

HARMONY HERALD

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FROM THE LEAD DOG

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Harmony Harvest was a huge success! I want to thank everyone that donated, purchased, volunteered and attended. Our income (items not paid for) and expenses are still not finalized, but we should net \$18,000!! In addition, \$5,300 will be paid directly back to the classrooms from basket sales. What a wonderful event for our Harmony families.

We have received some good news from the State Highway Department regarding the guardrail that borders Highway 1793 between the road and our playground. The Highway Department has decided to tear down a portion of the existing guardrail, do some drainage work to prevent water from running off the road toward the playground and replace it with a larger section of guardrail extending to the orange mark on the road. This will certainly add to the protection of our children and we are glad to have this issue resolved.

The PTA would like to start the application process for the National PTA School of Excellence Award. The application requires a lot of research and documentation in many areas. Harmony can achieve this elite title, but it is going to require improvement in three critical areas. This month I will focus on Parent/Teacher conferences. You will soon receive information regarding scheduling a conference on either November 9 or November 14 from 3-6 p.m. Last year, our participation rate was only 65%. We need to do better. This is only 20 minutes of your time and you will gain valuable information on your child's education. Please plan on attending a conference to help our PTA goals, but more importantly, to help your child.

AWESOME BASKETS!

The Harmony Harvest classroom baskets exceeded all expectations. Thank you to our Husky families whose donations filled these baskets to the brim and to the loyal supporters who purchased them. The total amount raised this year was \$5,300, a significant increase over last years total of \$2,225. These funds will be used at the discretion of our teachers to purchase educational materials for our Harmony classrooms. What a tremendous boost these funds will provide!

Ms. Ammons, Crayola	\$150
Ms. Berkley, Camping	\$190
Ms. Blackshire, Cooking	\$100
Ms. Chen, Star Wars	\$200
Ms. Clark, Legos	\$240
Ms. Crawford, U of L	\$600
Ms. Dumsdorf, Hello Kitty	\$165
Ms. Freyer, Chocolate	\$145
Mr. Freyer, Car Wash/Detail	\$100
Ms. Gimore, Games	\$195
Ms. Grimm, Gardening	\$80
Ms. Hackler, Disney	\$140
Ms. Howard, Stock your Purse	\$200
Ms. McGraw, Princess	\$150
Ms. Packer, Christmas	\$120
Ms. Pollock, Mom's Day Out	\$215
Ms. Rolling, Art	\$305
Ms. Steinbock, Barbie	\$200
Ms. Stump, Gift Certificate	\$180
Ms. Tabor, Entertainment	\$400
Ms. Thornton, UK	\$105
Ms. Whitt, Planes, Trains and Automobiles	\$70
Ms. Wine, Sports	\$800



KEEP MOVING



Cold weather is upon us, but our kids NEED to keep moving! In PE we have been using the Dance Dance Revolution! XBOX game. It's a fun way to get your heart pumping while indoors. There is a version of this for almost every gaming system and it can be played alone or as a family. Ask your kids about it. It's great fun!

For more ideas about how to stay fit during the winter months, check out Mrs. Kinnison's PE website!

A HAPPY HARMONY HARVEST FOR ALL! GOAL!

The 2nd annual Harmony Harvest was a great success! The hard work of the committee, chaired by Karen Morrison, which began meeting last spring, along with perfect weather, wonderful staff support, volunteers, and great participation by students and parents led to Harmony's most successful fundraiser yet.

The event included great food (most of which was donated), games, a hay ride, cake walk, climbing wall, and fortune telling. Students and parents had a great time, while helping to raise a lot of money to support the school's computer lab and climbing wall--more than \$18,000 total net!!

In addition, teacher baskets raised more than \$5,300 which goes directly back to the classrooms. The baskets and staff donations enhanced the more than 200 auction items procured by hard-working volunteers, led by Laura Incorvia. Kudos to all the committee chairs for such a memorable and successful event.

