

Harvest Elementary Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- *OCT 4-7 Book Fair
- *OCT 5-6 Parent Teacher Conf
- *OCT 11 PTA Mtg @3:45 in Media Center
- *OCT 14 5th Grade Donut & Reading Day
- *OCT 20-21 Fall Break
- *OCT 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- *OCT 27 Picture Make-up Day
- *OCT 28 Reflections Due
- *OCT 28 Birthday Table
- *OCT 31 Halloween
- *NOV 1 PTA Mtg @ 3:45 in Media Center
- *NOV 10 4th Grade Donut & Reading Date
- *NOV 16-17 Santa Secret Wkshp
- *NOV 18 Fall Carnival

Principal's News

Karl H. Bowman

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy start this year and Parents Conferences are upon us already. October will be the month that we will activate Rosetta Stone Licenses for every student in our school. As you visit with your child's teacher during Parent Conferences, I would appreciate your filling out a form they will give you as to the world language you would like your child to learn.

For some of our students we have predetermined the language to use this year. For example, all immersion students will have Spanish as their language for their particular license. For some students, English will benefit them the very most. For other students, we would like parents to select the world language you would like your student to learn. Here is a list of languages from which you can choose: Chinese (Mandarin), Danish, Dutch, English (American), English (British), Filipino (Tagalog), French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Pashto, Persian (Farsi),

Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Swahili, Swedish, Thai, Turkish, Vietnamese, Welsh.

Please turn in the completed form to the office and you will soon receive an email detailing your student's license activation and the website where you will access Rosetta Stone.

Our new program of Double Dosing will begin the week of October 10th. You will be receiving more details about that program as well.

Our new website is active and we appreciate you accessing this information there. I would invite you to sign up for the weekly reminders and events that are occurring at our school. You can do that on this website and participate fully with us at Harvest Elementary School.

I appreciate the amazing support and the many volunteer hours you dedicate to the students at Harvest. We invite you to continue to be participants in the most important process of educating all students.

Sincerely,

Karl H. Bowman, Principal

A Message from the PTA

September has once again vanished right before our eyes. With the start of the Fall Season, October has great activities in the works for Harvest!

Book Fair will start October off with a bang! **October 4th - 7th from 9:00am to 4:00pm**, however, it will remain open till **8:00pm on conference nights**. This year proceeds will go to help fund Battle of the Books.

Red Ribbon Week is October 24th - 28th. We have a "magical" surprise for the students at the assembly on Wednesday. We also have a different theme for each day and a game that will be sent home for your children to do with their families. Look for more information in the Wednesday Folder.

Reflection entries are due October 28th. No late entries will be accepted. If you are interested in participating, you can pick up information and an

entry form in the main hallway. This is such a great opportunity to let our children's creativity shine!

The classroom **Membership contest is still underway**. If you have not joined the PTA, it is not too late. Your child can still get credit for your membership. The first two classes that reach 100% membership will get a special PTA party in their class! Your membership dues also help support the activities held at our school!

I would like to take the time to thank the parents of Harvest for making this school such a great place to volunteer. I am truly honored to work with you and work with the amazing PTA commissioners that run these wonderful activities for Harvest!

Sincerely, Lorri Moore PTA President

SIPA News

¡Muchas gracias!

Thank you to all the amazing parents who continue to help in the Spanish Take Home Reading Library.

All of the volunteers are making Harvest SIPA what it is today and what it will become in the future. Thanks for helping make it so great!

Volunteers NEEDED:

We have a vacancy on the SIPA board for **Social/Cultural Event Coordinator**. If you would like to share your talents and assist in planning our events, please contact Danielle Cahoon or Cassie Gross.

Costume planning for the Spring show "La Fiesta" has commenced! If you will be able to help cut, sew etc., please contact Danielle Cahoon or Cassie Gross.



SIPA Events coming up....

Save the Date! "La Posada" will be December 8 at 6:30pm. More details to come.

We will be having our annual tamales fundraiser, so watch for tamale order forms NEXT month.

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 Español

Spanish Word of the Month:

calabaza = pumpkin

cah - lah - bah - sah

Connect with SIPA on Facebook:

If you want to keep updated and connect with other SIPA families, log into Facebook and go to: Harvest SIPA <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HarvestSIPA/>

Battle of the Books is starting!!!

We are so excited to have the Battle of the Books starting next week!!!

The students are grouped in class by teams of 4. We grouped 3rd and 4th grades together and 5th and 6th grades together. Each group is asked to read 20 books by the end of February. After the reading has been completed we will have a game show type event where they will answer the questions regarding the books. It will be important to know the book, the author and be able to answer the questions. The teams will compete at the school level first, then move on to a district level round of competition.

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



Mission: Planting Knowledge for Life's Harvest.

DO BOX TOPS REALLY HELP?

The answer is YES!!! Also, right now Smith's is having a special where you can enter your box tops that are on the end of your receipt online and it is bonus box tops! They add up fast and help your school!

Also, we are collecting empty Capri Sun Packets in the lunchroom. We can turn them, as well, and receive money back to help our school!

Thank you for your support!!!

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvements of parents.”

Jane D. Hull





Getting to know the 5th grade teachers!!!

Mr. Fretwell, Mr. Christofferson, Sr. Smithee, and Mrs. Luis

This month we are so excited to tell you all about our awesome 5th grade team. Mr. Christofferson is also one of our most veteran teachers. He has taught since 1978, except when he took a few years off to work at First Security Corporation. When he is not at school he is either enjoying reading Harry Potter or Twilight series while snacking on peaches or pears or writing and editing original stories on his computer. He loves to go on road trips but would love to be able to travel to Brazil over his summer vacation. His favorite dinner is BBQ ribs, juicy and covered in sauce that is not too spicy. His favorite subject to teach is math. When he was just 5 years old and traveling around the streets of California he was humming a song and looked down the street and said, "I saw an Elephant!" No one believed him, so to prove him wrong his dad went around the block and sure enough there in a parking lot was an elephant!!! Who knew?!! His advice to his 5th graders is to enjoy life!!! Ask your teacher for help when you need it and don't get behind in your assignments. ☺ Sr. Smithee has been teaching for 3 years. He is our Spanish teacher for the 4th/5th Spanish Immersion Program. His favorite subject to teach, besides Spanish of course, is US History. When he is not at the school you can find him

hanging out with his family telling his wife all about his wonderful students. His favorite dish to eat is bistec a lo pobre, which is a Peruvian dish of steak, rice, French fries, sautéed onions and tomatoes with a fried egg on top! He enjoys reading Hatchet and eating Oreos. His dream vacation next summer would be to go to Costa Rica. One time when he was in the military he went sky diving with a banana in his pocket. Not the best way to make banana pudding and that was his only uniform for a few weeks...word to the wise, never sky dive with a banana in your pocket. ☺ He tells the 5th graders to learn as much as you can now so things will be easier in the future. What you are learning now you will use for the rest of your lives.

Mr. Fretwell is quite the tease. He would want you to believe that he has been teaching for 60 years, loves chocolate-covered snails, eats live goldfish, enjoys cat juggling, and wants you to torment your teachers! ☺ However, he has really been teaching for 15 years, and when he is not at school he enjoys hiking, reading the Book of Mormon, and going for walks. His favorite dinner is crab-stuffed shrimp and to top it off, he enjoys double stuffed vanilla Oreos. If he could travel anywhere next summer it would be to London. When asked about a funny story, he says he is still waiting for it to happen; but his students will tell you it is fun in his class every day. He is a very funny teacher and loves to teach all of the subjects. His advice to those 5th graders is to read and learn to love to learn!

Mrs. Luis is our 4th/5th English teacher for our Spanish Immersion Program. She has been teaching for over 10 years now. When she is not at the school she enjoys playing with her little boy. They love to go on walks and swimming. She loves any dinner that she doesn't have to cook, but she really enjoys fish and mushroom ravioli. She enjoys teaching math, reading The Blue Sword, Olivia Beauty, and Anne of Green Gables while snacking on Reese's Pieces and vegetables, especially fresh green beans and peas. If she could go anywhere next summer it would be to Europe. The advice that she gives her 5th graders is make the most of every minute and try something new!

THANK YOU 5th GRADE TEACHERS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE!!!!

harvest.alpineschools.org

We are launching our new school website and we are so excited about it. It is a great way to stay in touch with the happenings of our school. We need everyone to subscribe to the weekly newsletter, not to be confused with the monthly newsletter, which will allow for us to send you weekly news updates and help you stay more informed.

Just a reminder about Wednesday communication envelopes....

The communication envelopes will only be for the first half of the year. If you have any further questions feel free to contact the office.

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