unpredictable, please make sure to send your children to school in layers so they are always prepared. We will always be outside if the weather is 19 degrees or above – morning and recess. If we need to cancel Morning PE due to weather, we will send out a text/email to anyone who is signed up. We will also post any cancellations on the website calendar!

A note about drop off and pick up before and after school and safety. I hope you have noticed the new signage around Elizabeth and Whedbee. This year, we received calls about the unsafe traffic on Elizabeth and we have been working toward getting this signage/lights posted for several months. This month, we will be doing another traffic assessment with our SRO and our District Safety Director to determine other safety precautions around Harris. I have also talked with PTO about starting a volunteer program that can help with safety before and after school. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Charlie Vollmer, PTO President!

The week after spring break, we will begin preparing for our CMAS testing. This year, 3rd grade will test in Reading and Math and the 5th grade students will test in Reading, Math, and Science. We need all students to be on time to school, prepared for each day rested. We will have snacks for them after testing, but we need you to ensure that your child eats breakfast daily at home or at school so they can do their best!

Sincerely,

Norma Huerta-Kelley, PhD
Principal

Pathway Seal of Biliteracy (<https://www.psdschools.org/node/1182>)

This year, we will be offering a Pathway Seal to Biliteracy for our 5th grade students. Poudre School District currently offers the Seal of Biliteracy to graduating seniors who meet specific requirements. Nationally, many dual language schools offer Pathway Seals of Biliteracy to 8th grade, 5th grade and 3rd grade students. The criteria to earn this seal on their promotion certificate is a combination of both assessment data and classroom assignments. We are very excited to be able to offer a “pathway” to our future middle school students. It will recognize their hard work and hopefully encourage them to continue on their path to becoming bilingual and biliterate! Stay posted for more information!



News from Mari Lu Velez---Family Liaison/McKinney Advocate

Family Liaison--The connection for Parents with Community Resources/Fairs/Workshops that support families. *Currently, we are inviting Parents and their families to attend the **Parent Academy Workshop** on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at RMHS, 5p.m. A Family Dinner and Child Care are also Provided.*

Topics include: Supporting Literacy & Math at Home; Mindful Parenting; The Power of Communication; Special Workshop for Teens.

Leave me a message with your name, phone number, and number of adults/children attending to (970) 488-5235 / Text: (970) 889-3791.

McKinney Advocate—Providing many ways to support families who are in transition or living with friends, family, etc., due to life struggles. Feel free to contact me privately, at any time, for more details concerning this program.

Phone: (970) 488-5235, **Text:** (970) 889-3791, **E-mail:** mvelez@psdschools.org



- Our Lost & Found Closet is piling up and will be donated to charities on Friday, March 29, 2019. Take a moment to come look through the Closet and see if any of these misplaced items are treasures that may belong to your child. **Please Note:** Labeling your child’s belongings with their name (first and last) allows us to return it to your child.



News from Miss. Madeline Armour, our Music Teacher

Harris Students in District Honor Choir



PSD Elementary Honor Choir will be presenting their concert on Thursday, March 7 at 7 PM at the Lincoln Center. Congratulations to Harris 5th graders Jacquelyn Rojas, Abram Olivas, and America Lerma Lucero for being selected to sing with honor choir! We are very proud of you!

Parents of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students: The Spring Music Program for these classes will be performed for families on Thursday, May 9th at 9:15 AM in the gym. Please come and watch your children sing songs in English and Spanish and play instruments!

News from Mr. Gomez, PE Teacher

Congratulations to our Harris wrestlers for a successful season. They worked hard, and each placed at the city tournament with as many as 16 other wrestlers in their bracket:

Daniel Young: tournament champion 80 lb weight class
Cormac Loughlin: Tournament champion 68 lb weight class
Isaiah Avitia: 3rd place 98 lb weight class
Benjamin Gomez: Tournament champion 5 8lb weight class



Poudre School District "Schools on the Move" fitness challenge in February: Log sheets due by Wednesday March 6th

An activity log was sent home in January for all the classes at Harris. Hopefully the logs have been filled out during the month of February by students with healthy food choices, limited screen time, any physical activities they participated in and limited soda and sugary drinks throughout the month. Schools and students who participated will get t-shirts as well as being eligible for other prizes. If you have further questions or your child lost their log, please call Mr. Gomez at 970-488-5216 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Sports Equipment

We have gently used sports equipment to loan to Harris families for their young athletes who may need equipment for a seasonal sport. Also, if you have some gently used cleats, jerseys, shin guards etc., donations are welcome. Please contact Mr. Gomez at 970-488-5216 or email at jgomez@psdschools.org with information on the items that are available or to contribute.

Harris Running Club:

The Harris Wellness Committee Running Club is moving full speed ahead on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from approximately 4pm to 4:30pm. Please contact Mr. Gomez at 970-488-5216 with questions. If there are any changes they will be posted on the Harris calendar website.

Field Day 2019

Field day is almost here again. The dates will be Tuesday May 7th for 3rd to 5th and Wednesday May 8th for Pre-K to 2. We look forward to a day of fun with all our favorite games and activities.

Morning PE:

We are continuing the morning PE program as we head into spring. We have had a consistent turnout of over 25 students (sometimes up to 40) on Tuesday and some Wednesday mornings. As the weather improves, we will be going back outside. Please encourage your kids to participate in this activity. It is a fantastic way to start the day and no sign up is necessary. Just drop your kids off **no earlier than 8:00 a.m.** and let the fun and healthy exercise begin! Please look at the dates on the calendar below and the Harris website.

***Last day of Morning PE and running club will be Tuesday April 30th, 2019.**

News from Mr. Meikel, Art Teacher

Hi Everyone,

It's been a busy last few weeks in the Art room. 5th and 4th grades are finishing up their Nebula paintings, 3rd grade is wrapping up their African Mini Masks, 2nd grade just put the finishing touches on their Boomerangs, 1st grade completed their Amish Hex Designs, and Kindergarten is in the beginnings of creating Dragon Puppets!

Important Dates:

Super Art Show 2018-2019. Reception Presentation and Celebration.
The Boardroom @ Johannsen SSC-2407 Laporte Ave. 80521
Thursday, March 28th Group A: 5:45-6:30-Group B: 6:45-7:30
Pick Up 2017 Work – The night of the reception.

YAM: Youth Art Show at the Carnegie Center for Creativity
at 200 Mathews in Fort Collins
March 6–23, 2019.

Reception for Artists: Wednesday, March 13th @ 5:45pm-6:30pm

Look for invitations coming home to each show... and I will personally contact students and family who have had Art chosen for the shows.

Please feel free to contact me at cmeikel@psdschools.org if you have any questions or comments.

Have a great day!

Mr. Meikel.

And coming soon... the Harris 100-year anniversary mural!
Details coming soon!!

News from Mrs. Petty, Media Specialist

Book Fair

Thank you to all our wonderful book fair volunteers! I would especially like to recognize Gwen Park and Cheryl Jimenez whose organization and hard work with the Scholastic Book Fair made it so successful. We were able purchase over 250 new books for our school and will be able to purchase more with our Scholastic dollars. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped to make this a successful and fun event! Our students LOVED it!



News from the Health Office



A Note about Head Lice

It's a good practice to check your child's head as part of your regular hygiene routine. The presence of head lice doesn't mean that the child is dirty, in fact, lice prefer clean hair! Lice don't fly or jump, they crawl, so the only way they can be transferred from person to person is by very close contact for a time period. They need time to crawl from one head to another, from one hat to another, etc. The PSD website has some information about district policies and treatment suggestions if you do find head lice on your child.

You can go to the Parent tab and click on Health Services to find the information. Checking your child's head regularly will ensure that, in the event your child picks them up, you catch them early and can treat early.



Tdap Immunization for Fifth Graders

As fifth graders are thinking about their transition to middle school, please remember that they all need a Tdap immunization before entering sixth grade. You can get this any time. If your child gets the Tdap before May 18, please bring the record to Harris and we will update the health record. If your child gets the Tdap after May 18, please take the record to the middle school your child will attend.

Take advantage of Spring Break and update your child's immunizations!

Harris Learning Garden!

*The Harris garden is looking great and we are ready to plant our spring garden! First and fourth graders will be working in the garden on **Monday, March 25 from 1:00-3:00**. The schedule is as follows:*



1:00-1:25 Mrs. Sparks' 4th grade class
1:30-1:55 Mrs. Pinedo's 1st grade class
2:00-2:25 Mrs. Salazar's 1st grade class
2:30-2:55 Mr. Fuentes' 4th grade class

We would greatly appreciate parent volunteers any time from 1:00-3:00.

NEW THIS YEAR!! Harris Community Garden Workshop! Parents, staff and students are invited to a Spring Garden Workshop. Come learn how to care for your spring garden with expert gardeners from Big Green. **Monday, March 25 at 4:00 in the Harris Garden.**

News from the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

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



Join us for an Upcoming PTO Meeting!

Monthly PTO meetings are scheduled for Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. at Harris. All Harris families are encouraged to attend. Childcare and pizza provided.

Upcoming PTO Meetings

March 14, 2019

April 11, 2019

May 9, 2019



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Family Fun Night, Friday March 8th, 5 to 7 PM!

Come join us for a free, fun night of family math games in the cafeteria and classrooms. We'll provide chicken and macaroni and cheese and families are invited to bring a potluck dish to share with 12 people.

After the fun, kids can take home a

game kit.



Thanks for Your Support!

On behalf of the Harris PTO, we extend a special thank you to the entire Harris community for your support and participation in the Scholastic Book Fair and Friendship Dinner/Dance. More than 300 attendees enjoyed delicious homemade sides, desserts and burritos purchased by PTO from Burritos El Don. We also enjoyed Zumba and a fabulous performance by the resident Harris dance group, Baile Folklórico. Another strong ovation goes to all the dancers and with heartfelt thanks to instructors Joaquin Rivalcoba and Mrs. Parry!

Because of your time and support we were able to put 167 more books on the shelves of our library and 96 books to fulfill our teacher's wish lists! We sold \$5955 in gross sales; \$1,014 more than last year. We collected \$58.65 in ALL FOR BOOKS and \$1694 in Direct Donations, so every student received a book! Gracias to all the Direct Donation Drive donors who made this possible! (There's still time to donate!)

Way to go, Harris!

We thank the many parents, teachers and friends who volunteered at the dinner and book fair throughout the week, with special recognition going to Ms. Frances, Lupe Hernandez, Debbie Valdez, Ms. W.R., Mrs. Parry, Mr. Fuentes, Mrs. Suazo, Mrs. Borunda, Martha Sarmiento, Anabella Montgomery, Kristi Dressler, Oralia Lora-Pardo, Nicole Allsman, Luke Caldwell, Sebastian Africano Lavina Sanders, Marco and Lisa Costanigro, Araceli Newman, Olga Mellizo, Coco Ellis, Claudia Santillan-Lensink, Jeanette Bozek-Diaz, Martin and Gwen Park, Carlos and Cheryl Jimenez, and Emiliano Quintana. Without your tremendous help this wouldn't have been possible!



SAVE THE DATE! Harris Fiesta Set for Friday, May 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

This year's annual Harris Family Fiesta will be Friday, May 10th from 5-8pm. Join us for yummy food, live entertainment, games, and activities for the kids. This fun, community-building event requires many volunteers to pull off each year.

To ensure that we are able to continue this longstanding Harris tradition, the PTO is asking that parents volunteer for one hour of the event and then enjoy the Fiesta with their family for the other 2 hours. Watch for more information about volunteering as we draw closer to the event. **Meanwhile, if you would like to play a role in organizing the Fiesta, our next planning meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6th, 6:00-7:00 pm at Harris in the room 107.** Kids are welcome, and snacks will be provided. Please contact **John Henderson with any questions: John.Henderson@colostate.edu**
News and information from My School Anywhere – School Directory



Get timely information, news, and events about the Harris community via email. If you haven't been receiving our emails, please signup: <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/join.a5w> –Harris is the invitation code.

"Follow" the Harris PTO on Facebook and get more event info!
<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisBilingualElementaryFoCoPTO/>

Easy Fundraisers



Looking for an easy way to support Harris? Purchase a **\$5 re-loadable King Soopers or Safeway gift card**. Every time you reload your gift card the stores will make donations to the Harris PTO. It's that simple. Gift cards are available at the Harris front office. **Contact Mason Wiebe at mason.wiebe@gmail.com with questions.**

Shoparoo, is an app that allows you to take pictures of your receipts and earn money for Harris. The smart phone app is available at Google Play or the App Store. Download Shoparoo and sign up for Harris with code YAT24804.

Harris PTO Direct Donation Drive (DDD)

Through Harris PTO fundraising and community events, we have been able to create a great relationship between parents, staff, and students. The Harris PTO voted to start a Direct Donation Drive (DDD) as another method of fundraising and involvement. We are hoping to raise funds for two great causes this year. We hope that the DDD will result in less teacher, student, and parent work! Many volunteers are still needed for these events to take place.

What your Harris DDD dollars will pay for:



Helps PTO provide enrichment and support to the Harris community in the following ways:

Extracurricular program scholarships

Emergency Assistance

Events: Fall Festival, Family Fun Nights, Friendship Dance and the Fiesta

Enrichment: Giving Tree Organization, AR raffle prizes

Providing support for: Spanish Enrichment, Book Fair, Baile Folklórico, classroom and library enrichment

There is no minimum contribution to the Harris DDD. Donations of \$5 to \$100, please remember anything helps! Your donation can be made in full or divided into payments.

Please make your checks payable to Harris PTO "DDD" and return to the PTO mail box. Or you can make a donation by logging onto <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com> and selecting "Our Store" from the top menu. Select "Donations" or "Book Fairy Donations", enter the donation amount you wish to give, the student's name and then "Add to cart". You may complete the transaction by selecting "Your cart" and pay by check/cash or online. If you have any questions, contact Diana Hutchinson at diana@trebuchetgroup.com or Claudia Santillan-Lensink at ccsantillanlensink@gmail.com.

Important Dates to Remember

March 8, 2019	Spring Family Fun Night	5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 12, 26, 2019	Morning PE	8:00-8:45 a.m.
March 12,13,26,27	Running Club	4:00-4:30 p.m.
March 14, 2019	PTO Meeting –Childcare and pizza will be provided	6:00-7:00 p.m.
March 18-22, 2019	Spring Break	No school
March 25, 2019	Spring Garden Planting for 2 nd and 4 th graders	1:00-3:00 p.m.
March 29, 2019	Lost and found will be donated	

Looking Ahead

April 2-28, 2019	CMAS testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades	9:30-11:30 a.m. 1:00-3:00 p.m.
April 11, 2019	PTO Meeting- Child care and pizza will be provided	6:00-7:00 p.m.
April 2,9,16,23,24,30	Morning PE	8:00-8:45 a.m.
April 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24,30	Running Club	4:00-4:30 p.m.
April 30, 2019	Last day of morning PE and running club	
May 7, 2019	Field day 3 rd – 5 th at Boltz	
May 8, 2019	Field day PreK – 2 nd	
May 9, 2019	Spring Music Program 3 rd -5 th	9:15 a.m.
May 10, 2019	La Fiesta!!	5:00-8:00 p.m.

***We advise not to make any appointment during CMAS testing window. Thank you!**