

Harris Bilingual Immersion School Bulletin



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Notes from Julie Schiola

- **Welcome**

I welcome back all the Harris students and families who are returning after a restful, fun-filled summer. And to those kindergarten students and families and new students and families in other grades, we extend to you a warm welcome into the Harris community.

- **School Supply List**

Do you need a school supply list? Go to www.psdschools.org/schools/harris or come by the school to pick up a copy.

- **Open House – August 19, 2011**

We will be having an **Open House** at Harris on **August 19, 2011** from **3:30-4:30 p.m.** Come and find out who your child's homeroom teacher will be and visit the classroom. Your child may also bring his/her supplies at this time or may wait until the first day of school. If you are unable to attend the Open House, the **classroom assignments** will be posted on the windows in the front office or you may call **(488-5200)** to find out your child's homeroom teacher on **August 19, 2011**. *The teachers will be busy getting their rooms ready. Please do not try to come to see the rooms at any other time other than the Open House hour from 3:30-4:30 on August 19, 2011.*

- **Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten Parents: please plan on coming to a very important kindergarten orientation meeting with the kindergarten teachers on **Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. or Friday, August 19, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in room 206.** Childcare will be provided. If you are unable to make either of these meetings, please contact Karin Wangberg Rogers or Monica Rogers to get the needed information before the first day of school.

- **Boo Hoo Breakfast for Kindergarten Parents**

Kindergarten parents: you are invited to come to the *Boo Hoo Breakfast* right after you drop off your student for the first day of kindergarten on August 22, 2011. Join PTO parents at the Wild Boar Restaurant at 1510 S.College Ave. at 9:15 a.m. You may purchase coffee and they also serve breakfast items. The purpose of the Boo Hoo Breakfast is to welcome kindergarten parents as well as to offer support in this "moment of transition".

- **First Day of School- August 22, 2011**

The first day of school is **August 22, 2011**. The first bell to begin the day will ring at 9:00 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 9:05 a.m. Please **DO NOT** drop your child/ren off before 8:45. There will be no supervision until then. Students will be dismissed at 3:48 p.m.

- **Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures**

Please review the drop off and pick up procedures at Harris.

- Bus drop off and pick up is on the north side of Garfield. No parking will be allowed on this side of Garfield from 8:30-4:30 p.m.

- The drop off and pick up lane is on the west side (school side) of Smith Street. *To access the drop off and pick up lane, cars will need to come from Elizabeth Street, and turn south onto Smith Street. Please do not do a U-turn on Smith Street. Double parking is also not allowed.*
- Parents using this lane will stop long enough for their child to leave or enter their vehicle. Drivers may not park and leave their cars in this lane from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Cars need to **continue** pulling forward to allow for more cars to move in behind. Do not drop your child(ren) off until you get to the designated *drop off/pick up zone*. If the line of cars extends around the corner to Elizabeth Street, please be sure to pull your car as close to the curb as possible so as not to block oncoming traffic on Elizabeth. Also, please do not block the crosswalks on Elizabeth and Smith Streets. **Students will wait for their parents at the fence on Smith Street. This will allow parents to stay in their car instead of having to get out of their cars and look for their child. Please do not tell your child to meet you at another location besides Smith Street. This is the only place that students are supervised.**
- If you would like to walk your child to the playground or walk your child to the car, please park in the following locations: the south side of Garfield, the east side of Smith, on Elizabeth, in the Methodist Church parking lot, or anywhere else you find to park legally. **Please always cross at the cross walks.**
- **Please Do NOT park in the gas station. Your car will be towed away.**

• **Communication**

You can access the parent bulletin through the web at www.pdschools.org/schools/harris the first Thursday of every month. Please know that I am available to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have. To make sure that I am available, please see Cecilia Salas, our office manager, to set up a time.

• **Back to School Nights and Ice Cream Social**

Please try to attend this important evening where you will find out what will be expected of your child during the year.

- Back to School Night and ECO Week Orientation will be on **Tuesday, August 23, 2011 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. for fifth grade Spanish speaking parents** and from **7:15 –8:00 p.m. for fifth grade English speaking parents.**
- Come and enjoy some **Walrus Ice Cream** and visit with other Harris parents on **Thursday, September 1, 2011 from 5:30-6:20 p.m.**
- For parents of students **grades kindergarten through fourth grade**, Back to School Night will be after the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, **September 1, 2011 from 6:30-7:00 p.m. for the first session.** **A repeat session will be presented from 7:10-7:40 p.m.** Childcare will be provided for **school aged children.** Students who come must be supervised in the designated childcare rooms. **Students will not be permitted on the playground or wander the halls.**

• **New Staff Members**

Tasha Taylor will be teaching fourth grade this year. Tasha worked at Harris from 2006 to 2008 as the Assistant Media Specialist. In 2008, she went back to school to get her teaching license. In the spring of 2009, she did her student teaching with Cecilie Richmond in sixth grade. For the past year and a half she has been substitute teaching in and around Denver. We welcome her back to the Harris Community!

• **Changes in Staff**

Michelle Sparks will be teaching ESL.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) News

• **PTO Board Meeting**

The HBIS Parent-Teacher Organization is an active and supportive group to the Harris community. The first PTO meeting will be **September 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at Harris in room 216.** Please come and find out how you can be part of this great group of Harris parents and staff. Childcare will be provided.

Dates to Remember

August 18 & 19, 2011	Kindergarten Orientation Meeting- childcare will be provided Choose between one of the dates and times: August 18, 2011 August 19, 2011	6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.
August 19, 2011	Class lists are posted. Open House at Harris	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 3:30-4:30 p.m.
August 22, 2011	First day of school First bell rings at 9:00 a.m. Tardy bell rings at 9:05 a.m. Students are released at 3:48 p.m.	
August 22, 2011	Kindergarten Boo Hoo Breakfast at Wild Boar Restaurant at 1510 S. College Ave.	9:15 a.m.
August 23, 2011	<u>Fifth Grade</u> ECO Week Orientation and Back to School Night -Spanish Speaking Parents -English Speaking Parents	6:30-7:15 p.m. 7:15-8:00 p.m.
September 1, 2011	<i>Walrus</i> Ice Cream Social at Harris <u>Kindergarten – fourth grade</u> Back to School Night -First Session -Repeat Session	5:30-6:20 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m. 7:10-7:40 p.m.
August 31-September 2, 2011	Fifth Grade – ECO Week	
September 5, 2011	Labor Day – no school	
September 7, 2011	School Pictures	
September 8, 2011	PTO Meeting- Room 216 Childcare – Room 107	8:00 a.m.