



Harris Bilingual Immersion School

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News from Principal Norma Huerta-Kelley

Dear Harris families:

Fall is upon us and how beautiful it is! The leaves are turning beautiful colors, the sun is setting sooner, and the weather is cooling down. What a beautiful time of the year!

I have enjoyed getting to know your children and watching them learn in class and play outside. Students in 4th grade have dissected a pig heart, 3rd graders visited the CSU ARDEC and 5th graders have been showing off their writing ability. Ask them about their Author's Party. I loved reading their stories – what a group of creative thinkers!!

Our second graders have been working hard at identifying parts of a story and editing their writing, while our littlest students are settling in to their learning routines and practicing to be good friends. Your children are working hard and are, no doubt, very tired when they get home!

We celebrated our first HARRIS Heroes recognition and have posted the photos on our website. Two students per class were selected by their teachers for following the HARRIS Hero traits of: HONESTY, ATTITUDE, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, INITIATIVE and SAFETY. We believe strongly in our behavior expectations and appreciate so much when we see these displayed throughout the building. Thank you for supporting us!

You will notice that the picnic tables have moved. This was done so that we could spread mulch under the trees by the playground and cover the roots. This will keep your children safe and mud free as they play/walk there. This also allows the children who like to read, visit with friends or play cards to sit at the tables during recess.

We are looking forward to visiting with you during our October conferences – please keep an eye out for communication from your child's teacher about your conference dates/times. As always, please feel free to call or stop by the building – our doors are always open!

Finally, a huge thank you to our PTO and all the support that they continue to offer our staff – it is such a treat to see so many involved parents! We need you!! THANK YOU! STOP was super successful!

Norma Huerta-Kelley, PhD
Principal

News from the Harris Office

Parent Teacher Conferences – October 16th - 18th 2018

We will be having Parent Teacher conferences on **October 16-18**. Your child will be bringing a **scheduled conference note home**. Please send back the note as soon as possible confirming the scheduled time or letting your child's teacher know that you will need a different time. Parent Teacher Conferences are a very important time to discuss how your child is doing and to talk about ways in which your child's teacher, you, and your child can work together to promote success. **There will be no school on Thursday, October 18, and Friday, October 19.**

Picture Make-up Day

Picture Make-up Day will be on Thursday, November 1st 2018, 9:00 AM.



Is your student going to be absent or tardy?



Parents, please remember to **call the attendance line, 970-488-5205, when your child is going to be absent or tardy**. If possible, **call before 9 a.m.**, but you can also leave a message on the attendance line 24 hours a day. **If your child arrives late, please accompany him/her inside the building and check-in at the office.** Your child may then proceed to the classroom after getting a tardy pass.

After School Arrangements and Last Minute Messages for Students

Due to the large volume of calls at the end of the day and in order to minimize interruptions in the classroom during instruction time throughout the day, **we ask that you make any changes to your child's after school routine prior to the start of the school day and that you send him/her to school already aware of the changes.** Should you need to call the school with a change of plans for your child for after school, we ask that you please **call BEFORE 2:30 P.M.** Students **MAY NOT** use the phone after school to make last minute arrangements.

Bus Passes

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 students parent **AND** the parent whose house the student will be going to.

Spanish Enrichment classes!

Spanish enrichment classes are back. Please pay attention to the schedule for students enrolled in these classes:
3rd Graders: Classes start Oct 2nd, 2018. Students will have 20 classes and will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 8:45 AM in room 107.

4th and 5th grades: Classes start Oct 3rd, 2018. Students will have 20 classes and will meet Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 to 8:45 AM. Wednesday classes will be held in room 107. Friday classes will be in room 100.

Halloween Parade – October 31, 2018



We will be having a Halloween parade on **Wednesday, October 31**. We will have the parade at 3:00 p.m. **OUTSIDE** weather permitting. We will do the parade in the gym if we have inclement weather.

Students will not be allowed to wear costumes that portray violence. **Students may not wear their costumes to school; they will be given time to change before the parade. Please, no face make-up.** If your child is unable to bring a costume, we have some for your child to borrow.

News from Mr. Gomez and Mrs. Mueller – PE Specialists

Harris skate party

On Friday December 14th we will be having our first ever skate party at Rollerland from 4pm to 7pm. Admission is \$5.50 and part of that goes back to our school. Thank you coach Mueller for organizing this Fun event!

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 winter. The date is to be determined but 5th graders will be bringing their enrollment brochure home for parent’s signature and photo. We will be helping them fill out the form here during PE class but will need that parent signature in order to complete the process. 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: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 4:00-4:30 p.m.



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. Parents need to stay with the student during running club.

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.

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

We are continuing the morning PE program as we move into fall and winter. We have had a solid group of 30 or more students that attend. We will be having it EVERY Tuesday and SOME Wednesday mornings. The weather has been nice and we have been outside. 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!

2018-2019 NO MORNING PE DATES

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

October, 2018	3, 10, 17	February, 2019	6, 13, 20
November, 2018	1, 7, 14, 21	March, 2019	6, 13, 20
December, 2018	5, 12, 19	April, 2019	3, 10, 17
January, 2019	9, 16, 23	May, 2019	1, 8

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

News from Art class:

Hello everyone,

Our fabulous Harris Artists are in the middle of completing their first major project of the year:
5th and 4th Grades: 1950's/1960's Sci-Fi Movie Posters; 3rd Grade: Designer-Aliens; 2nd and 1st Grade: Weaving Lizards; Kindergarten: Texture Planets

Our first Art Show for the year will be coming up sometime in November, specific dates for the opening night haven't been set yet, but it will be the Holiday show at the mall. When dates and times have been determined, I will let everyone know.

The students are doing great, and showing me just what great imaginations they have... I can't wait to get further into the year with them and see what they come up with!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns cmeikel@psdschools.org, (970) 217-7120). I'll be happy to answer and discuss anything! My schedule at Harris is Tuesdays and Fridays.

Sincerely,

Mr. Meikel

News from the Heath Office

Harris Vision & Hearing Screening – Thursday, November 8, 2018–Volunteers Needed!!

We are having our annual Vision and Hearing Screening on **Thursday, November 8, 2018**. In order to have a successful screening day we need, once again, the help of our wonderful volunteers! No experience is required. If you are interested, **please call the Harris office at 488-5200 or send an email to mdevlin@psdschools.org**.



Notes about Head Lice

As the weather starts to get cold, students will be coming to school with coats, hats, mittens, and other winter gear. Because of the cold weather, they will be inside in close contact more than during other, warmer seasons. Although head lice are around all year, at this time of the year we tend to see them spread more often because of the close contact. It's a good practice to check your child's head as part of your regular hygiene routine.

The presence of 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 period of time. 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 Student Health 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 them treat early.

Immunizations–Exclusion day: Thursday, November 1, 2018

PSD's exclusion day for immunizations is Thursday November 1. Any students who are not compliant with state immunization law will not be allowed to come to school until they are compliant with state law. If your child is not compliant, you have received a letter from the school. **If you have questions, please call Mary Lou Devlin, your school nurse. Thank you!**

News from Family Liaison

Harris Families,

If you are seeking support this Winter, for the Holidays, or with any other needs. Please contact our Family Liaison : **Mari Lu Velez** through email at mvelez@psdschools.org or text at (970) 889-3791 or call at (970) 488-5235.

News from Learning Garden



The Harris Learning Garden has had a great first year! We were able to count on a variety of families and staff members to keep our garden beautiful all summer and into the fall. The students have enjoyed cucumbers, zucchini, tomatoes and peppers in the lunch room directly from the garden! We have also had multiple classes outside learning in the garden and making healthy classroom snacks from the fresh produce. Thank you to all who support the 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.

PTO Meeting

The next Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Childcare and pizza will be provided.** All are welcome - please join us!



Upcoming 2018 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:

October 11, 2018

November 8, 2018

December 13, 2018



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/community/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? Contact Martha Sarmiento at (970) 402-7217 or martha_sar@yahoo.com.

My School Anywhere is the NEW 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.

Questions about the My School Anywhere? Contact Diana Hutchinson at 970-219-2994 or at diana@trebuchetgroup.com

Volunteer sign-ups can also be found in the New Family Directory - just login at <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/login.a5w> and “SignUps”.

Stegosaurus Stomp

The Stegosaurus Stomp is Wednesday, October 3rd. Pledge forms and money are due by Friday, October 5th. The Stegosaurus Stomp is the primary fundraiser for the Harris PTO and enables us support our teachers, the media center, scholarships, emergency assistance fund and much more, all while encouraging physical activity. And it's a lot of fun!

Can you help with Teacher and Staff Appreciation?

Contact Martha Sarmiento at martha_sar@yahoo.com for information.

Halloween Closet - Wednesday, October 31st

Help a family in need by donating Halloween costumes to Harris. We could use one or two volunteers to help with checking out and checking in costumes. **For more information, contact Nicole Allsman at nicannla@yahoo.com or sign up to help on My School Anywhere <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/directory-volunteer.a5w>**

Fall Family Festival Coming in November

The Staff Wellness committee is planning a fun Fall Family Festival starting in November. Look for more information in November.

Holiday Giving Tree

The Giving Tree project helps Harris families who could use support during the holidays. Watch your Thursday folders this fall for applications to participate in the program. Families who want to donate will be able to pick a child by age and gender and return a wrap gift. Jeanette Diaz Bozek is leading this activity. Last year, the Giving tree was a huge success!

Fundraisers

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!

News of Interest

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.

Resources Related to Health Care in Colorado

This website helps direct Coloradoans to resources related to health care: colorado.gov/health. The goal of the site is to help consumers to easily find the information they need about using insurance, health and wellness in one convenient place.

Dates to Remember

October 3, 2018	Fundraiser - Stegosaurus Stomp	
October 3, 2018	No morning PE	
October 10, 2018	No morning PE (Staff meeting)	
October 11, 2018	PTO Meeting. All parents are welcome! Childcare provided. Pizza will be served.	6:00 p.m.
October 16-18, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conferences	
October 17, 2018	No morning PE	
October 18 & 19, 2018	No school	
October 31, 2018	Classroom Halloween Parties Halloween Parade –outside	afternoon around 3:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

November 1, 2018	Pictures retake day Immunizations – Exclusion day	9:00 a.m.
November 8, 2018	PTO Meeting. All parents are welcome! Childcare provided. Pizza will be served.	6:00 p.m.
November 8, 2018	Vision and Hearing Screening- Volunteers needed!	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
November 12, 2018	No School	
November 21-23, 2018	Thanksgiving Break	