



March 13th, 2009



Safe Arrival

Week of March 23:

- Jane Margles
- Penny Rehaut
- Shindy Rosen
- Rand Simon
- Paul Chang

Week of March 30:

- Mindy Green
- Deanna Sairoglou
- Susan Tinianov
- Rand Simon

Beach Day at Harrison

Surf's up! What an exciting day at school today. The staff and students came dressed ready for the beach – sandals, swim suits, sunscreen, beach towels, sun glasses, sun hats, the works! The sounds of the *Beach Boys* played over the PA while the children entered the school. The students enjoyed beach related activities, played with fun equipment in the gym, stretched out on their beach towels for read-alouds, and learned some great surfing moves. For those of us who are not flying away to a sunny, warm destination this year for March Break, having Beach Day at Harrison was a great way to escape.



Best wishes to all of the Harrison families for a wonderful and relaxing March Break.

Janet Ricciardelli
Principal



If your child is going to be absent or arriving late to school, please call 416-395-2535 and press #1 to leave a message.



What's Happening @ Harrison P.S.

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Tel: 416-395-2530 Safe Arrival: 416-395-2535



Hearing and Vision Screening

All students at Harrison P.S. are eligible to participate in Hearing and Vision Screening right here at the school! **SeeHear**, an organization working in partnership with the TDSB, is scheduled to come to our school on **April 6th and 7th** to conduct Hearing and Vision Screening for all of our students. Information outlining this great opportunity was sent home this week with all students. Please remember to fill out the permission form and submit \$10.00 to the classroom teacher (cheques are payable to SeeHear) before April 6th.



School Council



Anti-Bullying Presentation

On Monday, March 9th **Madeleine Slate** and her mother Joanne Sleightholm came to Harrison. They shared a very powerful message about indirect bullying – *Bringing a Conclusion to Exclusion*. Through music and dialogue, Madeleine and her mother told the story of Madeleine's unfortunate experience during elementary school dealing with exclusion, mistreatment, and cruelty from her peers. Staff and students were engaged, thoughtful, and empathetic throughout the performance. Madeleine's beautiful voice was such a delight to hear. You are able to hear some of the demos of Madeleine's singing at www.myspace.com/madeleineslate. Thanks again to the School Council for sponsoring this presentation.



Pizza / Pasta Lunch

We are continuing to accept registration forms to participate in Pizza / Pasta Lunch for Term 3. Please return completed forms and payment to the box located outside the office.



Harrison Yearbook - 2009

The yearbook committee is still looking for sponsorship from the local community. Harrison families and neighbours have the opportunity to sponsor the yearbook by placing an advertisement for a business or service in the sponsors section of the yearbook. Please see the attached form outlining the specific details regarding yearbook sponsorship.



Fun Fair Planning Committee

Calling all volunteers! It's that time of year again. The annual Spring Fun Fair is just around the corner so it's time to start planning. Any parents who are interested in volunteering to help with this year's Fun Fair are asked to please attend our first planning meeting on March 30th at 9:00 a.m. in the staffroom.

Community Reminders



Student Drop-off & Pick-up Reminder

Many of our students are dropped off and picked up in the morning and after school by car. This can create an unsafe school community if procedures and safe practice are not firmly in place and followed consistently by parents, students, and staff. We cannot stress enough, the importance of following these procedures. It will ensure the safety of our children and reduce the anxiety felt by all parents and students as they commence their work day.

Kindergarten students line up with their parents, guardians or older siblings at the south doors. Please park within the community in appropriate parking areas on the street. Unfortunately, there is no parking for parents available at the south side of the school. This entrance will be closed to vehicles during the school day.

Primary students enter and exit the building using the north doors. We ask that parents of primary students effectively and efficiently use the Student Drop Off Loop, fondly known as the “*Kiss ‘n Go*” at the east-end of the parking lot. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK** your car along the fence when dropping off or picking up your child. This will create traffic congestion and unsafe conditions. New signs have been posted along this fence and we urge all parents to refrain from parking their cars in this area. Vehicles may be ticketed.

Junior students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are capable of walking to school independently if they live in the area. If they are dropped off because they live further away, we ask that parents / guardians drop junior students on the corner of Harrison Road and Old Colony Road (or any other convenient, but distant location) and allow them to walk to the school independently. This will help to reduce traffic congestion and allow the students to develop their sense of independence.

Special needs students are dropped off at the front of the school or on the south side of the building depending on their mobility. **Please keep the front of the school free from parked cars in order to accommodate these bussing arrangements.**





International Baccalaureate

Classroom Clips

Who is Nobody?

The grade 3's in Mr. Friedberg's class have a project called Who is Nobody?. They are using 5 easy steps to turn Nobody into a Somebody. Nobody is a doll that everybody is taking turns to take home. They all put a 3-D attachment to turn Nobody into a Somebody. They make research and try to help a living thing, either animals, people, or the earth. They write some sentences about their Who is Nobody experience. They also take a picture with Nobody and their 3-D attachment. They get to spend a week with Nobody and on Monday they speak to the class about their week with Nobody. For more information go to www.whoisnobody.com.



Thank you to the Rotary club of Toronto Eglinton for donating this program to Mr. Friedberg's Grade 3 class.



By Jason Wang



Future Canadian Idols!

The Grade 2 students in Ms. Koziembrocki's class are on their way to stardom! As part of their IB unit "Music Makes the World Go 'Round", the students have formed bands and created musical instruments using found objects from home. This morning, each group performed their original piece of music, including rhythm, beat, and even choreography! The Grade 5 reading buddies were the audience. What an outstanding job these students have done! I have a feeling that some of these performers are going to be future Canadian Idols!



Cathy Van Kruistum
IB Coordinator



Important Dates

Lice Screening	March 23 rd
Chess Tournament	March 26 th
Fun Fair Planning Committee Meeting	March 30 th (9:00 a.m.)
Term 2 Report Cards Go Home	March 31 st
Choral Project Mass Rehearsal	April 1 st a.m.
Staff Appreciation Day	April 2 nd
PA Day	April 3 rd
Parent / Teacher interviews & Student-led Conferences	
Vision / Hearing Screening	April 6 th & 7 th

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