



HARMONY SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

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Wednesday Mail
January 18th, 2012

Hello Parents and Students,

For this week's Wednesday Mail, we have the following news:

Reminder: Last Day to turn in Re-Enrollment Form is Friday, February 27th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HSart's Tardy Policy: The school's tardy policy has been developed to emphasize the importance of each student arriving on time to school every day. When a student is tardy to school, he or she is missing valuable instructional time.

Students should be inside the classroom by 8:00AM. A student arriving after this time must report to the front office and obtain a tardy slip. Tardiness to school will be unexcused, unless the student arrives to campus late for one of the following reasons:

- *Personal Illness
- *Doctor or Court Appointments

For a tardy to be excused, the student must present a note from the parent explaining the late arrival. The school may also require additional documentation such as a court order or a doctor's note.

Excessive tardiness may result in disciplinary actions such as morning detention or school suspensions. For additional information on the school's tardy policy, please see the Student/Parent Handbook.

Thank you for your support with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

REMINDERS:

Graduation Picture Day for Kinders, 5th and 8th Grade Students: Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, January 19th for graduation portraits. An order form has been sent home on Friday, January 6th. Students will be given their cap and gown to wear on picture day. If you have not purchased one, please submit payment to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Students should wear a white shirt with a collar under their school uniform shirt for their graduation portraits. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Baca.

Scholastic Book Fair: Mark your calendar. We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of January 23rd - 27th in the library. The book fair will be open at the following times:

- 7:30AM - 8:30AM
- During Library Classes
- 3:30PM - 4:30PM
- Extended Hours on Thursday, January 26th: 3:30PM - 6:00PM.

If you would like to volunteer for the book fair, please contact Ms. Baca at mbaca@harmonytx.org. Thank you for your support.



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2012-2013 Enrollment: As enrollment season has started, we would like to share a couple of reminders with you.

- 1 - The application period for Harmony Public Schools is between January 10 and March 15 for the 2012-2013 school year.
- 2 - All applications prior to January 10, 2012 will be considered for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 3 - Any application received after March 15, 2012 will be placed on the waiting list in the order of the date in which the application is received.
- 4 - The Lottery will be drawn during the last week of March 2012.
- 5 – Selected students will be announced by the end of the 1st week of April 2012.

Please note that any application received is only considered for one school year. If your child is not selected for enrollment, a new application must be submitted for each year.

Harmony Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in providing educational services, activities, and programs, including vocational and career technology programs, in accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (as amended), Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended).

Saturday School Updates: Saturday School will begin on January 7th for students in need of additional Math, ELA and Science preparation for the upcoming STAAR assessment. Letters have been sent home to students that have been enrolled into the program. Classes will be from 8:00am - 12:55pm. Please have your child on campus no later than 7:55am. Dismissal will be at 1:00pm in the front of the school. Please contact Mary Averill (maverill@harmonytx.org) with any questions.

Digital Story-Telling Contest: DISTCO 2012 is part of a series of "Digital Storytelling Contests". DISTCO 2012 is an online contest where Students and Teachers in K-12 are invited to submit their original digital stories between November 28, 2011 and January 27, 2012. please check our website at distco.org for complete timeline and rules. The project has certain benefits for both students and teacher. It is a way of exposing and challenging the students in a competition where they can show their certain skills in multimedia, technology, researching, writing and creativity. Participants could win IPAD or INano from among the many rewards available this year. You could win an IPAD or IPOD Nano. SUBMIT YOUR DIGITAL STORY BY JANUARY 27, 2012!

Pick-Up Reminders: Our K- 3rd Students Pick-Up time is 2:40PM and 5th – 8th Non-Art Magnet Students pick-up time is at 2:50PM. Please pick up your child on time.

If you cannot pick up your student(s) on time, please make other pick-up arrangements or place your student in the Zenith's aftercare. Zenith Learning offers service for extended care from 3:00PM to 6:00PM Monday – Friday. For more information on Zenith, please contact Ms. Bruner at cbruner@harmonytx.org.

If a child is not picked up by 6:00PM and if we have not received a call and are unable to reach the parent or an emergency contact, we will contact the appropriate Children's Aid Services to report a child in need of care. **Every effort will be made to contact the parent.**



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TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS ATTENDING

Harmony Science Academy

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to identify Local Education Agencies (LEAs, commonly known as school districts) not meeting academic achievement objectives for English language learners (ELLs), also referred to in current law as limited English proficient (LEP) students. These objectives are known as the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs). For each LEA that receives Title III funding for English language acquisition programs, there are certain requirements if the LEA does not meet all of the AMAOs. One requirement is that the LEA must notify you, as the parent of an English language learner, that the LEA did not meet all AMAOs for the 2011-2012 school year.

On September 10, 2010, the TEA notified Harmony Science Academy that it did not meet one or more of its AMAOs for 2011-2012 and that Harmony Science Academy would need to follow Title III accountability requirements. For the 2011-2012 school year, the AMAOs included four indicators:

- AMAO 1: LEP Student Progress (All LEP students, grades K-12);
- AMAO 2: LEP Student Attainment* (Students identified as LEP 1-4 years);
- AMAO 2: LEP Student Attainment* (Students identified as LEP 5 or more years); and
- AMAO 3: LEP Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

*LEP Student Attainment refers to when the English language learner has become proficient in English; this is demonstrated when the student receives a composite rating of Advanced High on the state assessment used each year to evaluate the student's English language proficiency.

Harmony Science Academy did not meet the following AMAO(s):

AMAO 2:	LEP STUDENT	ATTAINMENT	(YEAR 5+ LEP)	ATTAINED	TESTED
	25	22.6	12	53	Not Met

If you like, you may access more information about Title III accountability requirements on the internet. Simply visit the TEA's web site for the Division of NCLB Program Coordination at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4475&menu_id=798. However, if you do not have internet access, you may call the contact person listed at the end of this letter and this information will be provided to you. Section 3116 of Title III statute requires that Harmony Science Academy consult with parents when developing its local plans for the programs and activities that Harmony Science Academy plans to implement with Title III funds. If you are interested in becoming more involved in this process, please contact nngu@harmonytx.org or 832 433 7001 ext 314.

This letter is provided to you as information only. You do not need to respond. If you have questions or need for us to provide you with copies of the material referred to on the Internet, please contact nngu@harmonytx.org or 832 433 7001 ext 314.

PS: This is a district wide report so Hsart's students may not be responsible.

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