

Singing our way through Harmony School's annual Winter Festival, December 2011.



Preschool/K News and Notes

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone feels well rested and in good health as we continue the rest of our school year.

As the weather begins to turn cold, please remember your child needs to dress appropriately.

They need a warm coat, a hat and mittens. Also, make sure your child has an appropriate change of clothing in their cubby at all times. Please make sure everything is labeled with their name. We will go outside for short time periods each day when the weather turns very cold.

We ended our insect studies with our Winter Festival performance! What a great night we had filled with singing, children's pride, enthusiasm and heartwarming performances. Thanks for all your support, parents!

Starting in January through the middle of March, the preschool/k children will be studying reptiles and amphibians.

If anyone would like to talk to the children about this subject area or know someone knowledgeable in this area of study, please let Debbie, Carroll or Ashley know. We love to bring in guest speakers.

Thank you to the families who gave donations to St. Lawrence Place. They were so grateful!





Elementary News and Notes

Well, here we are in 2012 and in a very mild winter so far. I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful break.

December was a wonderful month! Julie and I really enjoyed conferencing with our elementary parents. It's very constructive to be able to meet face to face and exchange information, concerns, encouragement, stories and

laughs without interruption. We value your conversation!

The other highlight of the month was, of course, the Winter Festival. I can't begin to tell you how proud I was of the effort and care your children put into their play. I think we could take it on the road! Perhaps you could tell they really loved the story and were very enthusiastic about sharing it with you. They also had

an experience few American school children in 2011 had: sitting on the ground and picking cotton seeds out of their boles for an extended period. But I think they would love to do it again!

Now that we've set out on the adventure called 2012, I hope we'll have many more really great experiences in the second half of the year. Until then, "Follow the drinking gourd!"

Harmony School Open House

Tell your friends, neighbors and anyone else who is interested in Harmony School about our upcoming Open House. Learn more about Harmony School and our great programs.

All grades welcome.

Wednesday, January 25 at 7pm
in the front building.



Elementary End-of-Year Trip

This year's end of the year trip will be to Turtle Island Preserve, May 9-11.

We will need one dad to chaperone. The cost is \$210.00. If you like, you can begin paying for the trip in installments now.

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	<p>1/16 School holiday — Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>1/25 Field Trip to Saluda Shoals — Carroll's Class, leaving at 9:15 am</p>	<p>1/20 School holiday — President's Day</p> <p>1/25 Open House — All grades, 7 pm in the front building</p>	<p>1/24 Field Trip to Saluda Shoals — Debbie's Class, leaving at 9:15 am</p> <p>1/26 Field Trip to Saluda Shoals — Ashley's Class, leaving at 9:15 am</p>

Construction Updates and Thanks

Thanks to Brabham Fencing for their gift-in-kind donation of iron gates for our entrance and the iron fence behind the elementary portable. Now we can lock the gates when the school is closed and prevent drive thru-traffic from accessing school property.

Thanks to Carlos Robertson (Aaron's dad) who prepped and sealed the elementary portables' wooden deck and stairs. And, more thanks to Scott Fisk (Arina's dad) who repaired back gate on the playground.

Did you notice the brand new ceilings in the preschool/kindergarten building? Over the holiday break, the old ceilings came out, air ducts were reworked, some electrical rewired and new lighting and drop ceilings were installed throughout the building. This \$24,000 project was made possible by our Oyster Roast proceeds. Earlier in the month, we added a much-needed, new storage room on the back of the preschool building.

Another upcoming construction project is an outdoor breezeway connecting the two elementary portables.

Happy Birthday to You!

Sammi Lawther 1/8
Madelyn White 1/8
Kate McInnis 1/10
Amelie Galimba 1/12
Siena Malovic 1/14
Julie McCrary 1/14
Charlotte Hanson 1/23

Winter Weather

Now that winter is here, there's always a risk for unpredictable weather. **In most cases, Harmony School follows Richland School District One's decision to close or delay school.** However, there have been times Harmony has opted to open when Richland One schools were closed. For up-to-date closing information, please watch for Harmony School's google group emails and/or WIS postings on channel 10.

Like Harmony on Facebook yet? We'd like you to!
<http://www.facebook.com/harmonyschoolsc>

School Financial Meeting

If you'd like to know more about Harmony School's annual budget and fiscal decision making, mark your calendar for a meeting on Wednesday, January 18 at 7 pm.

Now Enrolling: Kids' Yoga

Students ages 4 and up can enjoy the benefits of yoga at school on Mondays from 2:30-3:00pm. Spring session starts January 30 and runs through April 30. Cost is \$100 for the full session or \$40 per month. Payment is required to reserve your child's space and is due by Wednesday, January 25. Details on the community board or email shelleyajones@gmail.com to register.



Now Enrolling: Soccer Shots

Soccer Shots' six-week winter season is about to get underway! For details or to enroll online visit <http://columbia.soccershots.org/>. Enroll online and get \$5.00 off when you pay in full. Offer ends January 6, 2012. Please use coupon code: WINT5.



Save for the E-Drive

Save those outmoded mp3 players, digital cameras and camcorders, graphing calculators, GPS devices, laptops and cell phones for our electronics drive. Harmony's community recycling event is this month. Details to come.

Box Tops Pay Off!

Thanks to all for saving those little pink Boxtops! We just received a check for \$150.

