



Harris Bilingual Immersion School

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News from Principal Norma Huerta-Kelley

Happy November, Harris Community!

We are getting close to the end of the first trimester and we couldn't be happier with the academic progress that students are making in class, socially, and especially in their language development! I have so appreciated my conversations with parents, grandparents and guardians. It is evident to me that you love your children and trust us to do what is best for them – thank you for being a team with us!

This month, Poudre School District will hold surprise Lock Down drills throughout the district during the week of November 5th. When this happens at Harris, we will practice our Lock Down drill in our building. We teach students that we: Lock Doors, Turn Lights Off and Stay Out of Sight. If a student happens to be in the hallway or the bathroom when we go into a Lock Down drill, they need to proceed to the nearest classroom as quickly as possible. Please talk with your child about how important it is for us to practice what to do in case of an emergency.

As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child to school in layers. We want all of our children to go outside whenever possible to play and get their wiggles out! If they do not have the proper cold weather clothes, they may not be able to play outside!

As most of you know, we have decided to honor our Harris Heroes once a month. This allows our students to take time to learn about the HARRIS values at a deeper level and work toward demonstrating these values throughout the year. Students continue to receive Green Tickets daily for demonstrating HARRIS values. Each time a student receives a Green Ticket, they bring it to the Front Office and receive a small prize. During the month of November, we will focus on *Honesty*.

Report cards will be sent home the week of Monday, November 19th. As you begin your plans for traveling during the holidays, please remember to fill out a Pre-Arranged Absence Form in the front office for any extended absences. Enjoy the newsletter!

Norma Huerta-Kelley, PhD

News from the Office

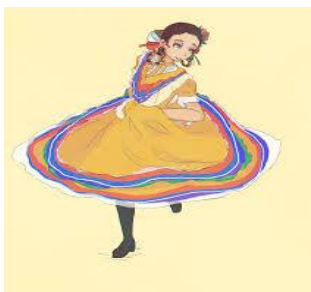
Fifth Grade Middle School Transition Night

Please join us to learn more about middle school options, school of choice, and registration process. Snacks and child care (2 years old and older only) will be provided. Tuesday, November 13, 5:00 at Harris Library.

Safety at Harris

- We always provide supervision when students are out on the playground. **Remember not to drop your child off in the morning before 8:45 a.m.** (unless they are taking part in early morning classes).
- All students are walked to the bus lines or the pick-up lines after school. In the pick-up line, we always make sure that students are getting in the correct car with their designated pick-up person. **Students who are not picked up by 3:55 p.m. come to wait in the office for their parents.**
- Please be sure to maintain the list of people who have permission to pick up your child up-to-date. If you wish for someone who is not on the list to pick up your child, please notify the office ahead of time.
- We ask parents to write a note to be kept in the office if your child is going to be walking or riding his/her bike to and from school.
- Please talk with your child about not talking to strangers, as we will be doing here at school.
- **PARKING:** Please remember the staff parking is only for Harris staff. Please park in the designated areas when you are visiting the school or dropping/picking up your student.

News from Mrs. Parry – Harris Folk Dance



The Harris folk dance group (also known as Baile Folclórico) has gotten off to a great start this year, learning folkloric and regional dances from the Mexican Republic. Our students have already learned the steps for one of the Aztec dances. These energetic dances portray the strength of Aztec warriors. The students have also learned one dance from the state of Michoacán called “La Danza de los Viejitos”, (dance of the elderly). This is a lively dance, which is a lot of fun to watch and to perform. Their first performance will be after winter break at an A.R. assembly.

News from Madeline Armour – Music Specialist

Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd Grade Music Program: December 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.



The kindergarten, first, and second grades will be presenting a winter music program in December. We will be performing our show for families and friends on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Harris gym. Students will need to arrive at 6:15 p.m. to get prepared. We hope you can join us for some fun holiday and winter songs. The program will last about 45 minutes.

News from Josh Gomez and Coach Mueller – P.E. Specialists

5th grade “Ski Passports” and annual Christmas break ski trip is coming!

We will be having our annual 5th grade Christmas break ski trip again this year during the first part of Christmas break. The final date will be determined soon. The 5th grade enrollment brochures have arrived and will be filled out here at school and mailed in. Passports should arrive soon after. This passport will allow your 5th grader to ski all mountains in Colorado up to three times for FREE! More information will follow.



Harris Running Club:

The Harris Running Club is under way. We are 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. **The last day of fall Running Club is Wednesday November 14th** (the week before Thanksgiving). Feel free to text/ call 970-566-7887 with questions, or to confirm if there is Running Club on a specific day due to weather, etc.



Morning PE:

We are continuing the morning PE program as we move into winter. We have had a solid group of 30 or more students every Tuesday and SOME Wednesday mornings. The weather is getting cooler so please remember to send your student with warm clothing and a hat. 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! (Feel free to text/ call 970-566-7887 with questions or to confirm if there is morning PE on a specific day due to weather, etc.)

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 to find out which items are available or to make an equipment contribution.

2018-2019 NO MORNING PE DATES

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

November, 2018	7, 14, 21, 28
January, 2019	9, 16, 23
March, 2019	6, 13, 27
May, 2019	1, 8

December, 2018	5, 12, 19
February, 2019	6, 13, 20
April, 2019	3, 10, 17

*Feel free to call or text Mr. Gomez @ 970-566-7887 if you have questions or to confirm. Days without morning PE may change.

***Wednesday, May 8, 2019: LAST DAY OF MORNING PE & RUNNING CLUB**

News from the Health Office



Vision and Hearing screening will be at Harris on Thursday, November 8. We need volunteers to help with the screening. If you can help us out that morning, please let Debbie or Mary Lou know. You can contact them by calling (970) 488-5252 or emailing at dbush@psdschools.org, or mdevlin@psdschools.org. You will be needed from 9AM to noon. Thank you so much!

Please remember to make sure your child wears his/her glasses every day, but especially Nov. 8, for the vision screening!

Media Center News

Please check your student's backpack for overdue book notices that were sent home October 25th. You may disregard this notice if your child has turned the book in since the slips were printed. For questions, please contact Mrs. Suazo tsuazo@psdschools.org or (970) 488-5236.

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.



PTO Meeting –Thursday, November 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

The next Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting will take place on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Childcare and pizza will be provided. All are welcome – please join us!

Upcoming meeting dates:

December 13, 2018

January 10, 2019

February 7, 2019



Looking for Parent News?

My School Anywhere is the Family Directory: Have you signed up in the new online family directory? New families can get started at join.myschoolanywhere.com - **Harris** is the invitation code. This is a way we get to know each other and receive information about events and the Harris community via email. Thanks to Diana Hutchinson for putting this together!

“Follow” the Harris PTO on Facebook and get more parent info!

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



Fundraisers

Our Stegosaurus Stomp was a great success!



Thank you to all Harris students and their families who raised nearly **\$10,500** for our school, while exercising and having fun. We are very grateful to the Healthy Kids Club at Poudre Valley Health System for helping sponsor our event.

We would like to recognize the members of our school's Wellness Committee (Brenna Brooks-Larson, Mary Lou Devlin, Sarah Fonte, Josh Gomez, and Karin Wangberg-Rogers), the Harris front office staff (Lina Drew and Debbie Bush), Isabel Pinedo, Martha Petty, Teresa Suazo, Lupe Hernandez and Francis Cavanaugh for all their hard work on this year's Stomp! A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who cheered, prepared snacks, filled water bottles, punched holes, added up laps and worked so very hard to help make this event a success.

Congratulations to this year's 5th grader, Micah Fohrman, for creating our fabulous t-shirt design! We thank Carlos Meikel, Monica Rogers and Brenna Brooks-Larson for helping all the 5th graders create amazing t-shirt designs.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Fonte's 2nd grade class and Mrs. Roger's 5th grade class for raising the most funds and winning a field trip to Jumpin'! Thank you to our students for running and walking more than they thought they could and for believing in our school enough to ask friends and family to make a donation. Every year you make us proud!

See you again next year!

Halloween Closet Donations

Thank you to all the families for sharing costumes with the Harris Community to make the Halloween parade fun for all!

Upcoming Activities



**2nd Annual
FALL FESTIVAL
Friday, November 9, 2018
5:00-7:00**

Harris Bilingual Elementary School

Bring the whole family for a night of games, food, and festivities!

There will be Chili and veggies! Please bring cornbread or a dessert for everyone to enjoy! We will roast marshmallows around fire pits so bring lawn chairs!

Sign up to volunteer for the festival at <https://tinyurl.com/y7wh3kcx>

Harris Holiday Giving Tree and Gift Basket Program

We will be creating Holiday Gift Baskets for our families in need again this year. The gift baskets will include toiletries (instead of food) and gifts for the children of select families.

Students and parents will be able to choose a tag from our Giving Tree beginning the week of Nov. 12th, and then purchase a gift for the family whose tag they chose. Gifts will then be brought to school wrapped with the tag attached any time before Dec 7th.

Please contact Jeanette (see contact information below) if you would like multiple tags for your business, school, church group, etc.

Collection bins for toiletries will be located in each classroom. We will divide the needed items into groups by grade so look for the letter explaining the assignments in an upcoming Thursday folder.

We will hold a "gift preparation party" after school on December 10th. Students and volunteers can help get the baskets ready.

KEY DATES

- **Nov 12-16:** Pick up a tag with gender, age, and possible gift ideas
- **Dec 7:** Deadline to return wrapped gifts or donated items to Harris
- **Dec 10:** Assemble gift baskets at Harris

We hope you will participate in this year's Holiday Gift Basket project. For more information or to volunteer to be on the Giving Tree team, contact Jeanette Diaz Bozek at rjbozek@comcast.net or 970-218-1160.

Winter Gear Drive

We are very excited to announce that this year we will be collecting gently used (clean and un-torn) snow pants, waterproof gloves, and snow boots for children within our school community. Please bring these items to school and place in the marked box in the lobby area until Christmas break (Dec 20th). If you are in need of any of these items, please contact our family liaison, Mari Lu Velez at 970-889-3791 or at mvelez@psdschools.org.

Harris Teacher & 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 Kindergarten and 1st grade families helped in September and October. Watch your Thursday folder for more information about your class activity. If you would like to help coordinate, contact Martha Sarmiento at (970) 402-7217.

Date	Activities for Teachers	Class/Contact Person
September/October	Breakfast and lunch	Thanks to Kindergarten and 1st Grade!
November	Breakfast and lunch	2nd Grade
December	Breakfast and Lunch	TBD

Dates to Remember

November 8, 2018	Vision and Hearing screening	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
November 8, 2018	PTO Meeting –All parents are welcome! Pizza and Childcare provided	6:00-7:00 p.m.
November 9, 2018	Fall Festival	5:00-7:00 p.m.
November 12, 2018	Pickup tags for Holiday Gifts and Gift Baskets begins.	
November 12, 2018	No school for students. Teacher work day.	
November 13, 2018	Fifth grade transition night	
November 14, 2018	Last day of Running Club during fall	
November 19, 2018	Report cards are sent home	
November 19 & 21, 2018	No PSD after school on these two days	
November 21-24, 2018	Thanksgiving Break	No School

Looking Ahead

December 5, 2018	Last day of PSD after school	
December 6, 2018	K, 1st & 2nd Grade Music Program for parents 6:30 p.m.	
December 7, 2018	Last day to return gifts and food for Holiday Gift Baskets	
December 10, 2018	Winter gear donation deadline	
December 10, 2018	Harris Holiday Gift Basket Project	3:45-6:00 p.m.