

Harvest Elementary Newsletter

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Principal's News

Karl H. Bowman

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Harvest Elementary School and welcome to those who are new to our school. It is an exciting time as we start our 6th year of school. We have approximately 300 less students than last year, and in fact we have never had this few. We really feel a difference in the school. There is plenty of room in the lunchroom. We feel a difference on the playground and in the halls. I can't wait to have an assembly where we will really see a big difference in our gym area as we gather together. We miss those who left Harvest to go to Riverview and other schools as they have moved, but are grateful to have you all here.

We have a few changes starting this year and are excited to inform you of some academic helps and language learning. We will give more details as we roll them out to you this year. One in particular we will be starting during the month of September is the "Double Dosing" program. We will be identifying students who need a little extra help and we will be making personal invitations to attend double dosing sessions that will take place before and after the student's school day. This will allow for additional instruction in needed academic areas for students.

Another benefit we will be offering you is a Rosetta Stone account for each student at our school. We will be sending home a "request for information" to you so you can select the language you want your child to be assigned. We also will be offering English for students who want extra practice and work in this language as well as Mandarin, French, German, and Spanish. We invite you to speak with your teachers if you think your child would benefit from an online forum to gain more proficiency in English. As we send this "request for information" form home, you will be asked to select the language your student's account will be assigned. We are very excited about this opportunity to start world language learning at an early age for all students in our school.

We at Harvest Elementary School look forward to working closely with you in our mission to plant knowledge for life's harvest for all our students. We appreciate your dedication to your children and the many volunteer hours we receive at this school. We could not do this job without you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call, email, or otherwise contact us so we can work together to resolve your concerns. We look forward to a great year working together. Sincerely,

Karl H. Bowman, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *SEPT 1 General PTA Mtg @ 5
- *SEPT 1 Back to School Night
5:30-7:30
- *SEPT 2 Hearing Screening
- *SEPT 2 Start Spirit Days
- *SEPT 8 Room Rep Rally
@ 3:30 in gym
- *SEPT 12 Reflections Kickoff
- *SEPT 23 School Pictures
- *OCT 4 PTA Mtg @ 3:45 in
Media Center
- *OCT 4-7 Book Fair

A Message from the PTA

Welcome Harvest Families and friends!!!

As the 2011-2012 school year starts, the PTA looks forward to working with you and your children to make sure their time at Harvest is amazing.

Our school is very lucky to have such wonderful teachers and staff, who continually work to make Harvest the school we all love. As PTA, our goal is to work with our teachers and parents, so that the needs of our students are met.

Because of how supportive and active our parents and teachers are, we are able to have a strong PTA within our school. We give thanks to all of you, who continually donate your time and

financial support to help our PTA succeed. Our PTA Board is happy to help provide activities that help develop our children's social and academic skills (examples: art, computers, music, RAD, knowledge bowl, reflections, spirit days, and many more).

We are striving to have everyone become PTA member and hope to see all of you join! We invite you to attend PTA meetings, which are held in the Media Center the first Tuesday of each month at 3:45PM. Your feedback and insight is needed!

We look forward to another awesome year at Harvest. Thank you for your support, dedication, and for entrusting us to help create a positive school experience for your children.

Sincerely, Lorri Moore PTA President

SIPA News



Bienvenidos

We want to welcome all the new students and parents of the Spanish Immersion program and hope you will love this new adventure of learning a second language.

With a new school year comes great things and SIPA has a lot to look forward to this year with First Grade being added to the program and the co-teaching happening in First and Second grades.

Also, congratulations to all existing Spanish Immersion students (and parents) that are sticking with it and doing so well. It is an extra challenge and we are so glad you continue make this program so amazing at Harvest Elementary.



SIPA Events coming up.....

Our first general SIPA meeting will be on
Monday, Sept 12 at 3:45pm
in the library.

We still are in need of volunteers for the
Take Home Reading Library and to help
start costumes for La Fiesta in the Spring.

Questions or comments?
Please contact the SIPA President
Danielle Cahoon
cell 801.473.8250
email sdcahoon@hotmail.com

Many thanks for all your support of the Spanish
Immersion Program at our great school!!!

Esquina de Espanol

Spanish Word of the Month:

los zapatos = shoes

(saw - paw - toes)

PTA Membership

It's that time of year again!

Time to join Harvest PTA! This year our theme is **WILD about Harvest PTA**, because we are **WILD** about our **TEACHERS** and **STAFF**, **WILD** about our **STUDENTS**, and **WILD** about our **PARENTS**. I hope you will join us in supporting the Harvest PTA and all the amazing programs we support and sponsor. This year we will be having great classroom competitions. The first 2 classrooms to have a 100% membership will win a special party.

Our goal is to have each and every student's parent(s) join Harvest PTA.

Each classroom will have a special poster outside their door. When you join the PTA your child's name will be placed on a special WILD animal

footprint on their classroom poster - in order to spotlight your support of the PTA. However, if you cannot join the PTA at this time, when the Membership forms are sent home, there will be a box to check, that you cannot join at this time. This will also be sufficient for allowing your child to get their name on the poster. We want every child the chance to enjoy having their name on the poster!

Please look for our membership forms coming home in the Wednesday Folders.

For questions please contact Aimee Lifferth (Membership VP) at aimeelifferth@gmail.com



Mission: Planting Knowledge for Life's Harvest.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." -

Jane D. Hull

Battle of the Books....coming soon!

We are so excited to announce that we will be having the Battle of the Books coming soon! There is a 3rd and 4th grade reading list and a 5th and 6th grade reading list.

Teams will be selected from each class to read the books on the list.

We look forward to starting in October and will be sending more information to you at a later date.

Any questions please feel free to give Linda Morgan, our Media Specialist a call at the school.

There is a quick reminder from the District Nutrition Offices about the importance of breakfast in the morning. The school does serve breakfast a ½ hour before each start time. If you would like your child to eat at the school it is .85 cents.

Please make sure that your child gets breakfast. It will help their minds learn and has been proven to increase academic standings.



Mr. Bilbao has been teaching for 5 years. His favorite subject to teach is PE or math. When he is not at the school you can find him boating in the winter or playing softball the rest of the year, or any sport for that matter. He loves Wendy's and Dr. Pepper and enjoys reading The Hunger Games and eating Snickers. His dream vacation next summer would be to go to Peru. One time when he went to a haunted house with a date he was chased by his worst fear, a man with a chainsaw, and screamed like a girl the whole way! He would tell the 6th graders to follow the 3 R's: READ, RELAX, REMEMBER!

Sra. Prince is our Spanish Immersion 6th grade teacher! She has been teaching for 6 years. When she is not at the school she is enjoying Mexican enchiladas, visiting museums, listening to music, and reading Little Women. She also loves to watch the news and talk on the phone and eat ice cream. One time when she was driving her brand new car it suddenly stopped and wouldn't start again. She was very frustrated and told her husband she wanted a new car because this one was broken. When her husband got there he informed her that she was just out of gas! Oops! ☹ Her advice to the 6th graders is to use your talents and intelligence in everything you do!

Getting to know the 6th grade teachers!!!

Mr. Bilbao, Sra. Prince, Miss Albaugh, and Mr. Meyer (ED Unit 4-6)

At Harvest Elementary we have an awesome 6th grade team! Miss Albaugh is our most veteran teacher with this being her 31st year of teaching! When she is not at the school you can either find her boating, eating at Los Hermanos, her favorite restaurant, enjoying a hot dog from Purple Turtle or relaxing in her quiet home watching a good show on T.V. eating lemons with salt. Her favorite subject to teach is math. One day while she was teaching she started to tell the students about her boxer dogs. She said, "My boxers are getting huge!" A girl innocently said, "You wear boxers?" Her advice to her 6th graders is to be respectful, work hard, play hard, and love your family...oh and your teacher!☺

THANK YOU 6TH GRADE TEACHERS!!!!!!

We would like to welcome the new faculty and staff to Harvest. We are excited to have you here! We also like to welcome all the new students. Have a great year!

Just a reminder about Wednesday communication envelopes....

Harvest will be starting the communication envelopes this week. They will only be doing these for the first half of the year. Please watch for a note to come home giving you a chance to update your e mail address.

If you have any further questions feel free to contact the office.

Also, if you have anything that you would like to include something in the newsletter please have it to Kristen Turner by no later than the 20th of each month.

Her email address is:
kturner@alpinedistrict.org

**FOR LUNCH MENU: please visit the district website at alpineschools.org
Go to the Parents/Students Link, then select our school.
Or please visit the school office**