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Harris Bilingual Immersion School

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Notes from Julie Schiola Principal



Presentation of our \$10,000 check

Dr. Keith Owen, Associate Commissioner at the Colorado Department of Education, came to Harris on January 19, 2012 to congratulate us on being awarded the **National Title I Distinguished School Award for closing the achievement gap**. We were presented with a \$10,000 check and a banner. The whole school and district personnel were there to celebrate in this great honor.



Diversity Dialogue

During the Diversity Dialogue on January 25 parents had time to share their concerns and celebrations about diversity at Harris. We will be discussing this feedback on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.

Share Concerns with Me

I have two very important roles at Harris. One is to make sure that all children learn at high levels. The second is to ensure that children feel physically and emotionally safe at school. Please know that I am available if you ever have any concerns. You can make an appointment with **Cecilia Salas, the office manager, 488-5202**, or you can try and catch me in the morning by the drop off line or in the afternoon by the pick up line.

School Improvement Plan

The update for the School Improvement Plan is posted on the Harris website. I would be glad to summarize it in Spanish if you'd like to drop by.

News from Mr. Meikel Art Teacher



The Superintendent's Art Show 2012 – Joshua Villalpando's Art to be displayed at the Administration Building!

The art piece, "Tessellation", created by **Joshua Villalpando**, a student in Mrs. Richmond's 5th Grade class, will represent our school at the District Administration building for an entire year! Congratulations, Joshua!!

News from Mr. Gomez P.E. Teacher

♥♥ Poudre School District "Schools on the Move" fitness challenge in February



An **activity log** was sent home on Wednesday, January 25, with the classes that had PE. The remaining classes received theirs on Tuesday, January 31st. Mr. Gomez gave instructions on how to fill out the activity logs during PE class, but further assistance will be needed from parents. They are to be filled 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. There is more information on the log sheet. If you have further questions, please call **Mr. Gomez at 488-5216 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays**. Let's get fit!



♥♥ "Gently Used" Athletic Equipment Needed

If you have any "gently used" athletic cleats, baseball gloves, shin guards, bat bags etc. that are collecting dust in your basement or garage, please consider donating them to the **Harris PE program**. We will give/ loan them to other Harris families that may not be able to purchase new gear for their young athletes. Please contact **Mr. Gomez at 488-5216** with information on the items you have. If you are in need of any sports gear, please contact **Mr. Gomez** as well.



♥♥ Fifth Grade Ski Trip

This year's trip was a big success with the most number of students we have ever had. We had the most "first time skiers" on this trip as well. The weather was beautiful, the skiing was good and the pizza was great. Thank you to **Mr. Boese** for volunteering to spend the day teaching 5th graders how to ski as **Mr. Gomez** worked with 1st time snow boarders.

♥♥ Morning P.E. –Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:00-8:45 a.m.

We are continuing the morning PE program as we begin the new year. We have had a consistent turnout of over 25 students on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. As the weather improves, we will be going back 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!

News from the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

♥♥ Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting

Our next PTO meeting will take place on **Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. Childcare for school aged children will be provided. Pizza will be served. There will be time to discuss the *Diversity Dialogue*.

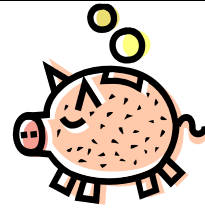


♥♥ "Coffee Talk" for Parents –Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Please join us the last Tuesday of the month for some hot coffee, yummy snacks and lots of chitchat. We invite Spanish-speaking parents who would like to practice their English language skills in a casual, comfortable atmosphere to join us on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the library**. We also need English-speaking and bilingual parents to join us for this fun coffee talk. Your little ones are welcome as well.

Call **Celsa Medina (308-2476)**, for information in Spanish, and **Anacleto Zielinski-Gutierrez (219-0702)** for information in English. Hope to see you there!

♥ Fundraisers



■ Scholastic Book Fair



The kick-off to the *Book Fair* will be held in conjunction with the *Friendship Dinner & Dance* the evening of **February 10, 2012, from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Library.** We will have raffles for free books during the dance. The book fair will then extend into the following week from **February 13-17, 2012.** Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during their library times or after school until 4:30 p.m.



This fair serves as both a fundraiser for our school, as well as a way to put more books into our library and classrooms. Please plan on attending. We can only make this a success with volunteer help. We are still looking for volunteers; if you can help, **please fill out the form below, and return it to school as soon as possible.**

If you have questions please contact **Abbe Kling (English)** at 206-4408 or skybrodey@aol.com, or our main office (**Spanish**) at 488-5200.



Please fill out the form below, and return to school as soon as possible!

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteer Opportunity

I can help on:

- Friday morning Feb. 10, 2012, with set-up
- Friday evening, Feb. 10, 2012, during kick-off
- During library times (list day and time you are available) _____
- After school from 4-4:30 p.m. (list day you are available) _____
- Friday afternoon Feb. 17, 2012 with breakdown

Parent's Name

Student's Name & Teacher

Telephone Number



♥ Harris Annual Friendship Dinner & Dance



All Harris Families are Welcome!

- ◆ When: Friday, February 10, 2012
- ◆ Time: Dinner from 5:30-6:45 p.m.
Dance from 6:45-7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Where: Harris gymnasium



- ▶ **Lupe Hernandez** will be preparing a meal for the Harris community. The price will be **\$2 per person**. Beyond that, donations would be appreciated to offset the cost.
- ▶ **Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.** We will stop serving promptly at 6:45 p.m.
- ▶ **After dining**, we will all have the chance to participate in some calorie-burning **group dancing starting at 6:45 p.m.!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help prepare and serve food, sell tickets, and clean up after the meal.
If you are interested in helping, please call Julie Schiola at Harris at 488-5201.

- **PREPARE:** Thursday February 9th, 4-5p.m. (Help Lupe assemble enchiladas.)
- **SERVE:** Friday, February 10th, 5:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **SELL TICKETS:** Friday, February 10th, 5:30-6:00 p.m., 6:00-6:45 p.m.
- **CLEAN UP KITCHEN AND GYM:** 7:30-8:15 p.m.

Notes from the Wellness Committee



February is HEART month!

We'll be celebrating Harris' Healthy Hearts with:

- ♥ Jump rope for the Heart activity
- ♥ "Schools on the Move"—be active every day. Forms were sent home with students on the 25th and 31st of January, 2012.



News of Interest

Family Night/*Noches de Familia*—Council Tree Library (2733 Council Tree Ave., Ste. 200) — Friday, February 3, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Come and enjoy a time of stories, crafts, puppets, and songs in Spanish. Each month we celebrate a special Latin-American holiday or tradition. It doesn't matter if you are a fluent speaker or are just interested in listening to the Spanish language and learning about the culture: this is the place for you! All ages welcome.

Dates to Remember

February 9, 2012	PTO Board Meeting –	6:00 p.m.
February 10, 2012	Elementary School Choice	
February 10, 2012	Dinner and Friendship Dance *Dinner served from 5:30-6:45 p.m. *Dancing-from 6:45-7:30 p.m.	5:30-7:30 p.m.
February 10, 2012	Kickoff of the Scholastic Book Fair	5:30-8:00 p.m.
February 11, 2012	School of Choice Automated Lottery	
February 13-17, 2012	Scholastic Book Fair during classrooms library hours and after school	Until 4:30 p.m.
February 14, 2012	Valentine's Day Class Parties	3:00 p.m.
February 20, 2012	Collaborative Day	No school
February 22, 2012	Deadline to submit articles for March Bulletin	
February 22, 2012	Meeting to look at the Diversity Dialogue Data	4:00-5:30 p.m.
February 28, 2012	"Coffee Hour and Talk" for parents	9:00-10:30 a.m.