PRINCIPAL’S CORNER:
Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It is hard to believe that this school year is almost over. It has been a special year for us at Harmon. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our fifth graders, as we have watched them learn and mature this year. We are looking forward to them returning next year as the leaders in our building as sixth graders. We wish our sixth graders the best, as they move onto the junior high. We will certainly miss you! You have worked very hard and are now ready for the next step in your journey.

To all of our parents, thank you for your continued support. Harmon Middle School continues to be a great place for kids because of your involvement, the great children that you bring to us, and our excellent staff who work tirelessly for kids.

Lea Ann Yoakum, Principal

Jared Moore, Assistant Principal
12410 Harmon Rd., Pickerington, OH 43147  *  PH: (614) 835-2000  *  FAX: (614) 835-2010
Visit our Web Page:  www.pickerington.k12.oh.us

DATEs TO REMEMBER

May

Tues.,  5  PARCC TEST—5th Science
Wed.,  6  Bike to School Day (walkers, too)
         PARCC TEST—6th Social St.
Wed., 13  Staff Choice Awards Program—
         6:30 p.m., Aux. gym
         Orchestra Concert—7:00 PM
Fri., 15  Renaissance Pep Assemblies
Mon. 18  6th Gr. Visit to Jr. Highs
Tues., 19  6th Grade Talent Show
Wed., 20  Tyler’s Light Assembly—6th Grade
Thurs., 21  5th Grade 9:15 AM
         6th Grade 12:15 PM
Mon., 25  NO SCHOOL-MEMORIAL DAY
Tues., 26  6th Gr. Awards Assemblies
         6th Gr. Band Concert
         7:00 p.m. – PHS North
Wed., 27  4th Gr. Awards Assemblies
         4th Gr. Families visit HM
         ---6:00-7:30 PM
Thurs., 28  LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June

Thurs., 4  Grade Cards Mailed Home

STAFF CHOICE AWARDS

We are looking forward to our 5th Annual Staff Choice Awards ceremony to be held Wednesday, May 13th, at 6:30 p.m. Each year our staff members nominate students who have demonstrated good character throughout the year, improved academically and/or behaviorally, or students who just deserve some special recognition for being a good citizen at our school. All nominees and their families have received their invitations. We hope to see many of you as we honor these special students.

YEAR-END AWARDS*

ASSEMBLIES SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH

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*Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.
IMPORTANT NOTE FROM FOOD SERVICE DEPT.
May 8 will be the last day that a student may charge a lunch. Also, any negative balances should be paid off in full. Starting May 11th, NO CHARGING OF ANY MEALS WILL BE ALLOWED. If a student has a negative balance, or a balance not high enough to cover the cost of a lunch, the balance will need to be paid or increased prior to the student receiving lunch. Use www.mypaymentsplus.com or call 1-866-711-7341 if you need to know the balance in your student’s lunch account or to add money to your student’s account.

News From the School Nurse

Medications
All medications must be picked up by a parent/guardian before the school year ends. Any medication that is left in the clinic after the last day of school will be discarded.

If your child will need prescription medication for the 2015-2016 school year, please feel free to pick up a "Request for Administration of Medication by School Personnel" form at the office or download from PLSD website @ www.pickerington.k12.oh.us Department - Health Service – Forms

Health Concerns
Please be sure to alert the school nurse, before the first day of school next year, regarding any significant changes in your child’s health or medical needs. Any health concerns noted this school year, will be shared with your child’s school nurse for next year.

Tdap Booster Reminder
The Ohio Department of Health requires all students entering 7th grade to show documentation of receiving an immunization called Tdap before being allowed to enter school next year.

We encourage you to talk to your health care provider about the Tdap booster for all of the adults and teens in your family. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

--Liz Moody-Ganoom, School Nurse

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS?
Each year we accumulate many items (coats, jackets, lunchboxes, hats, eye glasses, etc.) and this year is no exception. Please check to see if your child is missing any of these items. At the end of the year, if these items are not claimed, we donate them to a local charity. Thank you for your help.

6TH GRADE STUDENTS TO VISIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
On May 18th our sixth grade students will be visiting the junior high that they will be attending next year. This visit is planned to help our sixth graders as they transition into the junior high school. Be looking for more information to come!

Our Renaissance Team continues to be very busy with many, many projects! We are so proud of all of our fifth and sixth grade leaders who are members of this group, and look forward to continuing this group next year.

Our 3rd annual Renaissance Academic Pep Rally is scheduled for May 15th and is held within the school day (students only, please). We will be recognizing students for:
1. Academic Achievement (Grading periods 1-3)
   a. Gold—GPA – 3.50 to 4.00
   b. Silver—GPA – 3.00 to 3.49
   c. Bronze—GPA – 2.50 to 2.99
2. Kids of Great Character (kind, caring, good behavior, responsible, trustworthy)
Tyler’s Light will present a drug abuse awareness program to all sixth graders on May 20th at 1:30 p.m. Tyler’s Light Is a Pickerington-based organization that educates students on drug abuse through a multi-media approach. The presentation will be customized for our sixth grade students.

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**PTO News...**

Here we are at the end of another school year—every year seems to go by more quickly. As always, Harmon’s PTO has been involved in the year’s activities, whether education, social, or community based. Our students are fortunate to be involved in activities to raise money to help those in need, attend education events, as well as participate in some fun-filled events.

Needless to say, we could not have accomplished any of this without your help! I want to, personally, thank all of the Harmon families, friends and staff, who have assisted the PTO in any capacity; volunteering from home, school or work, as well as financial support through book fairs and fundraisers. These events have been successful because of your commitment to our students. Your money is always used in ways to enhance every Harmon student.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer.

*Amelia Tidwell, PTO President*

**YEARBOOKS COMING IN!**

Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school. In case you didn’t place an order, we will have a few additional yearbooks available to purchase.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our Fifth & Sixth Grade Field Days will be held on Thursday, May 21st. We will need lots of help—A volunteer sign up sheet is included in this newsletter. Thanks for any help you can give us.

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**5th GRADE FIELD DAY – Thurs., May 21st --AM**

**6th GRADE FIELD DAY – Thurs., May 21st --PM**

This year our wonderful PTO will be sponsoring a “Field Day” for both 5th and 6th grade students. Our students have been looking forward to this day and, we will need many parent volunteers to help us manage this activity. If you can help us on the 21st, please fill out the form below and return it to your child’s homeroom teacher at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your help!

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**5th GRADE FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER FORM**

I am available to volunteer on **Thurs., May 21st (9:15 AM – 12:00 PM)**, for the **5th Grade Field Day**:

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**6th GRADE FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER FORM**

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CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. Tourville

Scott Tourville was nominated by the Harmon Staff as the recipient of their 2015 Friends in Education Award. All District nominees will be honored at the annual Friends of Education Dinner, held this year on April 30th. We appreciate Mr. Tourville taking time out of his busy schedule to share his expertise and provide students with real world connections that they can take with them into the future.

EARTH DAY IS EVERY DAY AT HARMON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Earth Day came and went but that’s okay because every day is EARTH DAY at Harmon. Thanks for making EVERY DAY EARTH DAY in Pickerington. Recycling will continue throughout the summer so keep dropping your paper off in our green and yellow bins in our side lot.

Bike-to-School Day

Walkers, too!

Wednesday

May 6, 2015

To help students learn good biking habits and feel comfortable biking or walking to school, four PLSD schools will be hosting Bike-to-School Day.

Safe Routes to School Committee volunteers and law enforcement officers will be biking along the designated routes listed below in the morning, leading students to school.

Students living on streets connecting to the Bike-to-School Day Routes may join the bikers as they pass by. DON’T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR HELMET! Walkers are welcome to join in as well.

As always, school staff and often law enforcement officers will be outside at every building to help students in the morning and after school.

Volunteers will be at each school to hand out FREE safety prizes provided by Safe Kids Fairfield County.

Students who are assigned to walk to school are encouraged to do so. This helps decrease car traffic around the buildings which is a safety issue at every school.

Designated Routes are as follows:

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<td>Diley Middle School</td>
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<td>Flat River St &amp; Sycamore Creek St (follow Sycamore Creek, Brighton, Raab, Canteridge &amp; Theron to school)</td>
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<td>Harmon Middle School</td>
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<td>Bentwood Farms Dr &amp; Saratoga Ln North (follow Bentwood and Harmon Rd to school)</td>
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<td>Birchwood St &amp; Cambridge Way (follow Birchwood, Woodsfield Circle, Cainwood, Meadowwood and Harmon Rd to school)</td>
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<td>8:45 am</td>
<td>Crawford Dr &amp; Harmon Rd - (Follow Crawford, Oakmere, Coventry to the school access path)</td>
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<td>Fairfield Elementary School</td>
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<td>Stonecreek Dr &amp; Hounsdale Dr - west intersection across from pool entrance (follow Stonecreek, Hounsdale &amp; Coventry to school)</td>
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<td>Sycamore Creek Elementary School</td>
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<td>Brighton St &amp; Brighton Ct (follow Brighton St and the west side of Sycamore Creek St to school)</td>
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<td>Flat River &amp; Faber (follow Faber, Vanderbuilt, &amp; Carver to the east side of Sycamore Creek St, then to the school)</td>
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PICKERINGTON
SUMMER FEEDING
PROGRAM 2015

TUSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7117 Tussing Road

Hours 11:30 - 1:00

This Summer Meal Program is sponsored by the USDA. All meals are provided free for children between the ages of 1 - 18 years. Any child is welcome.

!!! ALL MEALS MUST BE EATEN ON SITE !!!

Meals will be provided Monday through Friday
June 1 - June 30

Food Service Office Number
614-833-3645

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SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM
SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

MONDAYS
DONATO'S Pizza

TUESDAYS
Nutrition Education & Fun Physical Activities
Sponsored by The Ohio State Extension Office

FRIDAYS
Reading along with Arts & Crafts
Sponsored by the Pickerington Local Library

DONATO'S Zoo Day
Free Prize Give Aways

Come Everyday For Fun Events
Weekly Cooking Demos
Special Vendor Booths
Surprise Events