

# Hurrah! for Harrison



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**\*\*ABSENCES CORRECTION\*\*:** If your child is ill, please call [REDACTED] prior to 9:00 a.m. each day your child is absent. For your convenience, an answering machine will take your message during all non-school hours.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXPLORATION CLASSES:** The Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency is sponsoring Spanish classes for students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades at the Scott Community College Campus in Bettendorf. Classes are 1 hour, begin the morning of Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & last for six consecutive Saturdays. Parents can attend with their child at no charge. The registration fee is \$60; registration forms are due September 18<sup>th</sup> and are available at [REDACTED] or school. Call [REDACTED] for more information.

#### **BACKPACK SAFETY:**

- ✓ Make sure your child's backpack weighs no more than 5 to 10 percent of his or her body weight to prevent your child from bending forward in an attempt to support the weight on the back rather than on the shoulders, by the straps.
- ✓ When packing the backpack, make sure pointy or bulky objects are packed away from the area resting on the child's back. An uneven surface rubbing against your child's back could cause painful blisters.
- ✓ Tell your child to use both shoulder straps, not just one. A backpack slung over one shoulder disproportionately shifts all of the weight to one side, and can cause neck spasms, muscle spasms and low back pain.
- ✓ Padded shoulder straps are very important as they are more comfortable than non-padded straps and help prevent the straps from digging into your child's shoulders.
- ✓ Shoulder straps should be adjustable so the backpack can adjust to fit your child's body. Too loose shoulder straps can cause the backpack to dangle uncomfortably, causing misalignment and pain.

**DON'T MISS OUR PARENT KICKOFF!** There will be an Olweus Bullying Prevention Parent Kickoff in the cafeteria from 5:30-6:00 p.m. right before the Family Picnic on Friday, Sept. 18 for parents to learn more about bullying and how our school is implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Adults will be available to supervise children on the playground during the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

**PETS AT SCHOOL:** Please refrain from bringing pets to school as students are dropped off or picked up. Some students are allergic to animals or are fearful and a well-behaved animal will sometimes react in an unexpected manner (perhaps even biting) when confronted with a large crowd of children. We appreciate your cooperation with this issue.

**NO SMOKING:** The use of tobacco products by anyone, including students, employees and visitors, is prohibited on all Davenport Community School District property at all times, including school-sponsored and non-school sponsored events. Persons failing to abide by this policy shall be required to properly dispose of the tobacco product or leave the school district property immediately. Thank you for your cooperation!

**PLEASE HELP!!:** Volunteers are **STILL NEEDED** for many of the Fall Picnic  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour shifts on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] to volunteer!!

**FROM THE NURSE'S DESK:** Welcome back! I hope everyone is ready for a happy and healthy start to a new school year. I would like to remind parents of all kindergarteners and any new students from another state that Iowa requires dental exams; extra forms are available in my office if you need one. All kindergarten students also need to show proof of lead screening. I will send home reminder notes soon with kindergarteners who have not completed their immunization boosters.

I have been seeing many students in my office the past few days complaining of irritating bug bites. Please remember to apply a bug repellent to your child before sending them out to play in the early evening hours.

I would also like to take a moment to remind everyone the importance of good hand washing. It is our number one defense for the common cold and many other illnesses. Please work with your child at home and teach them how to wash hands properly as well as when to wash them. If your child is sick with a fever, bad cough, body aches and/or sore throat, **PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME**. Anyone with a fever of 100 F or greater needs to stay home until the fever is reduced without the aid of fever reducing medicine for 24 hours. Also keep your child home if they are vomiting or have diarrhea. Your child should be able to eat and tolerate solid food before returning to school. Please call me if you have any questions about these instructions.

I hope we all have a safe and healthy school year!—Mrs. [REDACTED].

**PARKING/DROP-OFF & PICK-UP:** Remember the front parking lot is reserved for school bus drop off from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and pick up from 3:00-3:40 p.m. and **NO PARENT VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED IN** at these times. **ALSO REMEMBER** when using the Kussatz Ln. back turnaround, children must enter and exit their ride from the sidewalk in the right lane only; the left lane is for **SLOWLY** passing the other cars in the turnaround to exit and students are prohibited from exiting vehicles from the left lane. Please pull forward all the way to the end of the curve (not just at the sidewalk that leads to the playground). Should you feel the need to watch your child enter the building, please pull into a designated parking space and either step out of your vehicle to watch or walk them up to the building. **TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE, PLEASE BE PATIENT AND WAIT YOUR TURN.**

**Parents dropping off late arriving or picking up early departing students must come to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street lot as all building exits are locked from the outside after the beginning of school.** Please do not to park in the yellow curb areas but find an empty space in the lot. An adult must check early departing or late arriving students in or out at the office.

Finally, there is ***No Parking on the Lutheran Home property.***

**FALL FUNDRAISER**--The fall fundraiser starts September 15<sup>th</sup>; your child received the packet **today**. We have lots of yummy offerings as well as the Harrison "Hungry Hawks" cookbooks! Selling ends September 30<sup>th</sup> and all order forms must be turned in on or before that date. **Remember** to turn in all money with the order forms!! **Thank you for your support!**

**Thank you** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students for doing such a great job during the picture! Be sure to get your copy of the yearbook to see what a great looking group you are!! Also, **thank you** to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers for your patience!!!

**HARRISON'S FIRST SKATING PARTY** is [REDACTED] at Eldridge Skate Park, 400 S. 16th Ave, Eldridge, from 6-8 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 & Skate Rental is \$1.50.

**SPIRIT WEAR:** Show your school pride and wear Harrison Hawk spirit wear! Several new items are in: Hawk socks, Hawk tattoos, hooded sweatshirts, etc. Items will be sold at school events or orders can be placed throughout the year. Pick up order forms in the Harrison office or email/call Kristin or Julie to have them send you one. Simply attach a check (payable to Harrison PTA) to an order form and drop it off at the Harrison office. If the item is in stock, it will be delivered to the school; if not, it will be ordered. Contact: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**HY-VEE SMILES FOR EDUCATION:** Hy-Vee is again offering our school the opportunity to win up to \$5000 with Smiles for Education. Each week for 8 weeks, Hy-Vee will hold a drawing to select 10 winning students who will each receive a free laptop computer - and each of their schools will receive a donation of \$5000 from Hy-Vee. Parents, teachers, and other school staff can join the Smiles for Education program by visiting their local Hy-Vee and registering their student's names for the drawing.

**SAVE \$\$\$\$ & HELP YOUR NORTH WILDCATS!!:** North Boosters and the i Wireless Center have teamed up for a great "fun"draiser. Just enter the code "**NORTH**" when purchasing tickets for the following events at the box office or via ticketmaster (in-person and on-line) to receive a discount and have funds donated back to Boosters for every ticket purchased. The fundraiser is open to EVERYONE, not just future Wildcats, so spread the word to family, friends and everyone you know!

**H2X Extreme Watersports Show:**

\$2 off all tickets; \$3 donated to Boosters  
September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Disney Live! Rockin' Road Show:**

\$1 off select seats (Not valid on \$45.75 or \$33.75 seats); \$2 donated back

October 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

For show details, go to [www.iwirelesscenter.com](http://www.iwirelesscenter.com).

**LADY CATS BASKETBALL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER:**

Saturday, September 26, 2009, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, doors open @ 6:00 PM at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (east side of Brady Street under the skywalk).

Tickets are \$10.00 per person for tables of eight and include 10 great rounds of trivia, cash prizes for the 1st & 2nd place winning teams, a bake sale and raffle drawings with great prizes. Walk-ins are welcome so bring all of your smart friends, co-workers, and family members!!! For tickets or more information, call [REDACTED]. Don't forget to bring your favorite food and drinks!!!

**NEW 2010 ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING TOUR** books are here! Save \$100s on restaurants and entertainment in the Quad Cities by using these valuable coupons. Cinemas coupons are back this year in the Entertainment Book—that alone is worth the price of the book! Entertainment Books are \$20, Dining Tour Books are \$35 & both can be purchased in the office or by calling [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. Tell your friends who purchase one every year to pick them up at Harrison!

**FUTURE WILDCATS - CAT PACK IS BACK!** The Cat Pack is a great opportunity for current and future Wildcat fans and younger siblings of North athletes. For ONLY \$10, you will receive a Cat Pack t-shirt which will provide you free admission into any HOME North event (when accompanied by a paid adult), and one free popcorn at any home event during the winter (basketball) season. This is a great deal and pays for itself quickly with the admission savings alone. Return forms to Harrison's office to sign up! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [REDACTED]. **GO WILDCATS!!**

**UPCOMING CAT PACK ELIGIBLE EVENTS (All times p.m.):**

9/15-Freshman Football vs. West @ Brady, 7:30

9/15-Girls Swimming vs. Clinton @ North YMCA, 6:00

9-17-Soph/Var Football vs. West @ Brady, 4:45 & 7:15

9/18-Fresh, Soph, & Varsity Volleyball @ North, 4:30 & 5:45

9/21-Freshman Football vs. Muscatine @ Brady, 7:30

9/22-Fresh, Soph, & Vars V-Ball @ North vs. Musc., 4:30 & 5:45

9/29-Girls Swimming vs. PV @ North YMCA, 6:00

**STUDENT DIRECTORY** forms are due September 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact [REDACTED].

**ORIGAMI CLUB**, for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders, will meet Friday mornings at 8:10 a.m. in the library starting [REDACTED] through the rest of the year. Students wanting to join should get a permission slip from Mrs. [REDACTED]. A \$3 fee for supplies would be appreciated but is not required to participate.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to these Harrison students who completed the summer reading program at the Bettendorf Public Library.

[REDACTED]

**Y-ZONE SATURDAY NIGHT FUN!** Hang out and have FUN with your friends at the YMCA. Y-zone is a supervised, safe and structured place for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders to have a great time on Saturday nights from 7-10 p.m. Parents can run errands or just relax for a few hours while the kids play games, swim and eat pizza and juice. A different YMCA will host Y-zone each week from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through March, 2010. Transportation is provided—just call branches for schedule and bussing times. A parent/guardian must sign a registration form and waiver prior to the first Y-zone attendance—after that, kids just need signed in each time they attend. The program fee for everyone is only \$3.00 per child. For a FREE pass to try it out, contact [sharris@scottcountyfamilyy.org](mailto:sharris@scottcountyfamilyy.org).

## EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE...

**FRI., SEPT. 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.:** Bullying Prevention Program and Family Picnic & Movie. Movie starts 8 - 8:30 p.m. depending on darkness. **ALSO:** Deadline to register for AEA's Spanish Class and Student Directory Forms Due.

**MON. - THUR., SEPT. 21<sup>ST</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup>:** Parent Teacher Conferences.

**THU. & FRI., SEPT. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:** NO SCHOOL due to parent-teacher conferences & In-Service

**SAT., SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 7-10 PM:** Lady Cats Trivia Night; doors open @ 6:00 PM.

**TUES., SEPT. 29<sup>TH</sup>:** School Pictures.

**TUES., SEPT. 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m.:** Skating Party at North Scott Skating Rink.

**WED., SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup>:** Fall Fundraiser Orders and Money due.

**SAT., OCT. 3<sup>RD</sup>, 1:15-3 p.m.:** The Playful Pen workshop for ages 8-13 at Midwest Writing Center (324-1410).

Submit items for the Hurrah! to Jodie Toohey at [hurrah@jodiet.com](mailto:hurrah@jodiet.com); or via telephone at 563/386-3236.

**NEXT HURRAH:** Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** NOON, THURSDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup>