

Harmon Hawk PTO Handbook 2009-2010



Harmon Students...

Always Respectful

Work Cooperatively

Kind to Others

Stay Safe!

The Harmon PTO is a parent/teacher organization whose membership includes all parents, legal guardians and staff at Harmon Elementary School.

The PTO's mission is to promote open communication and understanding between parents and staff of the Harmon School. Our efforts serve to enhance and maximize the education of every child while aiding them in achieving their highest potential.

The PTO sponsors assistance to teachers in classroom setting, holds fund-raisers for supplemental educational materials and experiences, supports school and family social interaction, and provides a non-biased forum for sharing information on issues that impact our children.

It is our belief that the team effort of a parent teacher organization offers the best possible learning environment for our children.

Welcome back! We are pleased to introduce the PTO Board to you for the 2009-2010 school year!

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Reasons to get involved with your child's school:

- Higher grades
- Better behavior
- Improved education
- Increased confidence
- Parents benefit too!

Come to a PTO meeting and see how you can become involved!

General PTO Information

The PTO is responsible for hosting great family events and activities throughout the school year. Events such as Fall Festival, Talent Show, Ice Cream Social and Family Nights provide opportunities for families to **socialize** and become a part of our school community in addition to encouraging the **social and emotional development** of Harmon students. The success of these events and activities depends upon **parent involvement** and participation as **volunteers**. Whether you help at an activity during an event, help prepare from your home, or join one of our many clubs or committees, your time contributes to the **success** of our students.

PTO Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Harmon library. Free childcare is provided for those who may need to bring their kids. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you can look for fliers in your child's backpack, read the PTO portion of the monthly newsletter or visit the PTO link on the Harmon website.

Fundraisers

The PTO is pleased to announce that we will be having only 2 MAIN fundraisers this year, the Hawk Walk in the fall, and a catalog sale in the spring.

As always, the profits earned from fundraisers are used to benefit every student at Harmon. Last year, PTO contributed funds to support Daily 5 reading program, improve library resources, field trip buses, healthy MEAP snacks, school assemblies, classroom allowances, classroom magazine subscriptions, phys ed, art and music supplies and school beautification—including main sign improvements and a new nature center sign. Funding is also given to help support student clubs, 5th Grade Farewell, Teacher Appreciation Day and Field Day!



Harmon Hawk Walk (October 7, 9-11 a.m.)

For the 3rd year now, the HAWK WALK will be our primary Fall fundraiser. Similar to a walk-a-thon, the students collect donations to walk outside along a fun and silly course. Our goal again this year is \$5,500 and if every student participates and collects \$20 or more, we can easily exceed our goal! Prizes are awarded to the classrooms with 100% participation and highest earnings, as well as the highest-earning individual for each grade. Last year Mrs. Gaglio showed us her wild and crazy Harmon Hawk Spirit for a day when we met our overall goal!! What will she do this year?



Spring Fundraiser February 26-March 10

Midland Fundraiser is a Michigan-based company known for their quality products. They have catalog items that include cookies, candy, gourmet foods, Green Living, magazines and nuts, as well as a variety of gift items. Information for this fundraiser will be sent home near the end of February.



Ongoing Efforts...

Harmon No Cook Nights are a great excuse to get out of the kitchen! The 2nd Tuesday of each month is designated to local restaurants that donate a percentage of profits to our school simply by turning in your dinner receipts. Not only can you enjoy the company of other Harmon families, but you can help support a local business and your school as well. See calendar for monthly locations.

Chairperson: Jennifer Grabinski

Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education

are used to purchase physical and art supplies for our school along with many other contributions. It's as simple as clipping Box Tops and Campbell's Soup labels and depositing them into the collection box outside the office. The PTO was able to earn over \$1400 last year from these alone!



Chairpersons: Linda Paladino and Jen Turpin

Target School Rewards 1% of your total purchases goes to Harmon when you use your Target charge card. Cardholders can sign up online at www.Target.com. We earned over \$300 last year!

Committee & Event Information

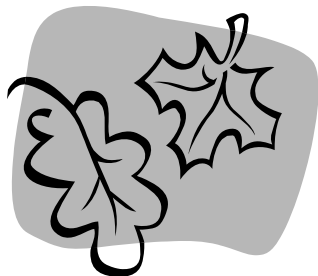
Harmon Spirit Wear will be on sale September 8-18th and again January 22nd -29th. There are



Harmon Spirit days throughout the school year, where students are encouraged to wear their spirit wear (dates determined by Student Council).

Fall Festival (October 16, 5-7 p.m.)

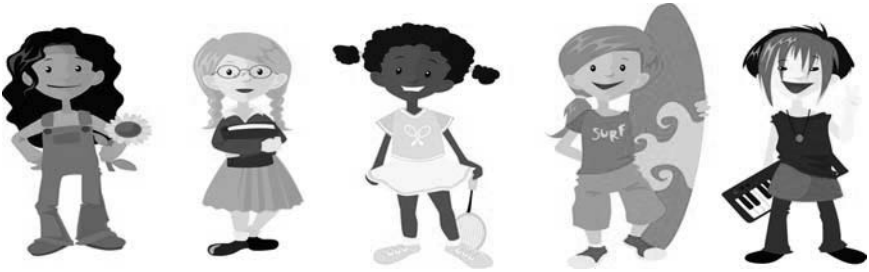
This is a great night to wear your costumes and join in the fun at our annual family event, Fall Festival! The night includes games with prizes, hayrides (donated by Landscape Services), a cake walk, face painting, and popcorn (donated by Ace Hardware). Our famous teacher-decorated pumpkin raffle is always a hit with the kids! Once again this year, delicious food from National Coney Island will be available for purchase.



The Library Committee will once again offer the Birthday Book Club. With a \$5 donation, a book can be inscribed with your child's name, birthday and grade, becoming a permanent addition to the Harmon Library. Look for enrollment forms on the Harmon PTO website.



Student Clubs PTO & staff with combined efforts will be bringing some new opportunities for Harmon students. Look for information to come home soon about these after school enrichment clubs.



Family Nights will be enhanced this year to include not only our traditional Book Fair Night, Reading Night and Santa Shop, but to add some new and exciting themes for January and May family nights. Look for info later in the year.

Community Service Project To further promote our Family nights, we have decided to tie them in with a community service project in partnership with Student Council. We will be asking families to donate a non-perishable food item when they come to the Family Nights. These items will in turn be donated to a local facility in our district to help the hungry.



Santa Shop (December 8-11)

This is a chance for students to shop for their families. Gift items are always affordable and help is provided to students with shopping and wrapping when they visit with their class during the school day.

Chairpersons: Jen Wasil and Kelly Connell

Santa Shop Family Night (December 8, 5:30-7)



Includes shopping, photos with Santa, personalized Santa hats for purchase and fun activities and art craft for kids.

All proceeds from this night will be donated to help a Harmon family in need during the holiday.

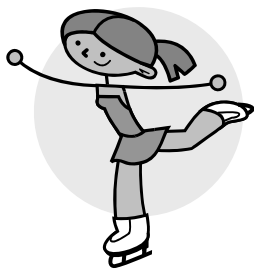
Bake Sales The PTO sponsors bake sales during fall and spring conferences.



Donations will be needed, so all of you bakers, please be "sweet" to us!

Skating parties (November 18 & April 16)

Join us at Great Skate on Hayes & 12 Mile Road for some great fun! The students look forward to meeting up with their friends outside of school! The fall party is from 6-8 p.m. and will be with Princeton. The spring party is 12:30-2:30, on a half-day during conferences.



Harmon Family Snow Bowl (February 20th)

This event is held over winter break as a way to get the kids together and have fun while not in school. Prizes are raffled off in addition to pizza and drinks being provide. Location and time to be announced.



Chairperson: Sue Cooper

Talent Show (March 26th, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.)

Come see why this is considered one of Harmon's finest events! Students show off their talents on stage—and what a variety of skills they have! Talents include singing, dancing, jump roping, hula hoop, joke tellers, musicians and many more. The show is during the school day for all students, and again in the evening for parents (both in the Harmon gym).

Chairperson: Committee forming soon!

Earth Day Clean Up (April 26, 10 a.m.—noon)

Join in helping the garden club pull weeds and plant flowers and enhancing our nature center.



Ice Cream Social (June 8, 5-7 p.m.)

The Ice Cream Social incorporates a No Cook Night along with a fun night with friends! This end of the year event includes music, fun and plenty of ice cream!



Sponsored by PTO

Popcorn Dates

October 2 Ms. Legeret
9 Mrs. Belloli
23 Ms. Serra

November 6 Ms. O'Brien
20 Mrs. Court

December 4 Mrs. Demercurio

January 8 Ms. Mellor
15 Mrs. Zuteck
22 Ms. Vico
29 Mrs. Demers

February 5 Mrs. Livingston
26 Ms. Farley

March 5 Mr. Schneider
12 Mrs. Collier
19 Ms. Markus

April 23 Ms. Donahue
30 Mrs. Maccani



All popcorn proceeds are split 50/50 between teachers and PTO.

PTO Events for 2009-2010

September 11	Send home Hawk Walk packets
September 17	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
September 18	Spirit Wear Orders Due
October 2	Hawk Walk Donations Due
October 7	HAWK WALK 9-11 a.m.
October 8	PTO Meeting 6:30
October 16	Fall Festival 5-7 p.m.
October 13	No Cook Night @ McDs 9 & Kelly
November 9-13	Fall Book Fair
November 10	No Cook Night @ CiCi's Pizza
November 11	Book Fair Family Night
November 11-12	Fall Bake Sale
November 18	Skating Party 6-8 p.m.
November 19	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
December 8-11	Harmon Santa Shop
December 8	Santa Shop Family Night 5:30-7 p.m.
December 10	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 12	No Cook Night @ Burger King
January 14	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
January 21	Family Event 5:30-6:30 p.m.
January 22-29	Spirit Wear Sale

February 9	No Cook Night @ Chili's
February 11	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 20	Harmon Family Snow Bowl
February 26	Kick Off Midland Fundraiser
March 3	Family Reading Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.
March 9	No Cook Night @ Olga's
March 10	Midland Orders due
March 11	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
March 26	Talent Show 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
March 29	Pick up Midland Orders
April 12-16	Spring Book Fair
April 13	No Cook Night @ CiCi's Pizza
April 16	Skating Party 12:30-2:30 p.m.
April 26	Earth Day Clean Up 10 a.m.—12 noon
May 2-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 11	No Cook Night @ McDonald's 9 & Kelly
May 13	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
May 19	Family Event 6-7:30 p.m.
June 8	Ice Cream Social 5-7 p.m. (No Cook Night @ Sorrento's Pizza)
June 10	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.



** Please note: dates may be subject to change.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Teacher's Name: _____ Room #: _____

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