

HARMONY HERALD

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FROM THE LEAD DOG

Gwen Beard, PTA President

I hope everyone had a relaxing Fall Break. I cannot believe it is already November! The first three months of school have flown by so fast.

The first Husky Hustle was a HUGE success. The kids had a blast running and walking the Hustle course. Thank you Mrs. Kinnison for incorporating the Husky Hustle into the PE curriculum. Many kids are already asking when they get to do it again. We raised over \$15,000 in donations and unlike many of our other fundraisers we keep 100% of the money! Way to go Huskies!!!! I cannot thank all of the Husky Parents enough. Also, we all need to give a BIG special thank you to Jane Luzzio. She was the volunteer in charge of both the Husky Hustle and Harmony Harvest. She really had her hands full coordinating both events and did an outstanding job! Thank you, Jane!

Our next family event will be Donuts with Santa on Saturday, December 13th. Hopefully everyone will get a chance to come out and get a picture with Santa while enjoying some coffee and donuts.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MS. NANCY FARMER

Ms. Farmer spent her childhood in Michigan. During her high school years, her family moved to Cincinnati where she met her husband John. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and after graduation she started her teaching career in Cincinnati. During this time, she earned her Masters Degree from Northern Kentucky University. She taught first grade for eleven years. For the last three of those years, she divided her time between being a classroom teacher and a Reading Recovery instructor. After her first child, Jack, was born, she decided to be a stay-at-home mom. Dean was born three years later. Ms. Farmer stays busy with both boys playing Thoroughbred Soccer! Last year, after she moved to Goshen from Cincinnati, she spent a lot of time subbing at Harmony, easing her back into the classroom where she now teaches Primary, Grades 1-2.

Welcome Ms. Farmer!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Harmony Elementary just in time for everyone to shop for the holidays! The book fair will be open **December 8th-12th, from 7:30a-2:30p**, as well as **Saturday, December 11th, from 9:00a-11:00a** during Donuts with Santa. Every purchase made helps to raise funds for the Library Media Center. There are always hundreds of wonderful books from which to choose, so please make plans to visit with your child!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

- 11 PTA Board Meeting 9:00am
- 14 Market Day order Deadline (12noon)
- 17-19 Snappy Tomato Pizza Nights
- 19 Market Day Pick-up (4:30pm-5:30pm)
- 25 Mega Skills Assembly, Theme "Motivation" (9:15am)
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 8-13 Scholastic Book Fair
- 9 PTA Christmas Luncheon (10:00am)
- 12 Market Day order Deadline (12noon)
- 13 Donuts with Santa (9:00am-11:00am)
- 15-17 Snappy Tomato Pizza Nights
- 17 Market Day Pick-up (4:30pm-5:30pm)
- 18 Mega Skills Assembly, Theme "Caring" (1:15pm)

Next Market Day Pick-up:

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 4:30pm-5:30pm

**Order forms due to school and online
by 12:00n, Oct 14th**

Dec. 17th Pick-up:

Orders due by 12:00n, Dec 12th

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

Account #22686

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

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

As volunteer coordinator, I'd like to thank everyone who has taken some of their time to assist at an event that has already occurred at Harmony or has signed up to assist with one of our upcoming events! Your help, be it with Scholastic Book sales, the Harmony Hustle, Harmony Harvest, Market Day, Hospitality, or any other endeavor, directly benefits the children and staff, and in turn the parents at Harmony.

A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who assisted at the Husky Hustle and the Harmony Harvest! **THANKS** to **Jane Luzzio** for chairing the events and **THANKS** to all those on the committees that assisted her! It was a great success! We have two more events fast approaching in December. These are Donuts with Santa, chaired by Ayron Corbitt, and another Scholastic Book sale hosted in our media center. Both will take place at Harmony. Donuts with Santa is set for December 13th, from 9am-11am. The Scholastic Book sale is December 4th-13th. If you would like to assist with either of these two events, or any other ongoing event such as Market Day, please visit our web page, www.harmonypta.org, or email Jeanette Edmundson at djce@insightbb.com.

COUPON BOOK SALES

Coupon Books make great Holiday Gifts!! Books will be available in the school office until November 21st for just \$20.00. The Coupon Book has over \$2300 in local savings and Harmony Elementary PTA will profit 60% of every sale made. Please make checks payable to Harmony PTA. Thank you!

'DONUTS WITH SANTA'



SAVE THE DATE: Donuts with Santa will take place this year on **Saturday, December 13th, from 9:00am—11:00am** at school. The committee is starting to organize this event. If you would like to get involved, please contact Ayron Corbitt at 228-7374 or ayron.corbitt@cancer.org. Donuts with Santa is an event filled with Christmas crafts and games, while visiting Santa Claus and enjoying donuts!

THANK YOU

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO!!!

Many thanks to David Richards at P.F. Chang's China Bistro on Shelbyville Rd. for donating 20 pairs of chopsticks for students to use when playing their Orff instruments. These chopsticks will come in handy when the kids are playing the familiar "Chopsticks" song. Thanks P.F. Chang's and please support our donors!

Mr. Younce, Music Teacher

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The first turn in for General Mills Box Tops was a success! As a school we raised more than \$550.00! This money will go directly to each teacher that turned in Box Tops for their classroom. Thanks to all the parents who cut the Box Tops on the dotted lines! Please continue to send in Box Tops so that your teacher can receive additional money for classroom supplies!

OPEN PTA POSITIONS FOR 2008-2009

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

This position requires a very organized person that will help find volunteers for all PTA sponsored or supported events. These events include all PTA fundraisers, library support, and health room activities.

5TH GRADE COORDINATOR

This position in the past has been a fourth grade parent. Responsibilities include planning the fifth grade picnic and organizing and planning each of the fifth grade Celebrations at the end of the year.

SPRING EVENT CHAIRPERSON

In the past, this event has been Taste of Harmony, but in meeting discussions, it has been suggested to change it to a Talent Show/Spaghetti Dinner or some other type of event. Duties would require all aspects of planning, organizing and chairing the event with a committee.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions, or have any questions, please contact **Gwen Beard** at 228-9955 or gwenbeard@insightbb.com.