

HARMONY HERALD

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FROM THE LEAD DOG

Laura Karaglanis, PTA President

What a year! We have finished testing, had fun with Derby and now as a school are entering the home stretch. Sorry for the play on words - I had to. I wanted to give you an update on the progress that the PTA has made through your generous support. In addition to funding all budgeted items and after consulting with Mrs. Harris we have allotted for the following: more copy money for each classroom budget, funds for each classroom to purchase books and educational material, funds for each classroom to purchase additional outside recess items, a mascot costume, tools and equipment for building maintenance, and most importantly the remaining funds necessary for a computer lab! Yes, we can afford an entire computer lab! Through the tireless work of Tena Hargrove, much of the money was acquired through donations and grants. The rest is coming from the state for the use on technology update and repair. This money cannot be spent until June, so the lab will be installed this summer and will be available as soon as school starts in August. I have said this before, but it bears repeating - what our school has accomplished in just two years is nothing short of miraculous. I am so proud of our school community.

This is my last newsletter as President. I know that all of you are breathing a sigh of relief with me! Really, I have enjoyed my term, but am happy be turning the reigns over to a new lead dog. I want to thank everyone for their support, especially those of you who have served on the PTA board with me for the last two years. I particularly want to thank those of you who have offered words and notes of encouragement to me. You will never know how much I have appreciated your kindness.

May God bless you and your families. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Harmony students will be raising funds for our Relay for Life team. The transitions students felt inspired by the last Mega Skills assembly, **Initiative & Effort!**, to do something that makes a difference in our community. They have decided to hold a Jump-A-Thon on May 18th from 9:30 - 10:30. Each transition student will gather donations and/or sponsors for their 30 minutes of jumping. Like last year, there will also be a **Change War!** between the boys and girls the week of May 7-11. Send in your loose change and see which group can win this year. If we raise \$1,000 Mrs. Harris or Mr. Mike will do something funny to show their appreciation. Let's support our Huskies as they support a very worthy cause.

REFLECTIONS CONTEST

Harmony wants strong representation in the Reflections contest for the 2007-08 school year. Put on your thinking caps. Get creative! If you can sing, dance, write, draw, or take a great picture, you should be involved.

The theme for Reflections 2007-08 is **I Can Make a Difference By...** Please be thinking and creating through the summer. All forms will be available the first week of school. Questions? Contact Beverly Holbrook, 742-9277.

SOUP LABEL SUCCESS!

Our Harmony community has collected 11,143 Campbell Soup labels exceeding our goal of 10,000 labels. Thank you parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends for clipping diligently throughout the year. Combined with last year we have a total of 30,750 labels collected. The PTA has decided to give the funds generated by the labels to our special education staff for instructional materials. Keep them coming! All UPC's sent in for the remainder of the year will be added to next year's total.

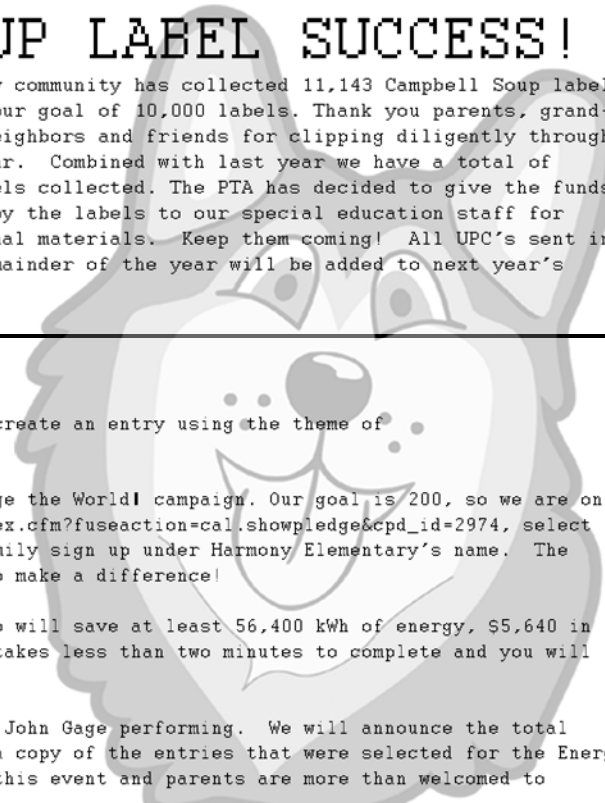
EARTH DAY

Earth Day newsletter entries are due Friday May, 11th. Please help your child create an entry using the theme of **Energy Conservation!**

As of April, 25th we have a total of *five pledges* for the **Change a Light, Change the World!** campaign. Our goal is 200, so we are only at three percent of our goal. Please take the pledge at www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=cal.showpledge&cpd_id=2974, select Harmony Elementary as your organization. You can also have your friends and family sign up under Harmony Elementary's name. The school will receive a certificate if we meet our goal. Let's all do our part to make a difference!

By inspiring 200 people to take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge, our group will save at least 56,400 kWh of energy, \$5,640 in energy cost and prevent 89,200 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions. The pledge takes less than two minutes to complete and you will receive valuable coupons for Energy Star lights after you sign up.

Friday, June 1st at 1:00pm, we will have an Earth Day Celebration assembly with John Gage performing. We will announce the total number of pledges received, and if our goal was met. Each student will receive a copy of the entries that were selected for the Energy Conservation Earth Day newsletter. We will be inviting the local newspaper to this event and parents are more than welcomed to attend.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This month our volunteer spotlight is shining on two people who have been wonderful contributors to the school and PTA. They are Barbara Hidalgo and Tena Hargrove. Barb has been VP-Ways & Means for the last two years and Tena was VP-Membership this past year. Barb also handled pizza nights and the school directory for the PTA. Tena worked tirelessly to work secure donations for the Harmony computer lab. They both were always the first people to volunteer for any and every event that the PTA or school hosted. Unfortunately for us, they are both moving out of state this summer. Harmony is a better place because of these two ladies.

Thank you Barb and Tena, we love you and will miss you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May

- 7-11 Boys vs. Girls **Change Wars** to benefit Relay for Life
- 14 Market Day internet deadline, 12 noon
- 15 PTA general meeting, 7pm with chorus and dance programs
- 18 Transition Class Relay for Life **Jump-A-Thon!**
- 18 Market Day pick-up, 5-6pm
- 18-19 Relay for Life, 7pm-7am at SOMS in Crestwood
- 21-25 Staff Appreciation Week
- 24 Harmony night at the **Bats!**
- 29-1 5th Grade recognitions
- 30 Birthday Book Club Bash, 1pm

June

- 1 Earth Day and Mega Skills assembly, **Perseverance!**
- 4 Field-Trip to the ZOO
- 5 Field day & Last day for students

HARMONY ACADEMY

June 18-22 and June 25-29 where learning and fun become one! Register now!

PAWS UP!!!

Laura Karaglanis

Thank You for your two years of service as our PTA President!

VOLUNTEER THANKS!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all the parent and community volunteers who have assisted with PTA events for this past school year. Without your diligent and enthusiastic dedication our events would not have been nearly as successful. Your time and talents are much appreciated!

STAFF APPRECIATION

May 21-25

The PTA has planned a wonderful week of surprises for our staff and teachers.

Special thanks to Harmony Parent Anne Euin of Colonial Designs in St. Matthews (896-4461) for their extremely generous floral donations.

MARKET DAY

Friday, May 18th is the LAST Market Day.

Pick up time is 5:00.

Order sheets are due May 11th and the internet cut-off date is **May 14th**. For online ordering and information, www.marketday.com, account number 22686 or contact Nancy Bailey at nhbailey@insightbb.com or 292-0192.

BELLS ARE RINGING

Thank you to the Hidalgo Family for purchasing four beautiful bells, for the top of our climbing wall, as a gift to our school.

MOTHER'S DAY

