

HARRINGTON HOWLER

HARRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL / NOVEMBER 17, 2011 / VOLUME 11

EVENTS

11/17: Tia Juanita's Family Night

11/18: Hip Hop/Silent Auction, 6:30pm

11/23-11/25: Thanksgiving Break, No School

11/30: Teambuilding

12/1: Tia Juanita's Family Night

12/5: CiCi's Pizza Family Night

12/7: Teambuilding

12/8: Tia Juanita's Family Night

12/9: Last day to get in on the Spelling Bee

12/15: Holiday parties, 1:30 (Kindergarten @12:45)

12/15: Tia Juanita's Family Night

12/16: Spirit Rally, 8:30; Early Release, 12:00

12/19-1/2: Winter Break

1/3: Classes resume

HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
6:30-9:00PM**

**HARRINGTON'S ANNUAL HIP HOP/
SILENT AUCTION EVENT**

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FUN
FAMILY EVENT**

(PLEASE REMEMBER, NO UNATTENDED CHILDREN)

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE
TOMORROW!!!**

A giant thank you to all of the parents who helped with the teacher chili lunch! Special thanks to Sally Pylant, Jill Martinez, Steve Kusters, and Brad Boles for making chili. Next time you shop at Kroger, thank their management for donating a cake to our staff!





The Harrington 5th grade class, under the leadership of Mrs. Culbreth, coordinated a tribute to troops as a school wide Veterans Day salute.

Students pledged allegiance to our flag and sang patriotic songs. They met fathers of school mates who were active servicemen and veterans.

A video tribute was shared with all students, and two 5th grade students shared memorabilia from the Iraq conflict and from WWI.



Husky Square Gardeners Project



Harrington is proud to announce the construction of our new garden boxes!

A team of Harrington teachers along with parent Paul Wade attended a Texas A&M Extension Gardening Workshop in September. This workshop was designed solely to promote and encourage schools to create their own school gardens. The team broke off into different sessions to learn how to incorporate the garden into all subject areas. Teachers and students cannot wait to get their hands dirty!

Each grade level will grow their own vegetables and herbs, and they will have an opportunity to taste what they grow. Students will soon be introduced to their new gardens. Our plan is to begin planting in the Spring.

Special recognition goes to Eagle Scout Preston Patak, former Harrington Husky, for volunteering to build the boxes for the garden. Preston spent many hours planning and preparing to build the garden boxes with precise measurement. On Saturday, November 5, along with Eagle Scout Troop 25, the garden boxes were assembled and filled with soil. We are very thankful for Preston's dedication and efforts.

Another special recognition goes to Coach Thompson for initiating and overseeing this wonderful opportunity. We are also privileged to have the Plano Garden Club as consultants.

Husky Square Gardeners Mission Statement & Educational Aims

Children Learn:

- ◆ Gardening to create successful, sustainable gardens using organic methods; and to encourage students to have positive attitudes toward agriculture.
- ◆ Nutrition to improve diet; and to appreciate healthy foods and encourage healthy eating habits.
- ◆ Environment to improve the outdoor school environment; and to promote environmental awareness and understanding, respect for nature, and natural resource management.
- ◆ School Subjects to take learning outside, for hands on and real world experiences, to reinforce many areas of the school curriculum.
- ◆ Life Skills to help students learn to plan, make decisions, collaborate, take responsibility, explain and persuade, etc.
- ◆ School and Community to bring together school, children, families, and community for a common endeavor.



Car Pool Reminders

We've had an increase in parents dropping off their children in cars now that the weather is cooler. Our daily car pool traffic flow is light from 7:15-7:35 AM. After that time frame, traffic increases and so do violations in speed and in entering the drop off zone.

Parents, please be mindful & respectful of carpool routines. These routines include:

- ★ **a single file of cars turning into the front driveway**
- ★ **waiting your turn to exit the car so that students are safely exited with the help of a safety patrol helper from 5th grade**
- ★ **parking in an open spot along the east side of the building if you need to enter the building with your child**
- ★ **obeying the NO LEFT TURN sign as your exit the drop off**

A Plano policeman has been stationed along Country Place and has ticketed violators of the speed limit and the left turn prohibition.

Student safety is a shared priority. We appreciate & need your help in starting and ending our school day as safely as possible.



Earn Money for Harrington While You Shop!

We are participating in the Albertsons Community Partners Program. There is no cost to get involved, and Harrington will benefit with your help. Please read the [Albertsons Program details](#) to learn how to participate.

Kroger offers their Neighbor to Neighbor Program whereby you link your Kroger Plus card to Harrington; and then, every time your card is scanned, Harrington benefits. Please read the [Kroger Customer Letter](#) for more details.

The holidays are coming! If you shop online, please consider these [merchants](#) where you can earn Box Tops for our school! Simply register with www.btfe.com and buy from the select merchants!

Be looking for more information and forms to come home with your child.

Facebook Safety Class - Did You Miss It?

For those of you who couldn't make it to our recent parent education class at Harrington: We learned a lot about helping our kids stay safe while using the internet!

Did you know that the minimum age for Facebook is 13? I didn't know that.

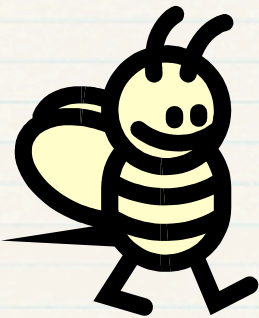
She also asked all of us if we would allow our children to take a stranger to their bedroom and shut the door. We all said NO of course! She explained that, when you allow your child to have their computer or smart phone alone in the bedroom, it is virtually the same as allowing that stranger in.

Ms. Kellogg has some great handouts about Facebook Safety. If you would like a copy, please contact Ms. Kellogg at shanna.kellogg@pisd.edu.

Be sure to join us for the next parent education class that will be offered.

Sherri
PTA President

2011-2012 Harrington Spelling Bee



Calling all 4th and 5th graders!!! You are invited to participate in the 2011-2012 Harrington Elementary Spelling Bee. The Harrington Spelling Bee will take place on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 1:30 in the cafeteria. Parents: come and support our spellers that day too! Please come get a permission slip from Ms. Lincoln's room before or after school to participate. Once you return the permission slip, you will receive the study materials to help you prepare yourself for this exciting event! **December 9th is the last day to request and receive information about the Spelling Bee.** Feel free to contact me with any questions, Jennifer.Lincoln@pisd.edu or 469-752-1533



FROM THE SCHOOL SECRETARY

Parents, please remember that, when your child is absent, you need to call the Child Safe line (469-752-1500 option 3) in the morning to report your child's absence. A note is also required within 3 days of their return.

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