



# Harris Bilingual Immersion School

## Escuela Bilingüe Harris

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### ***News from Principal Norma Huerta-Kelley***

*Happy New Year Harris Community! 2019 brings to our community many celebrations!*

*This month, the Poudre School District Board of Education recognized Harris Bilingual with the 2018 Governors Distinguished Improvement Award for academic excellence! This is the ninth year Harris has been given this award and I was so proud to accept it on behalf of our staff and students – Congratulations!*

*Our very own Mr. Fuentes was honored with the Rotary Teacher of the Month. Harris staff selected Mr. Fuentes to be recognized as a teacher who consistently goes above and beyond, a teacher who has integrity and a teacher who is committed to his community - Congratulations, Mr. Fuentes!*

*This month we will be honoring Harris Heroes who show the attribute of RESPECT. Thank you for reminding your children that at Harris, RESPECT means to;*

- *Treat others the way you want to be treated*
- *Clean up after yourself in the cafeteria*
- *Listen to direction from adults in the building*
- *Wait your turn*
- *Be a good audience member during assemblies*
- *Take care of the computers and books in the library*

*This spring, our students will take assessments to show their growth and achievement. Please make sure that they are rested and ready for school each day!*

*Has your child told you, "I want to live in the library" Well... it is because it is being transformed into the Tree House! We now have several wonderful seating options for children to read in the library. The library has also received yet another grant to purchase books and materials for our children. Please stop by and take a look, stay a while and read in the Tree House with your child!*

*Sincerely,*

***Norma Huerta-Kelley, PhD***

## Do You Have a Child Entering Kindergarten Next Year?



Remember that you will need to apply for School of Choice online –Elementary School by Friday, January 18, 2019 by Noon Mountain Time.

## Harris School of Choice Guided Tours



We will have Student Guided Tours on January 16 and 17, 2019 from 9:15-11:15 a.m. This is a great time for a prospect family to visit Harris and receive a tour from Harris students.

## School Choice Application Renewal for 2019-2020 School Year

- The School Choice Application process includes a renewal option which allows a student who is currently on a school's waitlist for the 2018-2019 school year to remain on that school's waitlist for the 2019-2020 school year.
- To renew your student's 2018-2019 School Choice Application for the 2019-2020 school year, please select the Apply Now tab to access your account. From there you will find information to renew your student's application.
- Renewal School Choice Applications must be submitted by the First Consideration Period deadline (Elementary and Secondary Schools is Friday, January 18, 2019 by Noon Mountain Time).
- Failure to renew your student's School Choice Application by the First Consideration Period deadline will result in your student being removed from that school's waitlist for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you have questions about the School Choice Application renewal process or did not receive an email or letter, please contact Harris main office at (970) 488-5200.

## *Meal Train for Barquero Family*

*Dear Harris community, as some of you know, our Barquero family (5th Grade) needs our support right now. Below is a link for families to sign up for a meal train to support the family with either home cooked meals or bought meals that you would deliver to their home on a day that you choose. We want to wrap our arms around the Barquero family at this time as they need our support.*

*If you have questions about the meal train, please call Harris main office at (970) 488-5200.*

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/4wyo47>

*Thank you,  
Norma Huerta-Kelley  
on behalf of the Barquero family*



## ***Triunfo –CSU After School Program***

The CSU after school program will begin again on **Thursday, January 31, 2019.**

### ***Chess Club at Harris***



Classes start on Friday, February 1, 2019, from 7:45 to 8:45 AM. Register at [www.chessmatesfc.com](http://www.chessmatesfc.com). You can email [info@chessmatesfc.com](mailto:info@chessmatesfc.com) or call (970)658-9976 for more information.

### ***PSD After 3:00 PM***

PSD after 3:00 PM will start Monday, January 28, 2019 and will run until Wednesday March 13, 2019.

### ***News from PSD-Early Childhood- Education Program***

Do you know that Poudre School District (PSD) has programs for Early Childhood? Applications to apply for tuition based and/or no-cost preschool for 2019-2010 school year are now available! We are always accepting new applicants for our Early Head Start program for the current school year as well.

- Early Head Start Home Based Program
- Information about pre-natal and child development
- 90-minute weekly home visits providing fun developmental learning activities
- Support in finding community resources for family needs
- Child health and developmental screenings
- 3 to 5 Preschool programs
- Quality no-cost preschool program
- Classrooms available throughout PSD and our community sites
- Help your child be ready for Kindergarten!

For more information call 970-490-3204 or visit [www.psdschools.org/departments/early-childhood](http://www.psdschools.org/departments/early-childhood)

### ***News from Josh Gomez-P.E. Teacher***



**5<sup>th</sup> Grade annual Winter Break Ski Trip was a great success!**

We had our annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade winter break ski trip on **Thursday January 3rd** at Eldora and it was **FANTASTIC!** We had a good turnout of students with their siblings and families. Thank you to Mr. Fuentes and Mr. Patrick (Base Camp) for coming along to help with the first-time skiers. If your 5<sup>th</sup> grader has not registered online for his/her passports, there is still time to do so and use the passport throughout the remainder of the 2019 spring season. A unique registration code is needed and can be found on the brochures that Mr. Gomez has at school if your student has not received theirs. This passport will allow your **5<sup>th</sup> grader to ski all mountains in Colorado up to three times for FREE!**

## Harris Running Club:



The Harris Running Club will be taking a winter break, but will start back up in February 15, 2019. 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. More details to follow.

### **Morning P.E. CLASS - Tuesdays & some Wednesdays, 8:00-8:45 a.m.!**

We are continuing the morning PE program as we move from winter to spring. We have had a solid group of 30 or more students every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. **The weather is cold so please remember to send your student with warm clothing and hats.** Please encourage your kids to give it a try, it is a fantastic way to start the day and there is no sign up necessary. Just drop them off **no earlier than 8:00 a.m.** and let the fun and healthy exercise begin!

**\*There will be no morning PE on the following dates (other dates might be added throughout the year)**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

### *News from Art teacher- Carlos Meikel*

Hi Harris Community,

Students have wrapped up their latest projects, Tyrus Wong inspired kites, Kandinsky inspired trees, Thunderbirds and dot painted cubes. There are a couple of Art shows coming up in the next few months, so I'll be keeping some of their stuff for these upcoming shows. The Superintendents's Art Show will be March 28<sup>th</sup>. 2019 @ 6:45 p.m. Stay tuned next month for more times and dates!

Mr. Meikel

If you have any question about the art program, please contact Carlos Meikel at (970) 217-7120 or at [cmeikel@psdschools.org](mailto:cmeikel@psdschools.org)

### *News from Madeline Armour - Music Specialist*

Thank you to everyone who attended our Winter Music Program. It was a fantastic concert!

On January 17th, 4th and 5th grade students will be attending the annual YES Concert, with the Fort Collins Symphony Orchestra. The concert will feature Gregory Smith's new work: "Vibe!" as well as Richard Strauss' famous fanfare from "Also Sprach Zarathustra", Morton Gould's "Windjammer Suite: The Ship",

Igor Stravinsky's "Berceuse" and "Finale" from his iconic ballet "The Firebird." The theme of this year's concert is "The Science of Sound."

If you have any questions about the music program, please contact Madeline Armour at (720) 352-5196 or at [marmour@psdschools.org](mailto:marmour@psdschools.org)

### *News from the Health Office*

With the arrival of January, winter is truly here! The weather is colder and it's easy to just settle in and stay cozy and warm inside! Did you know January is national Stay Healthy month? Here are a few suggestions to help you stay healthy this month!

- Remember to eat healthy! Try a new vegetable or fruit this month. There are lots of soups you can make that will keep you warm and toasty this winter.
- Don't forget to get outside! The exercise is great and the sunshine will help your immune system. Take a family walk and build a snowman!
- Be sure you wash your hands well to prevent the spread of colds and flu. If you need to sneeze or cough, cover your mouth with your elbow.
- Eating a healthy diet, getting exercise, and getting enough sleep will help prevent illness during the winter. It's cold and flu season, so whatever you can do to prevent illness will help.

One of the best things about Colorado is that the cold weather doesn't stick around so long! Take advantage of warm days to get outside with your kids and play!

### *News from the Parent Teacher Organization*

*The Harris Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports the students of Harris Bilingual Immersion School through community building, fundraising, and financial and volunteer assistance.*

#### **News and information from PTO 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 sign up: <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/join.a5w>  
– *Harris* is the invitation code.



#### **"Follow" the Harris PTO on Facebook and get more parent info!**

<https://www.facebook.com/HarrisBilingualElementaryFoCoPTO/>

#### **PTO Meetings**

All Harris parents are welcome at the Parent Teacher Organization meetings. Childcare and pizza provided.

##### **PTO Meetings Schedule – Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.**

January 10, 2019	March 14, 2019
February 7, 2019	April 11, 2019
	May 9, 2019

## Harris Holiday Giving Baskets



Thank you to all the parents and students who purchased gifts and brought in items for the giving baskets, and to those who helped finish wrapping and organizing. We filled the whole second floor hallway with gifts for 21 families in need this holiday season. **Kudos to Jeanette Diaz-Bozek for her leadership in this event.** Thanks to CSU and Dr. Engelhardt and Associates for their generous donations and special thanks to Marilu, our family liaison, and to Lorena, Lina, and Debbie for their logistic support! Finally, thank you to all the families who came to the basket making party on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>!

Congratulations to Mr. Fuentes's 4<sup>th</sup> graders and Ms. Deal's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for winning the annual award for heaviest donation box for the Giving Tree-2018.

Remember your local charities throughout the year when you are cleaning out your closets. Local charities and La Familia/Family Center welcome gently used clothes throughout the year.

## Friendship Dinner Dance & Scholastic Book Fair Kick-off – All Harris Families are Welcome!

- ⊕ **When:** Friday, February 1, 2019
- ⊕ **Time:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- ⊕ **Where:** Harris Gymnasium and Library
- ⊕ **What:** *Potluck dinner, book shopping, and dancing!*
- ⊕ **Cost:** \$2 adults/\$1 child + a dish to share with 12 in a disposable container.



The Scholastic Book Fair Kick-off will be held in conjunction with the Friendship Dinner & Dance the evening of February 1, 2019 from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** in the Library

Questions? Contact **Charlie Vollmer** at [Charlesv@rams.colostate.edu](mailto:Charlesv@rams.colostate.edu) or **Anabella Montgomery** at [Anbellamontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:Anbellamontgomery@yahoo.com) regarding the dance; or **Luke Caldwell** at [lukecaldwell@hotmail.com](mailto:lukecaldwell@hotmail.com) regarding the book fair.

### Book Fairy Direct Donation Drive

The scholastic book fair is coming soon which means its time for the book fairy! More information coming soon so you can help a Harris child's book wish come true!

**A Scholastic Book Fair & Friendship Dinner and Dance Volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent soon. Look for it in the future days!**

### Volunteer for a Parent/Teacher Committee Regarding 2019-2020 Change in School Start/End Times!

The Board of Education for Poudre School District voted in November 2018 to change the school start times in August 2019. Harris will start at 7:45 am and end at 2:28 pm. Are you interested in being a parent on a committee to discuss how we can work together to support each other with this change? Please contact Charlie Vollmer at [charlesv@rams.colostate.edu](mailto:charlesv@rams.colostate.edu) or Stacy Loughlin at [painter\\_sj@hotmail.com](mailto:painter_sj@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

## Harris Staff Appreciation!

We have the best teachers and staff at our school and this year we have decided to show our appreciation all year long! Each class helps one month during the year to bring lunch and breakfast to show how much we love our teachers and staff. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families helped in November. In January, 4<sup>th</sup> grade families will bring in a dish for our teachers and staff. If you can help and wish to bring in a side, entree, drink or disposable plates/silverware, please call or email Martha Sarmiento at (970) 402-7217.

Date	Activities for Teachers	Class
December 12, 2018	Breakfast and lunch	Thanks to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade!
January 22, 2019	Breakfast and lunch	4th Grade Parents/Guardians bring in a dish to share!

## Shopping Fundraisers

**Have you been meaning to get a King Soopers gift card?** You can pick one up at the Harris office any time. Gift cards are \$5 and start with a \$5 balance. We will also have them out at the Friendship Dinner and Dance. **Contact Mason Wiebe at [mason.wiebe@gmail.com](mailto:mason.wiebe@gmail.com) with questions.**

## Discounts at the City of Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Activities

Families that receive free and reduced lunch are eligible for great discounts with the city of Fort Collins recreation activities. You may access the application online or ask for one at Northside Aztlan Community Center (112 E. Willow, 221-6655). You must bring your free and reduced lunch letter to be able to qualify.

## Spring Family Fun Night will be in March 2019

Look for upcoming information for this fun event!

## Fiesta – Save the Date: May 10, 2019!

**This year's Harris Fiesta is scheduled for Friday, May 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm!** This is a huge community building event that really allows us to all come together, near the end of the school year, to celebrate our diverse community! For this to happen, we need planning committee members! Committee meetings will be once/month, beginning in February (first meeting is Wednesday, February 6 from 6-7pm at Harris). If you are interested and able to serve on the planning committee (or have questions), **please contact John Henderson (Bronson 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Diego Kinder) at [John.Henderson@colostate.edu](mailto:John.Henderson@colostate.edu) or 720-985-4069.** Look for information soon about how you can help with planning or during the event.

## Harris Logo Wear

Harris logo wear is now on sale at MySchoolAnywhere! Just log on to <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com> and click "Our Store" and select the clothing and size. You can pay by cash or check or using a credit card. A big thanks to Taryn Morrow for designing and organizing the awesome new Harris Logo-wear!

## Important Dates to Remember

January 15-18, 2019	ACCESS testing for kindergarten students	
January 16 & 17, 2019	Student guided tours at Harris for parents of students entering to Kindergarten in the fall of 2019 as well as anyone else interested.	9:15-11:15 a.m.
January 18, 2019	School Choice Online Application Deadline - Elementary School by Noon Mountain Time	
January 18, 2019	School Choice Online Application Deadline - Secondary School 6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grades	
<b>January 21, 2019</b>	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	<b>No school</b>
January 23-30, 2019	ACCESS testing for 1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	
January 22, 2019	Staff Appreciation, 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians bring a dish, beverage or disposable plates	
Week of Jan 22, 2019	School Choice Automated Lottery	
January 28, 2019	Kindergarten Registration starts	
January 28, 2019	PSD After 3 p.m. program starts	3:45-5:00 p.m.
January 31, 2019	Triunfo" -CSU After School Program begins again	

## Looking Ahead

February 1, 2019	Harris Annual Friendship Dance & Book Fair Kick-off	5:00-7:00 p.m.
February 1-8, 2019	Scholastic Book Fair	Until 4:30 p.m.
February 7, 2019	PTO Meeting -Pizza served and Childcare Provided	6:00-7:00 p.m.
<b>February 18, 2019</b>	<b>Staff Collaboration Day</b>	<b>No school</b>