



Harris Bilingual Immersion School

Escuela Bilingüe Harris

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News from our Principal Norma Huerta-Kelley

Dear Harris Community,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year!! We had a wonderful year last year, full of celebrations and accolades for our building and I know that it doesn't happen without a strong and dedicated school staff and parent community. We have worked hard in the last few weeks to move a few rooms around and spruce up the building, so we are ready on August 20th. A few changes you will note when school starts:

- The car line pick-up will be organized by grade and family name. If your child is a car rider, you will get a family Visor Tag. The Visor Tag will match the child's backpack tag. All children who are car riders will have a backpack tag with their initials on it and color coded by grade. Please make sure that these tags can be seen from your car visor. This will help us to call your family name and grade when you pick up your child(ren).
- **KISS AND GO at the car line. Please do not get out of your vehicle to help your child with their things.** If you need to get out of your car, please park in the church parking lot. This helps the car line move smoothly in the morning and afternoon and will keep our families safe as they cross the street to walk to school.
- The bus-pick up line will look much the same. Students will have a backpack tag, with his/her name and color coded by grade. If you need to pick up your child early, please call the office before 1:30 p.m.
- Front doorbell – **Security is very important at Harris!!** This year, when you come to the front door to ring the bell to be let in – you will be greeted by the front office staff and then you will be buzzed in. The new system allows us to “see” and “hear” who is entering the building at all times.

I want all families to know that we at Harris love and respect all the diversity of our families. Like our PSD leaders, we believe that there is no place in our district for hate, racism, or intolerance. If you ever have a concern, please know that you can call me directly as my office is always open. ¡Somos Harris!

Remember that we have a new bell schedule this year: school starts at 7:55 a.m. and goes until 2:38 p.m.!

Sincerely,

Norma Huerta-Kelley, PhD
Principal

Office Information

Class Lists for Next School Year: Posted on Friday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m.

You are also welcomed to call the school that day to find out what class your child is in.

Kindergarten Playdate: Thursday, August 15, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Harris Bilingual playground.

Harris Open House: Monday, August 19, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Come and meet your child's new teachers and see the classrooms.

First Day of School: Tuesday, August 20th (K-5 Grades)

New Bell Schedule: 7:55 a.m.-2:38 p.m.

Kindergarten Orientation Only English, August 20th 8-9 AM. Students stay all day.

Kindergarten Orientation Only Spanish, August 21st 8-9 AM. Students stay all day.

Back to School Night & ECO Week Information (5th Grade ONLY): Wednesday, August 21st

English 4-5 PM

Spanish 5-6 PM

Kindergarten Family Engagement: Thursday August 22nd 8:00-9:00 a.m.

This activity is only for Kindergarten (2019-20) students. More info to come from PTO

Back to School Night (K-4th grade): Wednesday, August 29th

Ice Cream Social 5-6 PM (5th grade is welcome to attend)

Classroom Presentations 6-7 PM (K-4th grade only)

New staff:

- Ms. Martha Sarmiento is our new Office Secretary. We are so happy to have her working with us and greeting our families to Harris.
- Mr. Daniel Gallegos is our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Gallegos will be in the building every day and will take over the duties of discipline and attendance.
- Ms. Lisa Lopez is our new Health Tech – Ms. Lopez will be available each day during the lunch hour and will assist students with health-related needs.
- Ms. Maria Burden is our new 5th Grade teacher – Ms. Burden joined us this summer and just made the long move from California.
- Ms. Aurora Green is our new 2nd Grade teacher – Ms. Green comes to us from Castle Rock where she was an ELD teacher.
- Ms. Yara Gonzales will be joining us as an Instructional Paraprofessional.
- Ms. Yesenia Silverio Ocampo will also be joining us as an Instructional Paraprofessional.

Harris Bilingual School Store 2019

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:



1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://gojosports.itemorder.com> and enter sale code: HARRIS19
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Thursday August 25th, 2019 (11:59pm MDT)

News from the Poudre School District

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year in Poudre School District!

PSD uses electronic signatures and forms for some processes involved in student registration each August.

Below is information pertaining to specific registration documents that are now available electronically.

Student Rights and Code of Conduct

Each year, parents/guardians and secondary students must acknowledge that they have reviewed the Student Rights and Code of Conduct, which is a compilation of rules, policies and regulations regarding student behavior. In years past, this acknowledgement has been in paper form.

Beginning in August of this year, parents/guardians will be asked to acknowledge they have reviewed the Student Rights and Code of Conduct when they log into the [ParentVUE](#) parent portal. Parents/guardians will not be given access to ParentVUE until they electronically sign the acknowledgment. This box only needs to be checked once per year (once for elementary students and once for secondary students, if you have students in the different grade levels) to gain access to ParentVUE.

Parents of students in secondary schools (6-12): Your student will also be asked to acknowledge having received and reviewed the Students Rights and Code of Conduct when logging into StudentVUE for the first time this school year.

Families new to PSD or those who have never accessed their ParentVUE account have received a separate email with instructions for how to log into ParentVUE. If you have questions regarding ParentVUE or StudentVUE, please contact your school.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Federal law allows students to receive free/reduced school meals based on federal income guidelines. To be eligible for meal price reductions, families must complete the *Free and Reduced Priced Meal* application and meet income eligibility guidelines each year. You can apply for free/reduced priced meals online at <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application> or pick up a paper application at the Child Nutrition office, 1502 S. Timberline Road, Fort Collins. All families should have also received information about Free and Reduced Lunch applications at the end of July.

School Fees

State law allows fees to be charged for specific curricular, extra-curricular, participation in athletics and other activities, and required consumable supplies and materials.

School fees can be paid in two ways:

1. At the school with cash, check or credit/debit card
2. Online via [SchoolPay](#)

All families will be emailed information about [SchoolPay](#) in PSD's Back to School Newsletter in early August.

Fee Waivers

Families who qualify for free/reduced school meals, may also be eligible for waivers for certain school fees.

Information regarding a student's free/reduced meal status is extremely confidential. Therefore, families must give PSD permission to share this information with staff that need it by completing the *Permission to Share Information for Fee Waivers and Programs to Receive Goods and Services* form. This form is available electronically through ParentVUE (in the left side navigation - select FORMS.) Paper copies are available at your child's school. Please note: You must fill out and submit a *Permission to Share* form every year to be considered.

To have certain school fees waived, families **must**:

1. Be approved to receive free or reduced-price meals; and
2. Complete the *Permission to Share Information for Fee Waivers and Programs to Receive Goods and Services* (available through ParentVUE – select FORMS on the left side navigation). You must submit the form every year.

Visit the [Parent page](#) on the PSD website for more information about ParentVUE, SchoolPay, Free and Reduced Lunch Applications and the Permission to Share Form. Please contact your school with any questions.

Thank you, and we look forward to a great year!
Poudre School District

News from Mari Lu Velez, Family Liaison

Parent Liaison: Mari Lu Velez (970) 488-5235 Texts: (970) 889-3791

McKinney Advocate—Providing many ways to support families who are in transition. Seeking support online or have questions of other support services that may be available? Confidentiality is a priority.

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News from the Parent Teacher Organization

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



Important Dates to Remember

August 15, 2019	Kindergarten Playdate	3:00-4:00 p.m.
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