

HARMONY HERALD

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FROM THE LEAD DOG

Laura Karaglanis, PTA President

Wow! Can you believe that Harmony is now three years old? That sounds crazy doesn't it? When I was sending my kids to Crestwood everyday for the fall semester of that first year, I sure didn't envision three years passing by so quickly. I also didn't picture myself being PTA president for three years, but it is funny how life works out. At the May 18 general meeting, I will be passing the presidential baton to Gwen Beard. She will be an awesome president for Harmony - please introduce yourself to her and thank her for taking on this responsibility.

I have said it many times, but our school community has accomplished so much in three short years. All of it is possible because of our wonderful families and staff at Harmony. I want to thank each of you for your encouragement over the last three years. It has meant so much to me that people have been so supportive. I have made a lot of new friends and have enjoyed myself so much. I love living in Goshen and I love our school.

May God bless you and your families - have a safe and fun summer break!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Harmony's last Book Fair of the year is only weeks away! The Book Fair will be open for purchases May 12th-16th from 7:30am-2:30pm, with special preview days for students and community members, May 8th and 9th. Come explore the large selection of books and find great reads for every person in your family! All of the books have been carefully reviewed and approved for young readers. These books represent the best authors and illustrators in children's publishing. At Harmony, we are passionate about reading and hope you and your family can be a part of our Book Fair experience!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May	
9	Mega Skills Assembly—Theme "Motivation"
12-16	Scholastic Book Fair
13-15	Relay for Life "Change Wars"
13	PTA Board Meeting and luncheon (10:00am)
15	PTA General Meeting and election
16	Relay for Life (Oldham County HS)
18	Louisville Bats Game
20	No School—Election Day
19-23	Staff Appreciation Week
26	No School—Memorial Day
28	Market Day Pick up (4:30-5:30pm)
29	School-wide Field Trip to the Louisville Zoo
June	
5	Field Day/Last day of school

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MS. HEATHER PREKOP

We are excited to have had Ms. Prekop with us this year! This is her first year teaching and her first year here in Kentucky! She just moved here from Wisconsin where she graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She grew up in the Milwaukee area where her parents still reside. In her spare time, Ms. Prekop enjoys playing sports, being outdoors, traveling, meeting new people, reading, and spending time with friends and family.

Welcome Ms. Prekop!!!

MS. JENNY WHITLEY

It has been wonderful having Ms. Whitley as part of the staff here at Harmony this year! She taught for two years in Shelby County, but decided to make a career move because she is an Oldham county native and alumnus of South Oldham High School. She currently lives in Oldham County with her husband, their two cats, Riley and Tugs, and their two dogs, Kolby and Dakota. In her spare time, she enjoys going to the dog park, reading, spending time with family and friends, and playing soccer.

Welcome Ms. Whitley!

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who sent in Campbell's Soup Labels! We collected 14,400 labels which will be given to the Special Education staff to redeem for supplies! Keep clipping those labels!!!

Market Day Thanks!

THANK YOU to all the volunteers that help with Market Day at pick up as well as those that help make reminder phone calls each month!

Next Market Day Pick-up:

Wednesday, May 28, 4:30pm-5:30pm

*Order forms due to school by May 22nd
Internet orders due by 12:00n, May 23rd*

*For online ordering and information,
visit www.marketday.com*

Account #22686

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://harmonypta.org>

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

“Thank you for your continued support!”

Jeanette Edmundson, PTA Volunteer Coordinator

As volunteer coordinator for Harmony PTA for the past three and a half years, I would like to express my extreme gratitude for all the help everyone has given. Events cannot occur without parent involvement, and our parents have definitely made sure that our children have enjoyed a variety of exciting events. These events have benefited our new school directly. Take a minute, next time you visit Harmony, and look in the halls, the library, and outside. The funds raised have helped pay for classroom needs, related arts needs, a new playground, library materials, a wonderful computer lab and many more items, too numerous to mention. Give yourself a pat on the back. I hope that future support and involvement will continue. I would encourage each family to make a pledge to give at least three hours of volunteer time to the various events planned for the next school year, be it Market Day, Hospitality, or assisting with one of the major fundraisers, or helping out when a last minute event needs staffing. For many of the people I've called upon, that would be a drastic cut in hours served. We have many parents at our school who far exceed the three hour request. You are greatly appreciated! If you would like to share your talents, please consider joining the Harmony PTA and possibly serving as a board member in one capacity or other. Stepping up to the plate could never be more enjoyable or easy! There are still a few positions to be filled for the 2008/2009 school year. “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” —Aesop. Fresh input and new ideas are what keeps groups active and alive. Please contact any of the board members listed at our webpage, harmonypta.org with your interests and/or ideas.

Staff Appreciation Week—May 19th—23rd

If you would like to donate any items, gift certificates, or services to be raffled off to our staff members during Staff Appreciation week, please contact Laura Karaglanis at 228-8189 or laurak@insightbb.com.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

It's not too late to join the Harmony Elementary Birthday Book Club! Whether your birthday has come and gone or is just around the corner, it's not too late as the big year end celebration is scheduled for Monday, May 12 for all Birthday Book Club members. The FLYING HOUNDS OF LOUISVILLE will bring their dogs for a special performance on the Harmony Lawn for our clubbers. Membership forms can be downloaded from the school website under Library Media Center or under the PTA link- click on Birthday Book Club. Otherwise, check with the office for a copy. Each membership is \$15 with checks to be made payable to Harmony Elementary. We will be accepting new members through May 9.

Thank you to all of our 2007-08 members and their families. This has been a record year for participation and we only hope to see the numbers climb. This support has made a tremendous difference to our Harmony library by putting new books on the shelves and supporting the fund for magazines and newspapers. Thank you and we hope you will join again next year.

THAT'S MY PAN

Thank you to everyone who participated in the “That's My Pan” fundraiser! We raised over \$1400.00 for our school! Congratulations to Ms. Whitley's class who had the highest dollar sales! They will get to have a pizza party and Ms. Whitley will receive the free personalized cake pan!

Congratulations Harmony Husky Odyssey of the Mind Teams— First Place Kentucky State Champions! Three of Harmony's OOTM teams participated in the state competition on April 19. Our 3rd/4th grade team, Shea Thompson, Joshua Nowacki, Eric Laun, Craig English, Eve Loewe, Nathaniel Foye, and Natalia Johnston, coached by Chris Thompson and Kathy Hartmann, received a first place finish for their problem and division at the end of the three part competition. They have been invited to represent Kentucky State at the World Finals to be held May 31st—June 3rd at the University of Maryland, College Park. If you would like to help send them to the World finals, please contact Kathy Hartman at nowackim@bellsouth.net.

American Cancer Society “RELAY FOR LIFE”

May 16th - 7pm to May 17th - 7am
Oldham County High School

Harmony Elementary would like to invite all parents, students, family and friends, to walk with us Friday, May 16th, in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Honor and remember those who have been affected by cancer in a wonderful way and show your support.

Luminary Bags can still be purchased for the Luminary Ceremony Friday night. The cost is \$5.00 per bag (this donation does not go directly to our team's total, but to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life).

We are also looking for help to decorate our campsites. This year's theme is “Cartooning for a Cure”. If anyone would like to volunteer their talents or donate items to help decorate our tent, please contact Jodeen Whitlow at 228-1316 or Icesk8@insightbb.com.

Mark these important fundraising dates for our students:

Friday, May 9th— Our transition classes will hold a jump-a-thon and **Jump-For-Life** after the morning assembly. Each transition student is encouraged to collect donations from family and friends. All donations for this event should be sent in with the transition students on May 9th.

Tuesday, May 13th thru Thursday, May 15th— Send in your loose change! Boys will challenge the girls to bring in the most change. So, who's it going to be, GIRLS OR BOYS???