

HARMONY HERALD

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FROM THE LEAD DOG

Laura Karaglanis, PTA President

Last month I started substitute teaching at Harmony. I have always spent a lot of time at the school, but this has afforded me a unique perspective that I would like to share with you. So far, I have been in four classrooms and spent time around many other classes and I have to tell you how impressed I have been with our school. I love Harmony and am so thankful that it is my school, but I have a newfound respect for our teachers and staff. I believe it takes a special soul to be an elementary teacher and I can say without a doubt that we have a school full of those souls. I see happy faces on the staff and the students and it is a really heartwarming site.

As the holidays near, we will all be busy with our respective families, events and traditions. The Karaglanis household will be anticipating a chaotic (as always!) and wonder-filled Christmas. My hope and prayer for all of you every day, but especially at this time of year, is that you are able to focus on the truly important things in this life and that you are all blessed with health, happiness and love.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE PTA!!!

We would like to invite all of you to the PTA's annual holiday, potluck luncheon. It will be on December 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Nancy Bailey. There will be a short meeting, a lot of socializing, and an ornament exchange, so please try to come and meet some of your fellow Harmony parents. Please email or call a board member to get more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December

- 1 Donuts with Santa
- 6 Market Day orders due to school
- 7 Mega Skills Assembly—"Caring"
- 10-12 Papa John's Pizza Nights
- 11 PTA Christmas Luncheon (10:00am)
- 12 Market Day Pick-up (4:30pm-5:30pm)
- 19-1 Winter Break

January

- 4 Mega Skills Assembly—"Responsibility"
- 7-9 Papa John's Pizza Nights
- 8 PTA Board Meeting (9:00am)
- 17 General PTA meeting (7:00pm)
- 24 Market Day orders due to school
- 30 Market Day Pick-up (4:30pm-5:30pm)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MRS. LINDSAY HARDEN

We are thrilled to have Mrs. Harden with us for her first year teaching primary here at Harmony! She just received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in May of this year from the University of Kentucky (although she's a Cardinal fan)! She has lived in Louisville her whole life and just recently moved into a house in St. Matthews with her husband of four months, Eric. Congratulations! Mrs. Harden enjoys fixing up her new house, spending time with her family and friends, working out, being outdoors, and taking her Jack Russell, Maddie, to the park to play frisbee. She is a fanatic shopper and LOVES anything chocolate!

Welcome Mrs. Harden!!!

Market Day "Food Reviews"

The Ose family loves Market Day Chicken Alfredo. Two trays come to a box. They prepare both trays in two separate skilletts. The skillet for the adults is prepared with added ingredients such as sun dried tomatoes and artichoke hearts, while the kids' skillet is prepared as is. Prepare a salad and within ten minutes dinner is served! It's quick, easy, and tastes as good as something you would order at an Italian Restaurant!

Send in your kid's, or your favorite Market Day food and why, or a recipe using the food, to nhbailey@insightbb.com. You can also send it in with your next order form. It could be in the next news-letter or on our website!!!

Next Market Day Pick-up:

Wednesday, December 12th, 4:30pm—5:30pm

Order forms due to school by Dec. 6th

Internet orders due by 12:00n, Dec 7th

Jan 30th Pick-up, 4:30pm-5:30pm

Order forms due to school by Jan. 24th

Internet orders due by 12:00n, Jan 25th

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

Account #22686

Free Market Day bag with any December purchase.
One bag per customer.
Please see display in the office.

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

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A Year End 'THANK YOU' to all Volunteers!!!

What a wonderful parent community we have! Harmony Elementary and Harmony PTA wish to thank all the people who have given of themselves by services, time or donations. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** Your efforts have shown our kids just how valuable our parent community is. The kids and staff truly appreciate all your hard work!

Now we would like to share some more of that appreciation with our staff. Hospitality is going to have a cookie exchange for the Harmony Staff. Chair, Kim Beno, is requesting parents show off their talent and send in a dozen cookies from their favorite recipe. This gives our busy teachers a chance to experience a little of our sweet appreciation for all their hard work. Cookies need to be delivered to the school by December 12th, no later than 10:00am. So, when making your holidays sweets, please make an extra dozen and send them in to show our teachers just how much you appreciate them!
THANK YOU AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

CAN YOU HELP?

Our school nurse, Vicki Green is in need of sweatpants, socks and underwear for the health room. If you can donate an item or two, it would be greatly appreciated! Thanks for your continued support!

A Message from the Library Media Center...

This is the week that we pause, reflect and give thanks for all that we appreciate. While I normally have much to pay tribute to, I find myself especially grateful this year. Due to outstanding volunteer support, Harmony Elementary had its most successful book fair to date, marked by over \$7000 in sales within six days! This means our library media center will grow substantially and every Harmony Elementary student will benefit. As a community member, teacher and parent, I'd like to thank those that supported this achievement.

Thank you Laurie Stuart, Lesley Dallas, Kathy Hartman, Gwen Beard, Himani Patwardhan, Cindy Roberts, Beth Scherer, Cynthia Williams, Debbie Kotarski, Paula Evans, Sarah Purdy, and Michele Horn for investing your personal time and giving dedicated attention to every child who wanted to make a purchase at the book fair. **Thank you Jeanette Edmundson**, for making countless phone calls to secure the help of our wonderful volunteers and working the book fair as well. And thanks to all parents who enjoy reading and encourage children to do so as well. That passion for reading is a lifelong gift your children will surely appreciate in years to come.

Karen Clark

PLEASE JOIN US...

FOR: DONUTS WITH SANTA

**WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st
9:00am—11:00am**

WHERE: HARMONY ELEMENTARY



Krispy Kreme Donuts

Java Brewing Co. Coffee

Pictures with Santa

Cake and Cookie Walk

Fun and Festive Holiday Crafts