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Last day of summer session for preschoolers, August 2011.



Harmony Preschool/K News

Welcome new students, parents and the many Harmony families who are joining us for another exciting year!

The summer was very productive, fun and HOT! Thanks to Joe Jacobson (Hanna's dad) for building us a new sandbox! Be prepared to brush your child off every day and dump the sand out of their shoes and clothes.

Thanks to Tyler Holmes (Debbie's son and Harmony Alum) for boarding up the gaps in the back fence and side fence, and for cutting down the dead tree in the playground. Thanks, too, to Cy Early (Evan's dad) for fixing the water spigot. Thanks to our summer staff of Debbie, Carroll, Ashley, Jamie, Leslie, Kellane, Kat, Maylin, Kristin, Katie, Henri Ann, Jon, Amy, Jennifer, Lauren D., Tyler, Claire and Julie; the

children have been receiving wonderful care, consistency, love and outdoor experiences.

We thank you for being a part of Harmony School and hope you're ready for some exciting classroom fun when school starts! The 2011-12 school year is going to be a great one with exciting field trips, wonderful projects and plenty of stimulating classroom activities the children will love. We will be studying insects, reptiles and amphibians, and space in the preschool/k classrooms.

Parents are invited and encouraged to visit pre/k classrooms once school has begun, but please give us a few

weeks to settle first! Here's to another great year at Harmony School!

Pre/K Reminders:

Don't be late! Please remember kindergarteners MUST be at school NO LATER than 8:30 am.

Quarters on Friday! Cookie Day is every Friday. Please be sure your child has a quarter on Fridays. Check your child's classroom door for their assigned day to bring cookies.

Welcome back students, teachers, parents, families and friends!

Elementary News and Notes

We're looking forward to the start of another wonderful school year!

This year, our elementary class will have a blog to share our learning adventures. Parents can use the blog to get a feel for our classroom community and see what we're studying and doing each week. It's also for students. There's a link to good research websites for classroom and home use. Students can access weekly spelling words, math activities, and cool history or science info pertaining to class discussions on the blog. Visit and bookmark the blog on your computers: <http://www.harmonyelementary.wordpress.com>

We hope summer included lots of time spent outdoors and reading with your children. As you may already know, we (Jennifer and Julie) both love and deeply appreciate our natural world and everything in it. Our classroom environment celebrates nature, and we love to be outside whenever we can. Please take time to promote the wonder of nature at home in your family...don't forget the cloud watching or tree climbing! :)

If you're interested, a great book about the importance of spending time outdoors is: *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv. Also, the website <http://www.childrenandnature.org/research/> is full of good information.



Children are never too old to be read to. Expose them to meaningful written stories you can read and discuss together. Let them hear new words and sentences that spark their imagination. Encourage them to talk about their thoughts and ideas. Have them write about experiences, or you can write their thoughts down for them if writing doesn't yet come easily.

One of the coolest mental images Julie has from a day last school year is from an outdoor quiet reading time. One of our students was in the climbing tree on the playground with a book.

Welcome to Harmony! We're ready to begin our next adventure!

Friday Hooligan's Lunches

This year we're moving Hooligan's lunch ordering to an electronic process. Please watch your email for details. Lunches will be available beginning Friday, August 26.

2011-12 Harmony Staff

Our staff this year in the elementary is Jennifer and Julie in the classroom and aftercare will be Courtney in the afternoon.

Our staff in the preschool/k classrooms are Debbie (lead) and Jamie (aide), Carroll (lead) and Leslie (aide), Ashley (lead) and Kat (aide) and aftercare will be Henri Ann, Jon, Leslie, and Diana in the afternoon.

This year we also welcome the addition of Stacey LeRoy in the administrative office. Stacey is a long time Harmony parent (aka Delaney's Mom) and cherished volunteer who will help Shannon in the office on a part-time basis. Stacey will coordinate fundraising efforts, manage community relations and plan and staff Harmony events like the annual Oyster Roast. Stacey has given Harmony her heart and hard work for many years. We are glad to have her aboard!

Welcome to our returning and new staff members. Thank you for all you do to make Harmony School such a special place!

Have a great year!

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	<p>8/15 First day of school! Welcome back!</p> <p>9/10 Harmony Day at Plex (Sandhills) 2-5 pm</p>	<p>8/17 New Parent Meeting, 7-8:30 pm</p> <p>10/4 Harmony Day at Monkey Joe's (near Clemson Road) 10 am-7 pm</p>	<p>9/5 Labor Day Holiday — no school!</p> <p>10/26 Halloween Storytelling at Harmony School</p>

Tuition and Fees

Tuition fees for the 2011-12 year are as follows:

Preschool:

\$405 per month (half-day) or \$535 (with aftercare)

Kindergarten:

\$415 per month (half-day) or \$545 (with aftercare)

Elementary:

\$515 per month (half-day) or \$645 (with aftercare)

With the exception of August, full payment of tuition is due by the 10th of the month. For August 2011 only, the deadline is extended until August 15th, the first day of school. A late fee of \$15 is added to any account not paid in full by the 10th of the month. Please pay August tuition by the 15th to avoid a late fee. Thank you for your prompt payment!

For half-day families (those not participating in aftercare), please remember if you are late picking up or would like your child to stay for aftercare, the late fee/daily rate is \$15.

Happy Birthday to You!

Katherine LeVance 8/7

Killian Johnson 8/12

Edward Turner 8/15

Topher Johnson 8/18

Natalee Kaufman 8/26

New Parent Meeting

Our new parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17 from 7-8:30 pm for preschool/k and elementary families. All Harmony families are welcome. During the meeting, we'll share beginning of the year information, discuss programming and answer questions. Please plan to attend. Childcare will be available. If you need childcare, please bring \$5 to cover the cost for each child.

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