



Another Winter Festival Success!
December 18, 2012.

Preschool/K News and Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope everyone is in good health and rested as we continue the rest of our school year! As the weather turns colder, please remember that your child(ren) need to dress appropriately. They need a warm coat, hat and mittens. Also please be sure to label everything. Your child's cubby needs to have a pair of pants, shirt underwear and socks. We will go outside into the cold weather for short periods of time throughout the day.

Our study of the environmental discoveries ended with the winter festival! What a great night it was – filled with children's pride, enthusiasm and a heartwarming performance. Thanks for all you supportive parents!

Thank you for all the donations to St. Lawrence Place before the winter break. They were very appreciative.

Our unit of study from January through the middle of March is

transportation. If anyone would like to talk to the children about this subject, please let Debbie, Carroll or Ashley know.

Harmony School Open House

January 23, 2013 | 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Harmony School will host an Open House for all prospective parents and students. If you are interested in learning more about the educational opportunities at Harmony, come meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and find out how we make learning fun!

If you have friends, neighbors or co-workers who are interested in Harmony School, please send them our way! Preschool, kindergarten and elementary teachers will be available to talk with parents and answer questions.

Child care will not be provided but children are welcome to attend with their parents.

Elementary News and Notes

Lower Elementary

The lower elementary students felt December whizzed by with lots of fun and hard work on the play and music for our Winter Festival.

Everyone did a great job and enjoyed sharing with parents! Creating and rehearsing the plays with upper elementary students was one of their favorite activities this month.

Students embarked on a tree hunting field trip to Blythewood to find a couple Juniper trees at Julie's house. Thank you to Anna's mom for coming along to help dig up the trees! Experiencing nature and wide-open spaces out of view of houses was very refreshing.

We're continuing to read *The Hobbit* and learning of the value of good adventures and good friendships. Happy New Year!



Upper Elementary

The upper elementary is back with vigor! In January we're looking forward to working with each other to understand and appreciate many aspects of our world. We will work as elders with our lower elementary students on science investigations that include: working with many examples of fossils, observing supportive environmental factors for growth and development of plants as well as a range of tolerance issues, the ongoing rock cycle, and how the breathing of fish can change water chemistry.

We will be working on research papers for our science fair projects and on our keyboarding in the process. We will be discussing

current events in science, history, and health as we grow to become active citizens of our country and the world, and will continue our "States" studies.

We continue to express ourselves through our journals daily, and to share our thoughts and ideas through that medium. We always enjoy challenging math work both independently and as a group, and will extend some units into cooking and math contests. Also, we can't wait to see what field trips the month holds, such as the Metro Waste Water Plant, the Danny O'Driscoll art studio, the ballet *Snow White* and *One Eared Cow Glass*. We will be enjoying music, P.E. and Spanish, too.



On January 7, Elementary students visited the pet store to stock up on supplies and restock our fish tanks. The guinea pig was the star of the show!



january	happy	new	year
	1/15-1/17 Pre/K Field Trips to Fire Station	1/21 Martin Luther King Day — School closed	1/23 Harmony Open House — 6:30-7:30pm
	1/31 Elementary Field Trip to the ballet Snow White	2/14-2/15 Pre/K Field Trips to Columbia Children's Theatre	2/18 Presidents Day — School closed

Ballet Is Back!

Columbia Ballet School is offering ballet lessons at Harmony on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 – 3:00pm. The cost is \$50 per month plus a one-time registration fee of \$15. For registration paperwork, email harmonyschoolsc@gmail.com or call 787-1899.

Kids' Yoga with Shelley Jones

Returns January 28th for ages 4+, including elementary. Classes held on Mondays from 2:30-3:00pm and from 3:05-3:35pm (if needed). Spring session begins January 28 and ends on April 29. The cost is \$100 if paid in full or \$40 per month. **Register and pay by Wednesday, January 23rd** to reserve your child's space!

Staff Update

In December we sadly bid farewell to Jamie Hampton but were glad to welcome back Amy Newman. Amy worked in our after school and summer program in 2005-06. Since then, she's graduated from college with a degree in social work and is looking forward to working with children again. We are so grateful she's again part of the Harmony family.

Fun Friday Eats

Here are links to the Friday lunch online order forms. Orders are due by WEDNESDAYS AT NOON.

[Hooligan's Lunch Order Form](#)
[Earth Fare Lunch Order Form](#)

Please complete separate orders for each student and contact Stacey or Sue at 787-1899 with questions.

Happy Birthday!

Siena Malovic 1/4
 Madelyn White 1/8
 Sammi Lawther 1/8
 Kate McInnis 1/10
 Marley Sisk 1/15
 Rhythm Cherrington 1/27

Harmony Wins Grant Funds

We were thrilled to receive grant money (\$300) to support "Pets in the Classroom." The money was used to purchase supplies for our classroom birds, gerbils and fish.

Our Pants, Your Pants, We Need Pants!

Harmony's pre-school "closet" – the one we use to loan clothes to kids – is all out of pants for pre-school girls and boys! If you have any loaners from Harmony, please wash and return them. If you have any extras to donate in pre-school sizes, please bring them!

Parents Corner

If you visit the Harmony School website, take a look at Parents Corner on the home page. We've put common files right at your fingertips for fast access. Visit www.harmonyschoolsc.com to check it out!