



# Harris Bilingual Immersion School

## Escuela Bilingüe Harris

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

February 7, 2019

Happy February Harris Community!!

What wonderful traditions we have! I want to send a special thank you to all the families that came out to have fun, buy books, and dance on Friday at the Friendship Dance!! The PTO and the Wellness Committee did a FANTASTIC job organizing, decorating, and coordinating the event – it was a huge success!!! I can't wait for the 100 Year Celebration on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

This month, we are dedicating our Harris Heroes awards to the value of RESPONSIBILITY. As we all know, responsibility is a hard value to teach our children and one that is so important in life.

Harris Heroes are RESPONSIBLE because they:

- Do their best
- They are on time
- They follow the rules at school, on the bus and at home
- They are good friends
- They watch out for the younger students
- They are safe

A note about attendance: We have been experiencing an increase in absences for family vacations. While we want to support you as you travel to visit families out of the country, family commitments and other family events – we encourage you to coincide your travel arrangements during the natural breaks throughout the year (2 weeks in December, 1 full week in March). Harris' curriculum is very rigorous, and children can fall behind quickly as they are missing important instruction that they cannot make up. As always, my door is always open for your questions – thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication to Harris Bilingual Immersion School!

Sincerely,

Norma Huerta-Kelley, PhD  
Principal

## *News from the Health Office*



February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Kids who have toothaches have a harder time concentrating in class. One thing parents can do to help keep their child's mouth healthy is to encourage them to brush their teeth every morning, and again before they go to bed. They should brush for 2 minutes, making sure they brush the front and back of their teeth. When teeth aren't brushed at bedtime, bacteria and food particles work together to start making cavities. Children should see the dentist every 6 months for a check-up and cleaning. You should change toothbrushes every 6 months as well. Another way to protect your child's teeth is to limit sugary drinks and snacks. Encourage your child to drink water instead of soda and to eat healthy snacks.

## *News from Madeline Armour, Music Specialist.*

5th grade students and families, please be aware that many middle schools will be hosting "Instrument Try-Out", or "Instrument Showcase" nights this month. If your student is interested in playing an instrument in middle school, or not sure yet, please consider attending one of these events. Students will have an opportunity to see, hear, and try instruments offered in their middle school. This is also a great opportunity for you and your student to visit the school your student will be attending next year.

Upcoming Instrument Try-Out Nights:

**Cache La Poudre** - Monday, February 11, 6:30pm @ CLP Middle School/New Gym

**Leshler** - *EITHER* Tuesday, February 26, 6:00-8:00pm *or* Thursday, February 28, 6:00-8:00pm, *BOTH DATES* @ Leshler Middle School/Auditorium

These are the schools which have shared their information with us at Harris so far.

## *News from Mr. Gomez P.E. Teacher*

**Poudre School District "Schools on the Move" fitness challenge in February: Log sheets Due Friday March 1st**

An activity log was sent home the week of January 29th for all the classes at Harris. The goal is to be filling them out during the month of February by students with any physical activities they participate in throughout the month. Schools and students who participate get t-shirts as well as being eligible for other prizes.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE LOG SHEETS COMPLETELY AND SIGN IT. IF ANYTHING IS LEFT BLANK, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED, AND YOUR CHILD WILL NOT RECEIVE A T-SHIRT FOR THEIR HARD WORK.**

If you have further questions or your child lost their log, please call Mr. Gomez at 970-488-5216 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays or email [jgomez@psdschools.org](mailto:jgomez@psdschools.org).

## **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. If you have some gently used cleats, jerseys, shin guards etc., donations are welcome. Please contact Mr. Gomez at 488-5216 or email at [jgomez@psdschools.org](mailto:jgomez@psdschools.org) with information on the items that are available, or you would like to contribute.

## **Morning PE:**

Morning PE program continues every Tuesday and some Wednesday mornings. We have had a consistent turnout of over 25 students (sometimes up to 40). As the weather gets warmer, 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. Morning PE also counts toward the "Schools on the Move Fitness Challenge." 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.

## **Running Club**

Will be beginning Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> and will continue every Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m until May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If there are any changes they will be posted on the Harris calendar website.

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

"Hi Everyone,

We are currently wrapping up some projects and just getting into a few new ones here in the Art room. Stay tuned to see what our students have been creating!

We have the Super Art Show coming up. This is an exciting show where I get to pick one student's work to be on display for a full year at the Johannsen Special Services Center! I will personally contact the chosen student and their parents and make sure they have all the required information. If you care to stop by to help us celebrate... here's some info:

SuperArt! 2018-19 The Boardroom @ Johannsen SSC-2407 Laporte Ave. 80521

Show Dates- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019-Early 2020. Reception Presentation and Celebration- Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Group A: 5:45-6:30-Group B: 6:45-7:30

Harris will be presented in the Group B category, but you are welcome to come by for Group A as well, so you can see all the amazing Art being done by our district's amazing students!"



Mr. Meikel"

## News from the Media Center

### The Tree House

If you haven't had the chance to stop by the library yet, you are invited to come after the Book Fair to see our new reading area! We applied for and received a \$5000 mini-grant funded by the Colorado Health Foundation to transform our library into a flexible seating environment where students can choose the type of seat that works best for them - bean bags, beach chairs, stability balls, just to name a few. We are so excited, and our students are loving it here. One of the favorite features is the Bubble Tube with its changing colored lights and "fictional" fish. With the transformation, students are excited to come to the library to read. One student said, "I wish I could live here." Others have commented that coming to the library is their favorite thing to do at school. Library use increased by 25% during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of implementing the project. Ask your student what they think about the new Tree House.



## 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.*



### PTO Meeting

**Our next meeting** will take place on **Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided, and pizza will be served.

The following are the dates of the PTO meetings for the rest of the year. They will be held at 6:00 p.m.

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



**The Scholastic Book Fair** will run during the week from February 4-8. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during their library times or after school until 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact **Cheryl Jimenez** / [cheryljimenez22@gmail.com](mailto:cheryljimenez22@gmail.com) or **Gwen Park** / [gwen.ow@gmail.com](mailto:gwen.ow@gmail.com) regarding the book fair.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> grade families helped in January. In February 20, 5<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 / [Martha\\_sar@yahoo.com](mailto:Martha_sar@yahoo.com).

Date	Activities for Teachers	Class
January 22, 2019	Breakfast and lunch	Thanks to 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade!
February 20, 2019	Breakfast and lunch	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians bring in a dish to share!



### **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 sign up: <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/>

### **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:**

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Help us make the book fair a magical experience for all Harris students. To ensure that each child gets a book at the book fair, we need to raise \$7 per child or \$2226 total. If you are able, consider donating enough for your child and one of their classmates.

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 donate by logging onto [www.Myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.Myschoolanywhere.com) and selecting "Our Store" from the top menu. Select "Donations" or "Book Fair 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](mailto:diana@trebuchetgroup.com) or Claudia Santillan-Lensink at [ccsentillanlenkin@gmail.com](mailto:ccsentillanlenkin@gmail.com).

### **Fiesta 2019!**

The Harris Bilingual Fiesta 2019 event will be on Friday, May 10 from 5-8pm. The Fiesta is a truly wonderful community building event for our Harris students, staff, and families! Food, games, and live music/dancing provide an atmosphere for celebration as we finish out the school year.

For it to happen, we need planning committee members! Committee meetings will be once. 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.



Next Harris Fiesta Planning Committee meeting:  
Wednesday, March 6, 6-7pm in Harris rm. 107.  
All Harris parents are welcome!

If you are interested/able to volunteer an hour or more on the day of the event, please be on the lookout for a Sign-up Genius announcement noting volunteer jobs and times or the paper form that will be placed in Thursday folders as we get closer to the event. We really can't make this incredible event happen without your help! Thank you!!

### **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 Aztlán Community Center (112 E. Willow, 221-6655). You must bring your free and reduced lunch letter to be able to qualify.

**Spring Math Family Fun Night-** Friday, March 8, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Look for upcoming information for this fun event!

### Easy Fundraisers

Looking for an easy way to support Harris? Purchase a \$5 re-loadable King Soopers gift card and the stores will donate to the Harris PTO. It's that simple. Gift cards and key tags are available at the Harris front office. **Contact Mason Wiebe at [mason.wiebe@gmail.com](mailto:mason.wiebe@gmail.com) with questions.**

**Shoparoo**, an app that allows you to take pictures of your receipts and earn money for Harris, was developed by a friend of the PTO. **Go to Google Play or the App Store to get the Shoparoo app and sign up for Harris Bilingual Elementary School.**

### Ways to serve through the PTO

If you are looking for a meaningful way to get involved with the Harris community, consider being a PTO officer or activity chairperson for next year. We will hold elections at our May meeting. You can make friends, hone your skills and support Harris. Come to a PTO meeting or contact one of the current officers to find out more.

### Important Dates to Remember

February 4-8, 2019	Scholastic Book Fair until 5:00 p.m. each day	
February 7, 2019	PTO Meeting – Pizza will be served. Childcare available	6:00-7:00 p.m.
February 11, 2019	Scholastic Online Book Fair ends	
February 11, 2019	Second consideration period for School of Choice starts	
February 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27.	Running club	4:00-4:30 p.m.
February 12, 19, 26, 27.	Morning PE	8:00-8:45 a.m.
<b>February 18, 2019</b>	<b>All schools not in session</b>	<b>No School</b>
February 20, 2019	Staff Appreciation, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians bring a dish, beverage or disposable plates	

### Looking Ahead

March 1, 2019	Deadline for “Schools on the Move” log sheets	
<b>March 4, 2019</b>	<b>Elementary schools not in session</b>	<b>No school</b>
March 8, 2019	Spring Math Family Fun Night	5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 14, 2019	PTO meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.
March 5, 6, 12, 13, 26, 27.	Running club	4:00-4:30 p.m.
March 5, 12, 26	Morning PE	8:00-8:45 a.m.
<b>March 18-22, 2019</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>No school</b>
May 10, 2019	100 Year Celebration and Fiesta	5:00-8:00 p.m.