

HARMONY EDUCATION CENTER NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

As some of you know, Jan Golightly is no longer with Harmony School. We greatly appreciate all her hard work and dedication over the many years of her employment and will all miss her very much.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - on **Friday, September 21st** starting at 9 a.m. All students will have individual shots taken in the gym, as well as group photos. A flyer with details has been distributed to the students – if it hasn't made it home yet, we have extras in the office.

IN DEFENSE OF CHILDHOOD

A talk by educator Chris Mercogliano
Monday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m.
At Harmony School

Former director of Albany, NY Free School, Chris will speak about his new book and explore opportunities for adventure & discovery.

For more information, call 334-8379

STAFF RETREAT - No school on **Friday, October 19th**. The Early Childhood Program will be in session with substitute teachers.

VISITOR TOURS - This semester we'll be holding two Visitor Tours for people who want to learn more about the school: Thursday, **October 11th** and Tuesday, **November 13th** at 11:00 a.m. (10:30 for Early Childhood Program). Reservations are required.

PIZZA THURSDAYS ARE COMING BACK! - beginning in October, pizza (\$2/slice) and natural sodas



(.50) will be available for purchase every Thursday at 12:15 in the downstairs hallway. Proceeds benefit Student Solidarity.

GENERAL REMINDERS

PHONE LISTS will be distributed to all students in the next week or so; if you need extra copies please stop by the office. All the Harmony faculty and staff are listed on the back; you are welcome to call or email us. Let us know what you think of the new format!

ABSENCES – Elementary & Early Childhood Program parents: when your child is going to be absent or late for school, or if you need to get a message to your child, please call the program phone number listed below. Middle & High school students should call for themselves. Please only call the main office for emergencies or administrative calls.

High School	334-8388
High School attendance	334-8388 ext 502
Middle School	334-8367
Kathy & Bart's	334-8369
Downstairs Elementary	330-2704
Early Childhood	330-2706

PARENTS DRIVING FOR HARMONY – if you drive Harmony students in your car, or in a school vehicle, we need to have a copy of your insurance card and driving license. We can make copies here in the office.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL - Students who are not in the Elementary or Early Childhood After School Programs must leave the school by 5:00 p.m. Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up on time. The After School Programs officially run till 5:30 p.m. If your child is in pre-K through 3rd grade and is staying after 3:15 p.m., he or she **MUST** be in the After School Program. In the morning, a teacher is here at 7:45 a.m.; please don't drop students off at school before then.

TUITION PAYMENTS - Remember to make your monthly tuition payments around the 1st of each month. Please call us if your payment is going to be late, otherwise you will be contacted by phone, email, or mail. Many parents haven't completed their tuition form (and the other forms you received in our August mailing) for this year - if you are one of these people, please bring your forms to the office as soon as possible!

NOTE: We now accept VISA and MC for all payments!

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS - We need these records for all new students as soon as possible. If you are opposed to immunization for any reason, please write us a note to that effect. Also, it's important for you to let us know if your child has an immunization using a live vaccine because we have immunocompromised members in our community.

PARKING LOT – The Harmony School parking lot is a busy place, and so we ask you to consider these suggestions:

-The alley is ONE WAY, so please enter the parking lot from 2nd Street and exit onto Hunter

-Please drop older students off on East Hunter Street near the limestone rhino, facing East

-When picking up students grades 4 through high school we ask that you again use Hunter. Please try to arrange a pick up time with your child and reinforce that you will be using Hunter and not the parking lot.

-Only park your car in the lot while you are in the building NOT while running errands etc.

-Do not block other cars in the parking lot or alley

GROCERY GIFT CARDS – You can buy Kroger, Bloomingfoods or Marsh gift cards in the Harmony office to use for your grocery shopping. Harmony earns 5%.

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION AT TARGET –Target will donate 1% of your purchases to Harmony using your Target card. You can designate Harmony by visiting www.Target.com/tcoe, calling 1-800-316-6142, or stopping by the local Target.

PIP (Parent Involvement Program)-

Barb Bonchek is meeting with the PIP coordinators next week to get the ball rolling.

Our hard-working coordinators this year are:

ECP: Terri Loyal (335-8629) & Heidi Vosekas (331-8523)

M & C's class: Erin Garcia (825-8245)

J & J's class: Jena Hanes (334-2433)

K & B's class: Ashley Skooglund (824-1033)

Middle School: Jennifer Bradley (606-8659)

High School: Marsue McCalla-Jackson (812-863-7592), Rene Reed (219-0371), Cristie Kellar (812) and Leslie Cracraft (822-1044)

We are also looking for two more coordinators - one to coordinate PIP jobs related to general building upkeep, and one to help oversee the entire program. Please contact Barb if you are interested in either "position".

NEWS FROM THE PROGRAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Linda, Tim and Martha (3-5 year olds)

The ECP summer camp did a lot of swimming to stay cool during what seemed like one of the hottest summers yet. The trip to Riddle Point Beach at Lake Lemon was fun with the kids on floaties splashing each other and jumping in the waves when wakes from ski boats would come to shore. The kids loved a surprise detour to the Chocolate Moose after a hot day at Ninth Street Park. In the gym, Wade organized a game called Spider which was popular day after day. Thanks to Gina for organizing a "Bike Rodeo" which was a smash hit with the ECPers. The kids learned about signs and signals as well as how to properly put on helmets and safety gear. They loved maneuvering around orange safety cones in the parking lot. The summer was topped off with a fabulous trip to the Children's Museum. Highlights of that trip included the dinosaur exhibit, the aquariums, the train room, and the Kid's Spy School, where they learned how to use spy equipment.

Thanks to all the parents and others who helped clean, sort, and put the ECP back in order during the last week of summer. Heidi helped us rethink and reorganize our "active" room. It is wonderful to get the classroom off to a fresh start for the academic year. We had a great field trip to McCormick's Creek on Wednesday. The ECP kids loved going hiking, climbing, painting, caving, birding, splashing, and generally learning about nature with other kids from Harmony School. After exploring in multi-age groups, a bunch of hungry kids met back at the playground for lunch and a bit of good hard play (or a chance to relax for the tired ones).

We have five new kids in the ECP – be sure to give a big welcome to Thaddeus, Audrey, Waylon, Addison, and Maya.

Looking forward to a great fall - *Tim, Linda, and Martha*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MICHELE & CLAUDIO's (6-8 yr olds)

Welcome new parents and kids to the first and second grade! All of the children have a week of school under their belt and we couldn't be more pleased with our new class. The kids seem happy to be here and every one of them has said they have

already made more than one friend. Hurray! It takes quite a while for everything to settle down and a routine to be established. Right now energy is high and attention spans are short, but we're doing our best to make learning exciting and fun.

It will take a few weeks before we have placed all the kids into proper math and reading books and materials. At the beginning of the year, we like to have kids do a bit of review, so don't worry if your child says that the work is easy. That being said, please contact us if the work we are asking your child to do is **much** too easy or difficult!

Which leads us to homework! Believe it or not we have received numerous reports of kids actually **asking** for homework! Well, we will not disappoint them! Starting Monday, Sept. 10th, kids will have homework every day with the exception of Fridays. Please read through the homework explanation sheets carefully and remember to sign your child's homework folder every day. Feel free to ask any questions you have regarding homework. What a big step for the incoming first graders!

Our theme this month is "Bugs". Kids will learn about insects and other creepy-crawlies. We'll have guest speakers come to the class, collect insects, go on field trips and do many other hands-on activities for this theme. If this happens to be your area of expertise, let us know. We'd love to invite you to our room!



This semester, we have a student teacher, Stephanie Ramsey. As the semester goes on, she'll be taking on more and more responsibilities in the classroom. She'll be with us until December. If you haven't met her, drop in and say "hi".

A last note: Please remember to bring in an extra pair of shoes for your child and a paint "smock".

Claudio and I are looking forward to getting to know you and your children this year. Feel free to talk to, call or email us anytime with your questions or concerns. --*Michele*

JO & JEREMY's (8-10 yr olds)

Few teachers can boast that they don't get a little nervous every now and again and most of us have some kind of jitters the night before a new school year starts. Maybe the veteran jitters are slightly less consuming than those of a first year teacher, but the excitement circles in all of us. And so too, the kids sit at home, maybe playing a game of scrabble, or wheeling around a remote control car with jitters of their own. Kid jitters have levels too. Those kids who are coming to Harmony for the first time probably have similar jitters to those of a new teacher while those who are returning to the same classroom with the same set of teachers are the "veterans".

There is excitement in a new year, a fresh pallet, an opportunity to learn ideas that are yet unknown, to get friendships right that have faltered so many times, to see peers that seem to have disappeared into thin air for the last three months. Maybe, on the surface, the kids are just tired of hanging around their house, or their daycare, or the skate park, but deep down each of them truly wonders what this year will bring and longs to find out as quickly as possible.

As for our teacher jitters, they usually circle around preparation. We turn the first day, the first week, the first month over in our heads making sure that all is pulled together properly. We make sure all the materials are available, the process of each activity has some level of structure, the classes push all of our kids without stretching them too far. And then we wonder. "What will be the unexpected turns?" "Who will make us laugh?" "When will we make our first mistake and how will we respond?" "Which child is going to have a breaking out year?" "Do I really have to get up at 6:00 every morning?" "What will I do when (after all of that preparation) I see that a lesson isn't working?" "When will I see something so amazing that it brings me to tears?"

All of these thoughts and ideas are circling in the heads of teachers and children alike in one way or another at the beginning of a school year. Our hopes and dreams are anything we want them to be. I hope that we can find ways to keep the good jitters throughout the year. Not exactly that uncomfortable feeling of having to address the complete unknown, but kind of. Good learning happens when we are comfortable with our surroundings, but pushed out of that comfort zone with our thinking. I hope each child can establish comfort with our classroom quickly to the point that taking chances and really diving into learning feel safe.

Jo and I are ready to address all of our wonders, face those first day jitters, and help the kids do the same. This will be a wonderful and extremely fulfilling school year; I've never met one that wasn't. --*Jeremy*

KATHY & BART's (10-12 year olds)

Welcome back from your summer's adventures! Our yearly multi-age trip to McCormick's Creek State Park allowed us to reconnect as a community in preparation for classes. We enjoyed swimming, hiking, biking, capture the flag, along with free time. As the Harmony School 5th & 6th grade class initiates our year long theme of *Journeys*, we will begin our journey together this year by preparing our vessel, the two classrooms. We will add color and organization to our rooms by painting and finishing construction of various parts of the classroom. Students, grouped in mixed 5th and 6th

grade teams, will paint the cupboards, work tables, the kitchen preparation and office supply area, student cubbies, computer stations, the entry threshold, and patch the mural in the loft.

While our class prepares the rooms, we will embark upon a Reference Source Quest. This exercise challenges teams of students in their ability to navigate through the variety of reference resources available in the classroom, such as a dictionary, thesaurus, atlas, road map, globe, almanac, indexes, and internet sources. We'll experiment with Google Earth while traveling through a series of exercises aimed at familiarizing ourselves with this program, ultimately gathering our bearings and setting our directions for the year according to a class-made azimuth. Beginning September 17th we will begin our *Mind, Body and Spirit* Theme. This will include studying the brain and how we learn through learning style inventory using Gardner's Intelligence model. We will also explore our attitude, emotions and dreams. Stay tuned for details through the study guide.

We'll celebrate the initiation of the new school year with a trip to Bart's house, after which we'll launch into our first theme of the year, a Journey into the Mind, Body, and Spirit. Simultaneously, our class will receive advanced Conflict Resolution training.

I am delighted to introduce our capable and talented student teacher for fall semester, Lindsey Cunningham. We also welcome Alia Britton-Grady to our 5th and 6th grade class along with her parents, Rachel and Seth. Please stop by our classroom and introduce yourself to our new members of the Harmony family. We invite you to contact our capable and energetic Parent Involvement Coordinator, Ashley Skooglund, when and if you care to volunteer in our class. We have a variety of jobs available and will certainly match your interests and skills.

Bart, Lindsey, and I thank you, the Harmony community, for all of your support for our students as they journey through the coming school year and on into their lives.

Best wishes for good health and happiness--
Kathy

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kelli, Marty & Ursina

Middle School fall trip to Belmont Adventure Center
Every other year the Middle School goes on a fall trip. This year we are going to the Adventure Center in Belmont, Indiana (half way to Nashville, near T.C. Steele). We will stay in cabins, cook our own meals, and participate in the following activities: Tuesday--low ropes ground course to

promote team building. Wednesday--high ropes course to promote individual challenge. Thursday--community service. We will leave Tuesday, September 25th at 10 am. Students will need to bring a lunch. We will return Thursday, September 27th at 4pm. There will be no school Friday, September 28th. The cost of the trip is \$95. For more information go to their website (<http://www.theadventurecenter.net>) or call Kelli (812-606-4760) or Fritz, their director at 812-345-0605. A waiver will be sent home for you to sign. Please return it with the payment.

In other news: At parent orientation we asked parents to help their child be better organized by having some sort of trapper keeper/notebook. We can provide paper, pencils, pens, etc. It's good for students to have something that can hold the inevitable barrage of papers that will come their way. We also mentioned the importance of having students be at school prior to 9 o'clock--it's difficult to enter classes late. And finally, we discussed the importance of "direct communication" if there is a problem. Teachers are available on Monday's after school, or if you call, we can set up a meeting some other time.

A word about homework: There are typically two types--short & long term. The short term includes weekly writing assignments, spelling/vocabulary words, math goals, current science, etc. The long term may include independent projects, 5th period assignments, debates, etc. Time is built into the schedule to work on independent projects. Teachers are available to answer questions both before and after school.

The beginning of the year is a critical time of establishing classroom procedures, academic goals, and a sense of momentum. By early October we hope to be in the "goove" where students are both comfortable and challenged. And Middle School can be a challenge--academically, socially, and emotionally. We're there, as you are too, to guide, cajole, and hold kids to a certain level of excellence.

Determining just what the level is, and how to go about reaching it, is what we'll be discussing at our parent conferences in November. --*Middle School staff.*

HIGH SCHOOL

Sal, Emily, Paul, Zeri, Jon and Tom

Another year in the High School gets off to a flying start with the help of many of our parents. We would like to say thank-you to our PIP organizers, Cristie Kellar, Marsue Jackson and Renee Reed for all their work - and thanks to the parents who drove back and forth to McCormick's Creek. I also owe a big thank you to Kim Wagner and Deborah Rush,

who so generously donated sets of books to the Art of the Story – you made the class possible! And warm thanks to Leslie Cracraft, for her help with Emily's room.

We have many new students to welcome this year: Tyler, Brendan, Gabi, Noah, Annie, Katia, Ben, Nate, Hanee, Yun, Spencer, Rachel Land, Calvin, Ross, Abbi Middleton, Travis, Anthony, Jacob, Justin, Maggie, Rachel Smith, Avery and Abbi Yates – we're so glad you're here. And let's not forget our new teachers, Emily, Paul and Jon who – along with Tom, Zeri and myself – have some exciting plans for the month. But they should speak for themselves:

Emily: The Geology course will start out looking at sparkly and not-so-brilliant minerals. We'll make crystals and students will write their first lab reports! They'll also share the geology of their birthstones and discuss issues and impacts of mining. Hopefully, we'll also get a chance to hunt for geodes! In Biology, students will explore the meaning of life: what makes something "alive"? They'll conduct experiments on bread mold (yum!) Then we'll assess the diversity of arthropods at Harmony while we learn taxonomic classification.

Paul: After working at an international school in India for 6 months, I'm back at Harmony for the year teaching both music and social studies. In Traditions of Music, the class will look at the roots of music from Indiana and the U.S. in general, then trace it back to its roots in Europe and Africa. My second class, Critical Comedy, delves into issues of psychology, sociology, and identity, all through the framework of humor and comedy. I will also be putting my India experiences to work by teaching about the Cultural Arts of the Middle East and India. This month, the class will be looking at epic poetry of Gilgamesh and the Ramayan, then we'll move on to religion, art, music, and more. Finally, in the afternoons, students in the Practices of Music will learn sight reading, notation, dictation, improvisation, and song writing.

Zeri: It was a lovely summer, but alas, it is over. So here we go. I would like to especially welcome our new international students, Hanee and Yun from Korea. Welcome to America!

Beginning Spanish and German students are about to find out what they're really made of as they start their FIRST FOREIGN LANGUAGE. Spanish, German and Japanese veterans will labor on determinedly, having already weathered that particular storm. Several high school and middle school students will be studying independently such languages as German and Japanese again, but also Russian, French and perhaps others. Those whose

native language is not English will be doing some reading: fairy tales, *Alice in Wonderland* or *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, depending on their level. They will also be able to benefit from the expert slang advice of the notorious Silas Jackson.

Jon: During the first few days of class we will go over the rules, requirements and topics for the courses. Beyond these technical details we will also be establishing an identity for the class and a rhythm for our daily class proceedings. The first couple of weeks are devoted to reviewing important topics from previous courses, but by the end of the month all classes will have taken an initial exam and will be beginning their introduction to new topics.



Tom: And off we go into another exciting school year! I'm looking forward to continue work with community volunteers in my classes like Matt Ray and new folks like Monique Philpot and Heather Potter. And I'm confident some poets and old friends will be showing up for the Senior Lit class. Greek & Latin Roots class will ponder the meaning of *Minatus cantorum, minatus balorum, minatus carbonata descendum pantorum*. And there's magic with Evan, our last semester teaching together before he heads off on his senior project.

Finally, in World Today, we have begun plans for the Mock Election, when each student will "become" one of the Presidential candidates and mount a two-week campaign before presenting their policies in a speech to the whole school. The 5th grade thru Faculty will vote, at a poll run by the 1st thru 4th grades. The election will be in November – details to follow. In Western Civ., a new group of students are getting acquainted with the ancient civilizations of Sumer and Egypt - while the American Century class is learning about the many similarities between the 1900s and our decade at the turn of the 20th century.

Our afternoons are currently being spent in Advisories, equipping each class with some of the skills they will need for the school year. Your student's advisor is a good person to start with any questions you may have. This year, Tom is taking care of the freshman; Emily is advisor to the sophomores; Paul is looking after the juniors; while I am supporting the seniors. Our numbers and e-mails will be on the telephone list that students will be bringing home shortly. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any concerns! --Sal

FAMILY PROFILE

The Garcia family, compiled by Harmony parent, Barbara McKinney (I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Barbara for writing these wonderful profiles for the last few years. They are a great addition to our humble newsletter!)

On the first day of the 2007-2008 Harmony school year, I had the pleasure of meeting Erin Garcia. Erin and her husband Alex are the parents of Roman, age 7, and Celestina, age 8 and three-quarters, both students at Harmony.

Erin said she and Alex were very happy when Celestina was admitted into Harmony for first grade, and are now delighted that Roman is following in his big sister's footprints.

The Garcia family lives in Greene County. The drive to Harmony every school day can be challenging, but the lower cost of living in Greene County means they can afford to have a sizeable house, five acres and even a pond and a (currently) vacant horse shed, all of which they love. Some Harmony kids may be familiar with their property, as they have had two Halloween parties in an outbuilding and are already planning this year's celebration. They celebrate Halloween so much that each child needs three costumes: one for the Harmony celebrations, one for the party in the outbuilding and one for trick or treating. Roman plans to be Nacho Libre, Napoleon Dynamite and a whoopee cushion this year. Celestina plans to be a vampire princess and a bloody bride; she has not yet decided on the third. Erin and Alex will be Anthony and Cleopatra; they don't feel the need for three costumes each.

Erin is currently a stay-at-home mom. Now that Roman is in first grade, she's looking for flexible work. She has experience working in the Child Protection Services office, a nerve-wracking, demanding job that she quit when Alex, a member of the National Reserves, was called up to serve in Afghanistan for 18 months. Alex is back home in Indiana now, working as the corporate compliance officer for Employment Plus, Inc. He could be called to serve in Iraq in 2009, something they both hope doesn't happen.

Alex was born in Mexico and moved to Texas with his family when he was a child. Erin was born in Bloomington, but grew up in the small town of Scipio, near Columbus. She moved back to Bloomington to go to college, where she met Alex, who was also attending IU at the time. They got married, moved to North Carolina and then back to Indiana.

Erin said Celestina likes "everything" at Harmony. She loved her teachers (Michele and Claudio) in first and second grade, as well as the opportunity to take field trips and write in her journal. She's looking forward to being in Jo and Jeremy's class this year. She's already taken some exploration classes with Jeremy. Roman is quite familiar with Michele and Claudio from accompanying Erin when she has done volunteer work at the school, including running an arts and crafts club, substitute teaching and helping out with field trips. This year she's the PIP coordinator for Roman's class. He has the normal new school year anxieties but is looking forward to his new experience as a student.

Erin said that Roman would like to be a comedian when he grows up, and is already dictating a joke book to her. An example of jokes that Roman has made up: "What do you get when you cross a dog and a sheep? Baaark." He has an extensive collection of Uranus jokes as well. One of Celestina's art efforts, a painting of her family, was exhibited at the Fossil Rain gallery (of course her parents bought it). She's not quite sure what she wants to be when she grows up at this point.

Erin and Alex were brave enough to take both kids and a brand-new puppy named Almond to St. Louis this summer. They stayed at a bed and breakfast and visited lots of the tourist sites, including the Arch, and had a great time.

Erin said they all are glad to be part of the Harmony family.

OTHER REPORTS

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SCHOOL REFORM FACULTY (NSRF)

Greetings from the lower level! The national professional development division of Harmony, called the National School Reform Faculty, is located in the lower level of the Harmony School building. We work 12 months a year and help to support thousands of teachers and other educators both in Indiana and throughout the country. Please visit our website (www.nsrffharmony.org) or office anytime if you are interested in learning more about our work.

Our fall calendar of national events is filling up nicely. Our largest event is called our Winter Meeting and this year it will be held in Tampa Bay, Florida. We are planning for 500 participants coming from nearly every part of the country. If you are an educator, or know someone who might be interested in our work, please consider attending this meeting. Please read on for more information.

THE WINTER MEETING: Teachers,

administrators, and educational leaders from across the country will gather once again at the Winter Meeting to pursue adult learning in the service of student achievement. For over a decade, NSRF practitioners have substantively contributed to school culture and community by utilizing NSRF's core practices of critical friendship and facilitative leadership, guided by our mission to foster educational and social equity for each child. At the Winter Meeting, we will further our learning using NSRF tools and processes to engage each other in questions related to our practice, our schools, and our students.

The work of NSRF is rooted in our mission: *The mission of the National School Reform Faculty is to foster educational and social equity by empowering all people involved with schools to work collaboratively in reflective democratic communities that create and support powerful learning experiences for everyone.*

Together, we will bring our NSRF mission, principles and practices to life as we learn and work in home groups. Home groups are small groups of colleagues who work in the ways of Critical Friends Groups, an expression of professional learning communities, by holding each other accountable for the continuous examination of our practice to meet the needs and interests of each and every student. We will give and receive substantive and critical feedback and support each other in the discovery of new ideas and the implementation of new practices. - Heidi Vosekas

RHINO'S ALL AGES CLUB UPDATE

Wow, where do I start?

Ok, let's begin with introducing the new Assistant Director of Rhino's, Tim Pritchett. Tim comes to us from Evansville originally. He has all kinds of fancy book-learnin' and degrees and such from IU. He's been with the Parks Department for 6 years, and he's awesome. Come by and say, "Welcome" to Tim sometime.

Rhino's has also been selected as the Coordinating Agency for the South East Hub for the statewide Youth VOICE anti-tobacco program. We'll be traveling across the SE part of our state coordinating youth produced anti-tobacco industry messages and offering assistance and trainings. Youth VOICE is a program of the Indiana Tobacco Prevention Center (ITPC), which is State of Indiana agency funding by the national Tobacco Company Master Settlement. Being chosen SE Hub Coordinator is a great honor and testament to the fantastic and innovative work the youth on our media programs have done.

We just hosted Warner Brothers Recording artists, AGAINST ME!, and we've got many cool national acts and interesting shows coming up like:

- Murder By Death on 9/28
- Strike Anywhere on 10/1
- Me Without You 10/20
- Infection, The Zombie Prom on 10/27
- Melt Banana (from Japan) on 10/30
- The Gore Gore Girls (all woman rock-a-billy) on 11/3

And much, much more.

The after school media programs are in full swing too. Check www.rhinosyouth.org or call 333-3430 for more info or to get involved.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE REPORT

We welcome the return of fall and students & their families to our hallways! The development office had a busy summer and sees no stop to that mode through the coming semester.

Many thanks to all who helped support Harmony this year: thank you for making our fundraising a success!

After 22 years of fun, the **Oliver-Harmony Run** is retiring. Changing interests and fuller schedules are among the reasons we decided this, and we send appreciation out to all runners and other supporters who took part in this very fun event. A special thank you goes to **Dr. Jerry Ruff** who was the man behind the event all these years. His dedication, energy and focus leave a most positive mark on the school and all who worked with him. Salud!

We're happy to announce the

HARMONY HARVEST CELEBRATION

a new event taking place **Sunday, October 14th**, on the school grounds: An inspired group of volunteers is planning a special afternoon of family activities, food, and music, featuring a **sponsored walk** to raise funds for Harmony scholarships. All Harmony friends are invited to walk for scholarships & recruit sponsors to support them. Talk to Mary Beth in the development office and see our website for details.

An additional highlight is a **pie-baking contest!** We invite all bakers to don their toques and flour up their hands to submit their very best pie to the contest. A panel of expert judges is being assembled and a prize basket full of cooking- & food-related goodies awaits the winner. Again, see our website for details.



The event will also recognize the special collaboration between Harmony School, Elm Heights Neighborhood & Mother Hubbard's Cupboard in building the new greenhouse right behind home plate in our school yard. After students sprouted seeds and planted a garden, volunteers tended them to fruition and the produce went to hungry people through Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. This is a perfect expression of our educational aims here at Harmony and we will celebrate all participants that day. Please be sure to join us!