

2011-2012

Harper Herald

A Publication of the Harper PTO



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Harper Calendar

AUGUST

18 New Family Orientation
Grades 1-4, 6:30 pm

24 Meet and Greet
Grades 1-4, 9:30-10:45am

24 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
12:15-1:15 pm

25 Opening Day Coffee/PTO Volunteer
sign up at 9:00am in the cafeteria

25 Opening Day of School
Grades 1-4, 8:55am-12:15pm
Kindergarten (AM & PM) please check
the class list mailing to see when your
child (and you) should attend.

26 Full Day of School, Grades 1-4
Kindergarten (AM & PM) please check
the class list mailing to see when your
child (and you) should attend.

SEPTEMBER

2 Movie Night
Mary Poppins

6 Curriculum Night
1st and 2nd Grades

7 Curriculum Night
Kindergarten

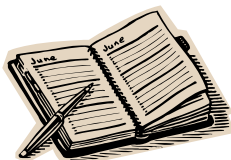
7 Executive Board Meeting

9 Movie Night Rain Date

12 Curriculum Night
3rd and 4th Grades

14 PTO Meeting

18 Harper Hoedown



Principally Speaking - by Susan Kick, PhD

Summer is a time for rejuvenating! Enjoying more time with family, appreciating nature, relaxing, reading and taking in the sunshine! I hope that your summer was wonderful and that your child is looking forward to coming back very soon. Summer camp just moved out of Harper and the custodians have been busy getting the rooms and halls sparkling. I look forward to seeing everyone at Meet and Greet!

NEW THIS YEAR! Class lists/transition sheets were EMAILED in mid-August for grades first through fourth. Kindergarten information was SNAIL-MAILED. There is a checklist on Harper's website that lists all of the important documents that you should view/print.

A few wonderful changes. The mural lighting was installed! When you get a chance, come and admire the murals. There were several rooms that were tiled and touch-up painting occurred throughout the building. Multiple trees were planted, thanks to generous classroom gifts. Finally, the mosaic tile that was created by our Harper students was hung in the reading garden! It looks absolutely beautiful!

I'm sure all of our returning Harper students are busy **reading and completing their math packets.** Don't forget to turn in the number of pages read and the



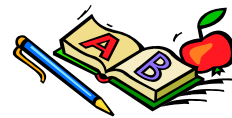
math packet at the Meet and Greet. We'll have an awards assembly during one of the first days of school to honor students who completed one or both of these tasks. If your child didn't complete the math packet, a quick review of learned facts is always helpful. You can print a copy of the math packet or reading log from the Harper School website: www.wilmette39.org/harper.

We invite you and your child to visit your child's classroom and new teacher at the **Meet and Greet** (grades 1-4) from **9:30-10:45 on Wednesday, August 24th.**

Please give your child's teacher your transition sheet that you received in the summer email. In addition, the **PTO New Family Orientation will be on Thursday, August 18th at 6:30. This is for grades 1-4.**

School begins on Thursday, August 25th. It is a shortened day 8:55am-12:15pm. August 26th is a **full day** for grades 1-4. Kindergarten has a special schedule; please refer to the August mailing to verify that schedule. We'll be starting with approximately 385 students.

The **cafeteria** will open August 26th. The cost of hot lunch is \$3.25, milk is \$.35, and a la carte items vary in price. Each family sets up an account for their child/family. Lunches and milk can be charged against the account balance. No



cash is accepted in the cafeteria. Parents can deposit money into their child's account as often as they wish. One can do this on-line or by giving the front office a check. When the account runs below \$10.00, the district will send a notice via email.

If you receive public aid, if your household income is at or below that set in the federal guidelines, or if there are extraneous circumstances, please contact the school office and complete a waiver of student fees and/or free/reduced lunch form.

A few reminders about safety procedures.



Please remember to sign in when you come into the building. Once you have signed in, please wear a visitor badge and don't forget to sign out! This ensures safety for our children. Doors are locked once the children have entered the building. When you arrive at Harper, you will get "buzzed in" to the school. You can then sign in and get "buzzed in" through the second set of doors.

Another related safety issue is the need for children to remain on school grounds at all times. If children need to leave early, a note from a parent should be given to the classroom teacher. **Parents need to come to the school nurse's office to sign their child out.** Upon returning to school, the child must be signed back in. The only exception to this rule is at lunchtime when children are allowed to

go home if they bring a note or have a signed "blanket" permission slip on file. Please request this form from the office if you plan on having your child eat at home each day. Parents should remind their child that they are NEVER to leave school unless prior arrangements have been made.

Also, if English is not your child's or your primary language, please let the office know. We will assist you in any way we can.

The following people are new to Harper or their position:

Pam Jacobson-Secretary
Samantha McKay-Psychologist
Elena White-Social Work Intern
Monica Brown-Spanish (part time)
Kristin Brown-2nd Grade (from 3rd)
TBA-Building Paraprofessional

Please give them a warm Harper welcome!

Enjoy the last few days of summer! If at any time you should have questions, please email me at kicks@wilmette39.org or call me at 847-251-6754, ext.6200. I look forward to hearing the sound of children's voices in the halls!



PTO Topics • Michaela Shaw, PTO President

Welcome back new/old Harper students! I hope you had a chance to relax and unwind over the summer. This should be another great year at Harper School! Our yearly events will include: Movie Night in the Harper Gardens, the Harper Hoedown, the Book Fair, Environmental Awareness and the Fun Fair Student Council event. **New this year** is the Parent Social planned for October.

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered for a PTO position on the Executive/General Board. All our wonderful and committed parents make Harper truly special! Hope to see everyone out and about this year! It is always great to meet

new people! If you have any questions please contact me:

ptopresident@harperpto.com.



I'd specifically like to extend my thanks to the following for their end of year summertime efforts:

- ♦ To Danielle Boersma, Lisa Maatman, Maureen Szafran, and Sarita D'Souza and all the volunteers who helped make 4th Grade End of Year Party a huge success. Thank you so much for sending our Harper graduates off in style!

- ◆ To those committees and their families that spent part of their vacation making sure all things at Harper continued to thrive over the summer. A huge thank you to the Garden Committee Terri Lorenz, Charlotte Bryant, Diane Schaffner, Susie Birdsell, and Frankie Kirby.
- ◆ A big thank you to the Nocera's for continuing to maintain the fish tank for three years running!
- ◆ Thank you Anne Fitzpatrick for maintaining our awesome website and Susan Parker for continuously spinning out the Harper Happenings every week!
- ◆ And of course, to Betsy Crosswhite for all her hard work and attention to detail in pulling together this edition of the Harper Herald.

One of the most important missions of the PTO is to enhance every Harper student's educational experience. **We accomplish this by providing a broad range of Enrichment and other PTO programs that support our amazing faculty and staff and make our classrooms, our building and our grounds a well equipped, safe and beautiful place for our children to learn.** There are three critical components to achieving these lofty goals: Fundraising, Parent Volunteers and Communications.

Fundraising

The PTO currently spends an average of \$150 per child on Enrichment and other PTO sponsored programs and events during the year. "Advance to Go" (ATG) is our primary means of funding these programs. Please reference the ATG section and attached form for more information on this important campaign.

Other fundraisers throughout the year include:

- The Book Fair
- Grocery Dollars
- School Kidz school kits
- Harper Sportswear
- Box Tops for Education

Volunteers



The PTO is always seeking motivated and energetic volunteers. There are countless ways to get involved at Harper either in the classroom, carpool and cafeteria, or PTO sponsored events and fundraisers. Many of the Committees will have tables at the **Opening Day Coffee** on Thursday August 25th at 9:00a.m. in the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars, come meet the Committee Chairs and find out more about how you can help. Classroom volunteer sign-ups will be held immediately following **Curriculum Night** - please see the calendar on the first page for specific dates and times. **Specifically, we are still trying to fill a handful of General Board positions.** We need at least two people to run the winter **After School Programs**. If you have any interest in this position please contact Michaela Shaw shaw_michaela@hotmail.com for more information.

Communications

In an effort to provide up to the minute information with a minimal impact on our environment, Harper continues to move towards a paperless format for communications. Again, this year, you will receive **weekly electronic Harper Happenings** from Dr. Kick, as well as **school wide emails**. We are also striving to keep **HarperPTO.com** up to date with the most current information on all things Harper. To submit information for the website, please email Anne Fitzpatrick HarperHappenings@harperpto.com



If you would like to submit for the current Harper Happenings please contact Susan Parker at HarperHappenings@harperpto.com by 9am on Monday of that week.

Here's to a great year!
Michaela Shaw PTO President

Ways & Means (Fundraising) • Shelley Shelly & Jennifer Beacom

The Harper PTO is proud to be able to provide our children with a diverse range of programs and services. However, we cannot continue these programs for our children without the help of every Harper family. Here are just a few of the fun, educational programs and activities your donations support:

- Field trips
- Landscaping
- Environmental Education
- Dartmouth Street crossing-guard salary
- The Harper Garden
- Guest Speakers and assembly programs
- 4th Grade Outdoor Education
- Artist-in-Residence Programs
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Great Books program
- Harper Playground
- Open Gym
- 4th Grade Bike to Highcrest

All these activities make a difference in your child's everyday experience at Harper!

School Kits

Thank you to all families that ordered school kits for their children for the 2011-2012 school year. Kits as well as any other items ordered will be waiting in your child's classroom on opening day, August 24th. Please check the Harper website for additional items needed from home for each grade level(include link if possible). If you did not order a kit we still have a couple of extras per grade. Please contact Kari Clarke at boos-mama103@yahoo.com or Terri Bielinski at terri Bielinski@gmail.com.



How is the money raised for these activities?

After a very successful first year, Advance to Go will again offer parents an easy and streamlined way to fund our valuable PTO programs. ATG replaces the traditional benefit fundraiser by raising money directly from parents. While we are again asking for a \$100 per student contribution, we know that this amount is more achievable for some than others, and ask that you give an amount that makes sense for your family. To donate, please see the ATG page at the back of this newsletter.

In addition to the ATG program, we still have a few supplemental ways of raising money for Harper including: Sportswear sales, Box Top collections, Grocery Dollars and the Book Fair. If you have any questions please contact

Shelley Shelly
shelley.shelly@hotmail.com
 or Jennifer Beacom
jjbeacom@yahoo.com.



Here's to another great year of activities at Harper!

Community Service Committee • Tracy Liepert

The Community Service Committee is dedicated to making community service a part of our children's educational experience. We want to partner with our youth and the community emphasizing the value of giving back. We will do this by cultivating relationships and providing service opportunities with local organizations. One such organization is Connections. The only shelter available to those in need on the Northshore, Connections provides housing, jobs, case management and health services to individuals and their families in need. If you have any questions please contact tracyliepert@gmail.com.

Enroll in Harper's Grocery Dollars Program • Tina Reilly & Allison Steinback



The Grocery Dollars Program is a simple, effective and easy way to raise funds for our PTO. Now in its second year, the Grocery Dollar program is looking to boost participation. Here's how it works...

Each month parents place orders for gift cards in \$50 or \$100 increments. Harper purchases the cards at a discounted rate and keeps the difference as profit. Very quickly this difference adds up and will help fund your child's enrichments experiences at Harper.

Currently Jewel/Osco, Dominick's, The Fresh Market, and Super HMart participate in the Grocery Dollars program. The Grocery Dollars gift cards work just like any gift card. Keep them in your wallet and use them instead of cash, check or credit

card to pay for your groceries. And, the cards don't expire.

Completed order forms are due the first Thursday of every month in the Grocery Dollar Folder in the Harper lobby. Want to use your credit card? Log on to www.harperpto.com and click on the "Grocery Dollars" button.

Grocery Dollar gift cards will be distributed the third Monday of each month at dismissal.

Print the attached order form or visit the www.harperpto.com to sign-up today. The first order deadline is Thursday, September 1, 2011.

Contact Tina Reilly, tntreilly@gmail.com or Allison Steinback, allisonsteinback@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Cafeteria • Michelle Fellman & Shari Hartman

Hot Lunch \$3.25
Milk \$0.35

Lunch Periods for 2011-2012
Grades 3&4: 11:15am—12:05pm
Grades 1&2: 12:15pm—1:05pm

We hope everyone is enjoying the last few weeks of summer. It goes too fast!

With the start of school just around the corner, we're looking for volunteers to help in the Harper cafeteria throughout the 2011-2012 year. This is a great opportunity to help out and enjoy a delicious meal with your child. Please contact us early to get the month(s) and day you want. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Opening Day Coffee. You pick a month and a day of the week to work

throughout that month. For instance, if you select Tuesdays in September, you will work every Tuesday of that month. Volunteers are responsible for working grades 1-4 from 11:15am to 1:05pm. Arrival time is 11:05am.



Feel free to send us an email with questions or to schedule volunteer dates at any time in the upcoming school year.

Michelle Fellman
251-4941 mich@wirthfellman.com

Shari Hartman
251-5044 sharihartman@mac.com

Check out the Harper PTO on-line: www.harperpto.com

Join the PTO • Caroline Mansour

****REMINDER**** Harper School Directories are only available to parents who have joined the Harper PTO. Please sign-up and pay online at www.harperpto.com to facilitate a smoother process. Checks will also be accepted at the Opening Day Coffee/PTO Volunteer Sign-Up or may be dropped in the PTO Membership folder in the Harper lobby **PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 5th**.

The number of directories printed is limited in order to keep costs low, so accurate membership information is extremely important. Cost is \$25 per family and membership helps fund enrichment programs for all Harper students. If you have any questions please contact Caroline Mansour at cwman-sour@sbcglobal.net



Parent Education Consortium (PEC) • Lonnie Stonitsch

The Parent Education Consortium (PEC) is a compendium of parenting programs throughout New Trier Township (and beyond). A wide array of topics are presented, from instilling resiliency to moral development to learning differences and special needs. Truly, something for everyone. The PEC website is: www.peccalendar.org and it features a great database with all the features you need including:

- ◆ Program listings in real time
- ◆ List sorting by date, topic, speaker, location, and sponsor, etc.
- ◆ Links to area schools and organizations

The PEC calendar can also be mailed to your inbox on the 1st of every month. Please contact Lonnie Stonitsch at Lonnie@PECCalendar.org, and she'll add you to the list. Stay informed and support your local schools and organizations working hard to make a difference.

Attend a presentation on a topic that interests you and bring a friend!

FAN: Family Awareness Network of New Trier Township • Ann Garrison

FAN is an all-parent, all volunteer non-profit organization that has served the parent and educational communities for over 30 years. FAN presents a variety of well-regarded parent education programs featuring top researchers and professional from around the country. FAN's high-quality offerings help build community connections, and foster parental competence and confidence. For more information, visit www.fan-ntts.org or contact Harper's FAN liaison for 2011-12, Ann Garrison at ann@thenoodlecafe.com

Get in the Groove... • Cindy Mydlach

Ready to get into the groove and sing some tunes?

Harper Chorus Starts
Tuesday, September 6th!

More information and registration can be found online at: www.harperpto.com or fill out an enrollment sheet from the PTO chorus folder in the Harper Lobby. Any questions please contact Cindy Mydlach at cmydlach@gmail.com.



PASS39 Building Coordinator • Michaela Shaw

The primary responsibility of the PASS39 Building Coordinator is to provide support and resources to families and the local school community to ensure parents are aware of services. PASS39 facilitates and promotes communication and teamwork among parents of children who receive support services in District 39 schools. For more information, email pass39@wilmette39.org.

PASS39 Parent Association for Student Services in District 39

Celebrate Harper's Beautiful Outdoor Spaces • Terri Lorenz

The garden received some lovely gifts last year. There is now a gorgeous mosaic in the Reading Garden that was assembled by our students and resident artist, Chris Zonta, during the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, last year's third grade Brownie Troop funded half of the beautiful wrought iron circular bench in the front garden. We thank the many parent volunteers that contributed to this project. Your efforts will enhance the Harper grounds for years to come!



Just a Spoonful of Sugar!

Please join us on Friday September 2, 2011 for the second annual **Harper Outdoor Movie Night!** Bring a picnic dinner for your family (siblings and neighbors are welcome to attend). The evening will start at 6:30 with games and crafts in the Harper gardens. The movie - the original Mary Poppins - will start as the sun goes down and be shown on a big screen on the playground. This is a great opportunity to see Harper's charming gardens at their peak while fitting in one more summer family outing.



Please email Terri Lorenz with questions at terrilorenz@gmail.com.

Checklist for Opening Day Coffee

PTO Opening Day Coffee
Thursday, August 25th
9 a.m., Harper Cafeteria



Remember to bring:

- Checkbook and Pen
- Calendar

Pay for the following ONLINE by going to the Harper PTO website www.harperpto.com or pay the day of the coffee and purchase all the following.

- PTO Membership
- Advance to Go
- Yearbook
- Harper Hoedown Tickets
- Grocery Dollars
- Harper Sportswear (not available online)

Volunteer for:

- Harper Hoedown
- Carpool Line
- Room Parent
- Book Fair
- Cafeteria
- Garden

Family to Family • Jai Liriano

Harper is a special place because we have a strong community of caring families who are always available to lend a helping hand to a family or individual in need. To facilitate the support of our families, Harper has established the Family-to-Family Committee- a group of caring Harper families who are available to help through

- ◆ Carpooling
- ◆ Meal preparation and delivery
- ◆ Grocery Shopping
- ◆ Dog walking/pet care
- ◆ Homework help
- ◆ Errands

If your family or a family you know is facing illness, loss of a loved one, or some other unexpected or special circumstance, please don't hesitate to contact Jai Liriano at (847)920-9047, ptopresidentelect@harperpto.com, or jailiri@comcast.net and let us know how Family-to-Family can help.

Family-to-Family volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Jai or sign up at the Opening Day Coffee on August 25th in the cafeteria.

Annual Harper Book Fair

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Harper Book Fair being held **November 14th, 15th and 16th** at Harper School. Look for volunteer sign-ups at the Opening Day Coffee and join in the fun!



More information to come...

Any questions please contact:
Katie Woodman at krwoodman@gmail.com,
Courtney VanDeVelde at cvandy72@gmail.com,
Melissa Meers at mbm29@aol.com or
JulieFlood at jwflood@att.net

NEW STYLES!! Harper Sportswear • Lori Pawelczyk

Look for the debut of our new and exciting line of HARPER SPORTSWEAR this August! There will be a few select pieces of sportswear available for purchase at the August Meet and Greet, but the majority of our fun t-shirts, football jerseys, flannel pajama bottoms and more will be available to order during our **two week sale** beginning at the Opening Day Coffee. There will be a few select items available for purchase at the Coffee. The sale ends September 9th.

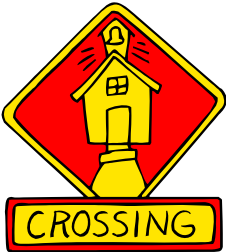
Show your Harper spirit and support the PTO.

BUY HARPER SPORTSWEAR!!



Civics & Safety • Robin Hungler

We are approaching the start of another school year at Harper, and it's time to start thinking about the driving and walking procedures that keep our children safe. The Civics & Safety Committee has developed traffic guidelines for student drop-off and pick-up that are designed to keep everyone safe. These guidelines are included in the opening day packet. **In addition you will receive maps of the Driving Route for Harper Drop-off and Pick-up and the Preferred Safe Walking Route.** Please take the time to read the guidelines, review the maps and share the information with your children and any other parents, grandparents or caregivers who might drop-off or pick-up your children.



We are fortunate the village allows Harper a pick-up/drop-off system. **In order to continue this system, everyone must follow the procedures.** Our system is aided by parent volunteers who assist at dismissal every day to ensure children are safely approaching cars and leaving the school property.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please help us and our children by volunteering. We ask you volunteer 1 day per week for a month (at minimum). Please pick the day and month that works with your schedule, arrive at 3:05pm and leave at 3:25pm. Please email robinhungler@me.com with the day(s) and month(s) you are available, or sign up for shifts during the Opening Day Coffee at the beginning of the school year in August.

It's one of the easiest volunteer positions we have at Harper and critical for our children's safety!

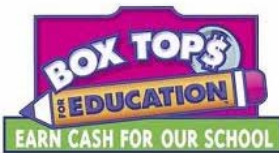
CARPOOL LINE REMINDERS

- ◆ PLEASE do not leave your car when in the carpool line. This applies to pick-up and drop-off for all ages, including Kindergarten AM pick-up
- ◆ If you want to walk your child to the door meet them after school, you must park your car in a legal spot.
- ◆ When dropping off your child, you must pull all the way up. Do not stop at the second set of doors located North of the main entrance.
- ◆ PLEASE DO NOT TURN INTO THE CARPOOL LINE FROM THORNWOOD! Enter the carpool line from Kenilworth Avenue ONLY!
- ◆ When children are being picked up after school, they must wait on school property until their parent or caregiver is in the carpool line.
- ◆ Please do not block crosswalks!
- ◆ Be safe and please be courteous! We are all trying to keep our children safe!

Questions? Please email Robin Hungler at robinhungler@me.com



Harper is Collecting Box Tops Again • Stephani Becker



To participate in the Box Tops for Education fundraiser just clip and turn in the "Box Tops for Education" label that is found on hundreds of products by General

Mills, Kleenex, Betty Crocker, Avery, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Totino's, Old El Paso and many oth-

ers. For each label turned in, Harper receives 10 cents. This is a very easy way to support Harper! All proceeds go directly to our library. **There will be a well-marked container in the lobby for all the Box Tops.** Your or your child can drop them off any time throughout the year. If you have questions, please email Stephani Becker at steph@thebeckers.cc

Enrichment • Susan Locke & Senta Plunkett

One of the things which makes Harper such an amazing place to learn is the abundant number of Enrichment activities made available to students. The Enrichment Committee works with teachers to plan field trips, author visits, speakers, fire safety, scientists, artist-in-residence and all sorts of unique programs to complement students' classroom learning. The Harper PTO generously funds all of these Enrichment programs.

Here is a small sample of the many Enrichment activities:

All School Events

Artist-in-residence program - most recently, the PTO sponsored a mosaic artist, Chris Zonta, to work with all students on individual mosaic projects as well as a large 5' x 9' mural in the reading garden.



Scientist-in-residence program - Judy McKee, a science teacher, is on-site each year at Harper to lead additional science lessons for students.

Author visits - Jane O'Connor, author of the Fancy Nancy children's book series, visited Harper this past year to speak with students and read her latest book.

Multi-cultural assembly - Tsukasa Taiko, a Japanese drumming group from the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic performed for all students in 2011.

Kindergarten

- The Grove field trip
- Mother Goose visit

1st Grade

- Chicago Botanic Garden field trip
- Habitat workshop led by Julie Zielke

2nd Grade

- The Field Museum field trip
- Alaskan author Debbie Miller & husky dog visit

3rd Grade

- City of Chicago field trip
- Storyteller Rives Collins visit

4th Grade

- Shedd Aquarium field trip
- Mike Byster, Brainetics math presentation

It takes a lot of preparation to make these terrific educational experiences possible. We thank the following Enrichment Assistants who will be responsible for planning and coordinating the grade-level Enrichment events for the 2011-2012 school year:

Kendall Carlson	Kindergarten
Kaari Reiersen	1st Grade
Kelly Hudson	2nd Grade
Deirdre Redding & Melissa Meers	3rd Grade
Cheri Weber	4th Grade

Thank you for your continued commitment to excellence at Harper. We're looking forward to another terrific year! Any questions please contact Susan Locke locke_susan@yahoo.com or Senta Plunkett sentaplunkett@yahoo.com.

Room Parents • Melissa Murray & Sally McQueen

The Harper teachers rely on their room parents to help make many of the school year activities run smoothly. Becoming a room parent is not only a fulfilling way to lend your time and efforts to school, but also a great way to be involved in your child's Harper experience. If you're interested in volunteering to be a room parent, the sign-ups will take place at the Opening Day Coffee on August 24th.

For Kindergarten parents and others who may not be planning to attend the coffee, or for anyone who has any questions, please contact either one of us





The PTO is thrilled to be able to provide our children with special programs and services that make Harper such a special place! We greatly appreciate your time, consideration and of course, your gift! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Gratefully,

Roxy Freel, Kristyn Gibson, Ellen Hainen & Allison Steinback

Name: _____

"Dealer" Level

Number of Children _____ x \$100 = \$ _____

"Banker" Level

We'd like to speed this game up by betting a little more \$ _____

"Community Chest"

Every dollar counts and we are happy to play \$ _____

Total Score \$ _____



Please bring this form and your check made out to Harper PTO to the Opening Day Coffee, drop it in the "Advance to Go" folder in the Harper lobby, or click on the "Advance to Go" button on the Harper PTO website.



Order Form:

Name _____

Child Name/Grade/Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

One-Time Purchase

Store	# of Cards	Total
Dominick's \$50 Card		
Dominick's \$100 Card		
Jewel/Osco \$50 Card		
Jewel/Osco \$100 Card		
Fresh Market \$50 Card		
Fresh Market \$100 Card		
Super H Mart \$50 Card		
Total # of Cards / Amount		

Please make check payable to "**Romona PTA**". Checks are due by 3:00 pm the 1st Thursday of every month in the Grocery Dollar Program folder in the lobby.

Delivery Information

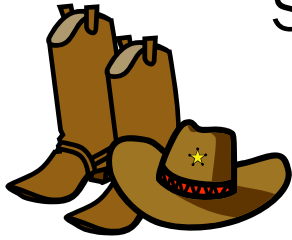
Gift cards will be distributed the 3rd Monday of each month at dismissal.

Credit Card Orders

Go to <http://www.harperpto.com/grocerydollarsignup.html> to use your credit card.

For questions please contact Tina Reilly (847)256-1592 or Allison Steinback (847)251-5685 or email at: grocerydollars@harperpto.com

HOWDY Y'ALL! COME ON DOWN TO THE
HARPER HOEDOWN



Sunday, September 18, 2011*

1:00 to 3:30 pm

Harper School

Kick off the new school year with a special Harper tradition!

*Rain Date: Sunday, October 2, 2011 (same time)

Purchase Tickets in Advance at a Discount!

(See order form on following page OR

order online at www.harperpto.com starting August 25th).

Rides/Attractions including:

- Tubs of Fun
- State Fair Giant Slide
- Pony Rides
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Dunk Tank

Exciting and New for 2011 !!

- Pirate Ship Adventure !
- High Striker Bell Tower !
- New Games !
- More Great Food
- More Pie Eating Contests

Plus Games, Food, Music, and Prizes!

WE NEED HELP! GET INVOLVED!

Call for general volunteers! Contact **Margie Karabas** (mbkarabas@mac.com or 256-3710) to volunteer at the event including running games, prize redemption, food distribution, set up or clean up.

Please donate stuffed animals and old toys as prizes by placing in the bin in the Harper lobby or deliver to the home of the prize chair for your grade level: **Kindergarten: Janet Karr** (2237 Thornwood), **1st Grade: Anne King** (1941 Thornwood), **2nd Grade: Cheryl O'Brien** (2210 Schiller), **3rd Grade: Michelle Paul** (2029 Greenwood), **4th Grade: Julie Flood** (2105 Kenilworth). General questions about the Hoedown? Contact **Margie Karabas** (mbkarabas@mac.com) or **Kirsten Engel** (kirsten.g.engel@gmail.com).

Buy Discounted Harper Hoedown Tickets at the Opening Day Coffee!!



Children \$10 and Adults \$5

(Children of age 2 and under are free)

Simply bring this completed form and check payable to the Harper PTO to the Opening Day Coffee, which will be held on Thursday, August 25th at 9:00 a.m. in the Harper Cafeteria.

If you cannot attend the coffee, you may still obtain discounted tickets by returning this form with payment to your child's teacher by September 9th. Also, you may send the form and check directly to Joanne Rogers, 2221 Thornwood Avenue. Your name will then be placed on a prepaid admission list at the check-in table on the day of the event.

Non-discounted tickets will be available on the day of the event

Children: \$15, Adults: \$10, Food and Fun Tickets \$1 each

(Tickets can be used for either food or special activities.)

Family Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Adult Tickets: _____ @ \$5.00 each \$ _____

Child Tickets: _____ @ \$10.00 each \$ _____

Food Tickets: _____ @ \$1.00 each \$ _____

Special Promotion: 30 Food Tickets for \$25 \$ _____

Make checks payable to Harper PTO

Grand Total: \$ _____

Chess is Hot!

At Harper School

Join the Harper Chess Club today!

Beginners to
Experts



Learn chess
rules and
strategy!

The Chess Club will meet on Mondays after school, from 3:15pm until 4:20pm. The Fall Session begins on September 19th.

Fall Chess Club meetings:

9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/28, 12/5 and 12/12

Easy Chess Club registration on the Harper PTO website



Select Kids Programs



Choose Chess Club



Pay with PayPal

Fee for Fall Session - **\$105**

(There will be no refunds once Chess Club has started.)

The fee includes 9 sessions. Enrollment is limited to 45 so first priority will be given to those who register by September 9th.

A lottery will be held if necessary.

Questions? Please contact Eileen Hart at eileenshart@gmail.com