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Harris Bilingual Immersion School

Esteve's News

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Notes from Julie Schiola Principal

❄ Note of Thanks!

Thanks so much to **Betsy Gammon, Melissa Faye, Jean Foley, and Gabi Sala** for creating the Harris Directory.

We really appreciate those of you who sent canned goods before the Winter Break. All together we collected **1, 636 food items**. The top winners were the following: **Ms. Taylor's class** collected 265, **Mr. Fuentes's class** collected 213, **Ms. Deal's class** collected 204 and **Ms. Tate's room** collected 201. Thank you to the **Green Scene Team** and **Ms. Mussehl** for organizing the boxes and to **Ms. Carrillo** for disseminating the food to our families in need.



❄ Do You Have a Child Entering Kindergarten Next Year?

Please fill out the form that is being sent home today if you have a child entering kindergarten next year and send the form back to the Harris office by **Thursday, January 19, 2012**. Remember that you will need to apply for School of Choice online by **Friday, February 10, 2012**.



❄ Harris Informational Nights

We will have two informational nights: on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012 in English** and **Thursday, January 26, 2012 in Spanish; both of them at 6:30 p.m.** Please tell anyone that is interested in finding out more about our program about these informational nights. Our current parents are, of course, welcome to come for a "refresher course"! We will have student guided tours of Harris on **February 1, 2012, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m.**

❄ Harris Staff Highly Qualified

Harris Bilingual Immersion School meets the federal mandate of *No Child Left Behind* that all staff is *highly qualified*.



❄ Diversity Dialogue

Please join the Harris school community in a Diversity Dialogue on **January 25, 2012**. This will be a time for open and honest conversation about ways we can continue to create an inclusive environment, so that all students and parents/families know and feel that they are a part of Harris. The dialogue will be conducted bilingually from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** Pizza will be served and childcare will be provided.

❄ Esteve Enrichment – Second Semester

See the attached notes for the before and after school enrichment classes that are going to be offered. The classes offered before school are: Art for 3rd-5th grades and Choir for 4th and 5th grades. The classes offered after school are: Cooking for Kinder-2nd grades and JumpNrope for 1st-5th grades. Remember that the **PE class will continue to be offered for all grade levels Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:00-8:45 a.m.**

News from Martha Petty Harris Media Specialist



❄️ **Richie Castro at AR Awards Assembly on January 17, 10:30 a.m.!**

Please join us for our 2nd quarter AR Awards Assembly on **January 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the Harris Gym**. We have invited one of our favorite performers back for this assembly to celebrate the reading success of so many of our students during the 1st semester.

Richie Castro is a modern-day troubadour who has spent the last 18 years sharing his passion, talent and love of music with people all over the world. He is a true traveling musician; he has lived, studied and performed in Asia, Europe, Mexico, and throughout the United States. Over the last 10 years Richie has been performing educational storytelling shows for children in schools, libraries and theaters. Recently he has developed another exciting project which is inspired by his years of music and travel, as well as his early training in the theater. His latest creation, "History Hunter", is a children's musical stage production which includes a CD and sing-along picture book. The aspiration of the History Hunter project is to introduce world cultures in an encouraging manner; using art, music and history.

News from the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



❄️ **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting**

The PTO meeting will be Thursday, **January 19, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.** (Please note that this is the third Thursday of the month instead of the second Thursday). Childcare will be provided.

As one of the agenda items, Leshar Middle School staff members, **Mr. Reyes and/or Ms. Ellingson**, will be attending our January Harris PTO Meeting to discuss the Leshar Dual Language Program.

Leshar is also having a Curriculum Fair/ Open House on Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. The Leshar Dual Language Team will have a special session to present the Leshar Dual Language Program. They will also have families of current Leshar Dual Language students present to answer any questions that our 5th grade parents have. If you are unable to make either of these presentations and have questions concerning Leshar Middle School, please contact **Daniel Gallegos**, Leshar IB MYP/Dual Language/ELA Coordinator at 970-472-3854, dgallego@psdschools.org.



❄️ **"Giving Project"**

Thank you to all the parents and students who made blankets and brought in items for the "Giving Project". We were able to warm 30 families and people with wonderful fleece blankets and supply many other needed items for families who were struggling over the holiday season. Remember your local charities throughout the year when you are cleaning out your closets. **Catholic Charities and La Familia/Family Center** welcome gently used clothes throughout the year.

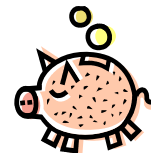
❄️ **"Coffee Talk" for Parents –Tuesday, January 31, 9:00-10:30 a.m.**



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, January 31, 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



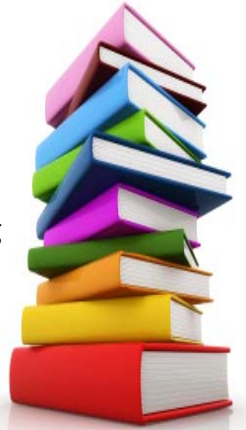
● **Barnes and Noble Fundraiser**

Thank you for supporting our Barnes and Noble fundraiser. We have received a gift card from them in the amount of **\$566.89** that was used to enhance our school's library.

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 13-18, 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. **Please fill out the form below, and return to school by January 27, 2012** if you can help.

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 by Friday, January 27, 2012

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteer Opportunity

I can help on:

- Friday morning Feb. 10, 2012 with set-up
- Friday evening 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.



News of Interest

❄️ Triunfo –CSU After School Program

The CSU after school program will begin again on Thursday, **January 26, 2012.**

Dates to Remember

January 12, 2012	Second Quarter report cards sent home	
January 16, 2012	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	No school
January 18, 2012	Informational meeting at Harris for parents of students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2012 as well as anyone else interested – English	6:30 p.m.
January 19, 2012	PTO meeting	
January 19, 2012	Donate the Lost and Found	
January 19, 2012	Leshar Middle School Curriculum Fair/ Open House	6:00-8:30 p.m.
January 19, 2012	Deadline to return note about Harris siblings starting kindergarten next year	
January 25, 2012	Diversity Dialogue	6:00-7:30 p.m.
January 25, 2012	Deadline for Parent Bulletin Articles	
January 26, 2012	Informational meeting at Harris for parents of students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2012 as well as anyone else interested – Spanish	6:30 p.m.
January 26, 2012	“Triunfo” –CSU After School Program begins again	
January 27, 2012	Deadline for School of Choice- Middle School	
January 31, 2012	Coffee Talk for Parents	9:00-10:30 a. m.

Looking Ahead...

February 1, 2012	Student Guided Tours of Harris	9:00-11:30 a.m. & 1:00-3:30 p.m.
February 9, 2012	PTO Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
February 9, 2012	Volunteers help assemble enchiladas for Friendship Dinner & Dance	4:00-5:00 p.m.
February 10, 2012	Deadline for School of Choice- Elementary School	
February 10, 2012	Kickoff of the Scholastic Book Fair Friendship Dinner & Dance	5:30-8:00 p.m.
February 11, 2012	School of Choice Automated Lottery	
February 13-17, 2012	Scholastic Book Fair continues	8:30-4:00 p.m.
February 20, 2012	Collaborative Day	No school