

THE HARRINGTON HERALD

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A Message from the Principal

David C. Crump

There is an old adage that goes, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." At Harrington School this year, we are using this adage to prompt us to try doing some different things with Math. Using MCAS scores and other data, it appears that student performance in Math has been good over the past several

years. However, there has not been much improvement beyond that. Some of

you may recall that initiatives our school undertook in the past (Early Literacy Program & Collins Writing Program) resulted in significant improvements in student performance in the areas of Reading and Writing. Now it is time to see if we can make similar significant progress in student performance in Math.



One thing we are instituting right off the bat is to block schedule Math by grade. For example, on 4 days each week all grade 4 classes will have Math at the same time. Having this type of schedule allows for 2 important things to occur. First, students at a grade can easily be grouped and regrouped (flexible groupings) based upon needs, interests and/or skill levels. Use of frequent assessments and pre-assessments will provide teachers with the infor-

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Upcoming Events October



- 2 No school –Yom Kippur
- 4 Sally Foster gift wrap sale ends
- 7 Family Picture Day (Rain Date, **Oct. 8**)
- 8 Rain date for Family Picture Day
- 9 No school – Columbus Day
- 12 International Food Night (6:30 – 8:00pm)
- 15 Harrington's 50th Anniversary Art Jubilee (1:00 – 5:00pm)
- 17 PTA Meeting (7:00 – 8:30pm): Internet Safety
- 19 METCO Family Friends Day
- 19 Harrington Reads (7:00-8:00pm, Grades 4 and 5)
- 23 Big Back Yard Grade 2 parent training (9:00 – 10:00am)
- 24 Book Fair begins
- 25 Teacher Conferences (1/2 day; 11:45am dismissal)
- 26 Teacher Conferences (Thursday, 11:45am dismissal)
- 27 Book Fair ends
- 31 Halloween Assembly

A Message from PTA Co-President

Mary Ann Stewart

At our PTA Welcome Back Breakfast we asked for parent responses to two questions:

- What is your #1 concern about raising your child today?
- What do you need help with in raising your child today?

The results break down like this:

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mation they need to determine which students could benefit from which groups and which students need to work on certain crucial skills. The second important thing it allows us to do is to maximize the use of all available staff to reduce the student/teacher ratio during Math. On Mondays, all 3 classroom teachers, the SPED teacher and Instructional Assistant for that grade and a system wide Math Specialist are all available to work with the children during Math time in grades 3 - 5. Those 6 people have a much greater chance of working with smaller groups in order to provide the students in those groups with more attention and instruction in areas of need, as well as areas of enrichment. While we do not have the staffing to do this every day, we certainly can make good use of these staff members when they are available.

This kind of flexible grouping means that on any given Monday, for example, your child could be working in a smaller group with any of the six people mentioned above. And because the groups are flexible, most children will rotate into and out of the groups depending on how well they are progressing. This is differentiated instruction at its best.

There will be a huge focus on Math vocabulary this year. Students will learn to talk about Math using the proper terminology. We have found that in testing situations, not knowing a particular word has been enough to throw a child off, making him/her think they can't solve a problem that they really do know how to solve. Each grade will focus on learning the meaning of and understanding the terminology that goes with the Math presented at their grade level. Students will be expected to use correct terminology when writing about, talking about and working on the Math they have to do.

As we progress through this year, I will continue to report on some of the interesting and different initiatives teachers will be implementing as we work to get better results than we have in the past.

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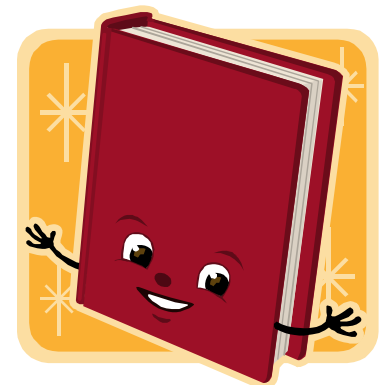
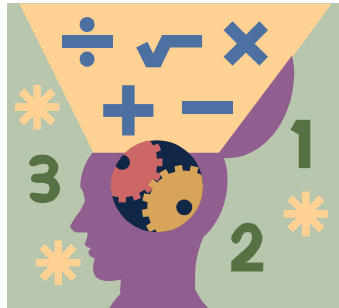
SPONSOR A BOOK AT THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

During the International Food Festival on October 12th there will be an opportunity for you to sponsor a book for the Harrington School Library. Over the past years due to budget constraints the library has never been able to purchase all the books needed. With the success of the past programs we have been able to keep abreast with the changing requirements of our curriculums, the latest in children's literature and the new interests of our students.

Since the International Food Festival can be a busy evening if you would like to visit the library the week before or after it to pick out a book to sponsor please feel free to do so. I have bought the books outright over the summer so I could get a better price, as a result it will cost you less to sponsor a book. To sponsor a book on the night of the festival just visit the art room (you can come early and avoid the rush) to select a book from our display to purchase for the library. Your name or your child(ren)'s name(s) will be placed in the book. You could also sponsor a book in memory or in honor of someone special. In addition your child will have the first opportunity to read it. Most books are around \$12.00 but they range from \$7.00 up to \$20.00.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to meeting you during the International Food festivities.

Mrs. Sarah Widhu
Library Media Specialist



#1 Concerns parents have about raising their child today:

- That they have positive social interactions and show respect and kindness for all people
- That children develop a "moral compass" and that they develop a foundation for speaking out on issues of social injustice
- That they love themselves and have self confidence
- That kids know how to balance their activities and learn to temper competitiveness and pressure they feel to "over" achieve
- For children's safety and overall wellness
- For medical concerns, especially chronic conditions that children will need to learn how to manage by themselves (life threatening allergies, diabetes, complex heart conditions, etc.)
- That their child be able to deal with bullying – at all age levels

What parents need help with in raising their child today:

- Building a support network: for simplifying family schedules; support for adoptive parents
- Balancing children and their activities; a balanced approach to health and wellness for families, especially nutrition for children and quick fix meals for busy/working parents that kids WANT to eat
- To identify and discuss kids' developmental stages in an open forum (one parent noted, "books are a thing of the past...")
- Reducing the focus on "achievement" and encouraging kids to have more time for free play, to be creative, read, play games and sports for FUN
- Setting limits for ALL kids – preschool through high school
- Savvy consumerism – tools for battling crass commercialism and sneaky marketing techniques
- Teaching kids to make safe choices in all areas

- Teaching them about the needs of our environment
- To understand the Open Circle program and helping kids to deal with conflict, as well as positive reinforcement for kids to deal with conflict

All of these are important issues and can help us be better advocates for ourselves and for our kids if we develop tools and strategies, as well as find resources! Some of the concerns and needs mentioned above will be addressed in upcoming PTA meetings here at Harrington:

- **Tuesday, October 17:** Internet Safety with Nora Mann from Project Alliance, a program of the Middlesex County District Attorney's office
- **Friday, January 12:** an open forum with school counselor Amy Chamberlain
- **Tuesday, February 27:** discussion with new Health & Wellness Director, Kate Cremens-Basbas and Liz Weiss, Lexington nutritionist, author and parent, who has lots of great recipes (she's written several cookbooks and contributed to many family and nutrition magazines).

While PTA may not be able to address every individual's concern, I do hope that you find PTA to be a relevant resource to you. Thank you very much for your responses to our questions. The more you are able to communicate your concerns and articulate your needs the stronger our community will be! Please email me any time with your thoughts:
maryann@redoniondesign.com



Nurse's Note



Welcome back!
On **Oct. 3, 5, and 6** your children will have vision, hearing and heights and weights screened. This is an annual event, mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. We will be using a new vision screening process (no more "E's") and for children in grade's K-3, we will also be screening for ocular alignment and stereopsis. This new screening is recommended to facilitate the identification of children with common vision problems as early as possible, when treatment is most effective, thus supporting educational achievement. Kindergarten children may have had this done as part of their physical exam. A team of nurses will be administering the vision and hearing screenings.

I will need parent volunteers to measure heights and weights. If you would like to volunteer anytime on **Oct 3, 5, or 6**, please call me at 781-860-5831 and leave a message on my voicemail. You may help for a little as an hour, all morning or all day. We will be starting at **8:30 am** and ending by 2:00 pm.

Parents will be notified by mail if their child needs to be seen by his/her pediatrician for evaluation. If you have any questions, please call me, e-mail or send a note with your child and I will get back to you promptly.

Margaret Waugh, RNBSN



ATTENTION: CALLING ALL NURSES

Looking to enhance your career or maybe get it going again? Come join the team of Lexington Public School nurses as a substitute nurse. Pediatric experience preferred, but not necessary. Mass. R.N. license required. Orientation provided in each level grades K-12.

Please call Jill Gasperini, 781-861-2320 ext.1014

DO IT TODAY

PEDLER'S PAWS PROJECT

Ms. Pedler, the third grade teacher who retired last year, and her classes collected returnable cans and bottles. The money was donated to various animal shelters in the area. The last count was up over 7000. It's a great legacy to continue.

Some Harrington classes will be working with the project to do such lessons as sorting and counting in the kindergarten and, geometric progressions, prediction and graphing, and even writing prompts in the upper grades.

The Pedler's Paws Project collection box is down with the Lost and Found.

Please donate your returnable bottles and cans.

Thank you so much!

Mrs. Wojcik
Maureen Smith-Wojcik, MS, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist



School Committee Update

Mary Ann Stewart, School Committee Liaison

At the School Committee Meeting held at Clarke auditorium on September 14, Dr. Ash first reported that all schools had terrific school openings. At Harrington, it was reported by Mr. Crump that we had, "... a safe, smooth, and successful opening. The 'Harrington Buddy' system worked extremely well, and 98% of fifth graders participated as Harrington Buddies. Only one student cried, but I think several kindergarten parents did."

Discussion Items included an update on the master planning process. This process includes the scope and design by Design Partnership of Cambridge looking at the four elementary schools not yet renovated with an eye toward options and costs concerning the "optimal educational capacity" needed for each, as well as needs for the Central Administration building. November 6, 2006 is the targeted date when the Master Plan will be due from Design Partnerships, followed by the first November School Committee Meeting (November 14) as the date at which the recommendation of the Redistricting Committee will be revealed. Many public hearings will be scheduled thereafter to hear concerns of parents regarding those recommendations. There was also an enrollment update of projected vs. actual enrollments, a reiteration of the Recommended 2006-2007 System Goals, and a first reading of a CORI Policy for the Lexington Schools.

Staying on top of School Committee discussions and actions helps us understand the impact of decisions affecting students and families in the Harrington and Lexington communities. Starting time is generally 7:30 PM on the announced date and the agenda is posted on the School Committee website by 6:00 PM the day of the meeting: <http://lps.lexingtonma.org>. Harrington PTA members are encouraged to get to know School Committee members and to contact them with their concerns (there is also a link on the Harrington School website: <http://harrington.lexingtonma.org>). The first part of the meeting is devoted to public comment—written comments are to be presented to the School Committee and oral presentations are not to exceed three minutes. The next School Committee meetings will be:

Tuesday, October 3 – 7:30 PM at Lexington Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room
Tuesday, October 24 – 7:00 PM at Humphrey Occupational Resource Center, Roxbury
Tuesday, November 14 – 7:30 PM, location TBD

LEF TRIVIA BEE

SUPPORT THE HARRINGTON HAWKS TRIVIA TEAM!!!!

This year Harrington will be represented at the LEF Trivia Bee by parents Jeanne Clifford and Leora Tec and HED Director Rose Culkins. Together they are THE HARRINGTON HAWKS. Come cheer them on as they take on teams from many other schools and community groups on **Thursday, November 9th** at the Cary Hall. It's Harrington's JubilBEE year, let's show them our stuff!



EVENING PARENT GROUP AT HARRINGTON SCHOOL

Beginning NOV. 7

*Come join a parent group
based on the Open Circle program
developed at the Stone Center, Wellesley College.
You'll learn how to reinforce the social and problem
solving skills all
Harrington children will be learning at school this year.*



Amy Chamberlain, Harrington School's school counselor, is delighted to offer this updated Open Circle parent program this Fall. It will be offered, again, in the Spring. The parent group will meet from 7- 8:30 PM for five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on Nov. 7 and concluding on Dec. 5. Cost for the program is five dollars, to cover material fees.

The group focus will be on the social competency skills that children learn in the Open Circle program, and how parents can successfully reinforce them at home. Last year, the Open Circle curriculum was piloted in a small number of classrooms. A morning parent group was offered last Spring, and was very well received. This year, the curriculum will be implemented school-wide.

These are vital skills that your children will need to succeed in school and in life. An added benefit to parents in learning these techniques may be to make life at home smoother for the entire family. (Several recent newspaper articles, as well as an NPR feature have cited this program.)

The parent group will meet in Rm. 267 at Harrington. Since the group will be limited in size to allow for discussion, *places will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis*. To register, please call 781-860-0012x3266 or e-mail achamberlain@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us.



Earn Cash for Our School!

An easy way to help raise money toward Harrington is the way you grocery shop. Yes it is that easy...

- Box Tops** are located on many items that you buy weekly,
- General Mills Cereal.
 - Ziplock Bags,
 - Pillsbury, just to name a few.

Clip the Box top off the box and have your child bring it into school. Every 5 Box Tops they bring in on Tuesday mornings, they get to pick a prize.

Another way to contribute.....**do you shop on line?** Log onto the www.boxtops4education.com (you will have to register, which is easy) and go to their marketplace. They are connected to over 100 online web sites/shops (from Lands' End, Oriental Trading, just to name a few), and Harrington will get 4-8% of whatever you spend, without costing you anything extra.

Also when you sign up, you can print out **up to \$20 worth of coupons** to Box tops products, each month! So it is a win-win situation

Any questions, contact Ellen Cameron : eusol@aol.com or Suzanne Lowry : lowrysuz@gmail.com

EVENTS



FAMILY PICTURE DAY

Saturday, October 7 (Rain Date Sun., Oct. 8)

This is the second of two weekends that Coffee Pond Productions is offering Harrington a Family Picture Day. It will be held at Tower Park (in front of Seasons Four). The sitting fee is only \$25 and will go entirely to Harrington. This is a great fundraiser and a wonderful way to get a family photo with a beautiful outdoor background. Extended family, friends, and pets are also welcome. To make an appointment (the deadline is Wed., Oct. 8) or if you have any questions, please call Coffee Pond at 617-965-2323 x0. ☺

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

Mark your calendars and plan to shop for the holidays! The Harrington Book Fair will take place this year on October 24-27th at the school library. As in past years, children will have time to browse with their classes during the fair and make wish lists to bring home. Many volunteers will be needed to work during the hours of the fair as well as to help set up and take down. Thank you to those of you who have already expressed interest in helping. If you would like to help out, please contact Karen Skoff at skoffmagid@yahoo.com.

This is a very worthwhile fundraiser that allows Mrs. Widhu to buy lots of new books for our school library. ☺



AUTUMN AND BIG BACKYARD

Approximately 310 Harrington students will have participated in BBY by the end of this month!

Our young scientists have learned about the parts of a plant and planted bulbs (Grade K), studied different habitats (grade 1), identified local plants which Native Americans would have used 400 years ago (grade 2), studied mini-creatures such as salamanders, insects, and mammals (grade 3), and began their personal

nature journals by observing our woodland ecosystem (grade 5). And it is only the second month of school! We haven't left out the fourth grade... their program begins in the winter.

THANK YOU to the many parents who helped their children and yours undertake these discoveries using Harrington's outdoor classroom. **BUT WE NEED MORE PARENTS!!!** More than half of the classrooms did not have the minimum 3 parents needed to run the program. We cannot ask others to do double duty for the other classrooms. **WE NEED MORE GRADE 1-2-3-5 PARENTS!!!**

Come and volunteer for Big Backyard! No experience is necessary. Can't make a training date? Call and we will find a time which works for you! Our next parent training is:

- **Grade 2 Parents, October 23, 9 – 10 am Get the Dirt!**

Questions? Comments...call Ben @ bryterband@massart.edu or Giulia @ giulia-paliotti@yahoo.com.

ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

"I can't believe they are asking about graduation already," is what your thinking. Yes we are. Call us crazy, but hey what the heck, let's get a jumpstart. We would like the families to be aware of what will be asked of you all this year for graduation. There will be pictures and videos to round up and we **will need a yearbook committee**. So if you are cleaning out a closet and come across pictures of your fifth grader on the first-grade field trip or dancing in the talent show.

Group pictures and singles. Throw them in an envelope to save for the end of the year. Fifth grade is a great year and we look forward to having a whole lot of fun!! Have a great start of the year.

Tracy Battite, Laura McCullough
5th Grade Graduation Co-chairs



Getting to Know..... Mary Turo, our New Assisitant Principal

Leora Tec

Recently Mary Turo experienced her first time manning the Harrington helm while Mr. Crump was out for the day. I had the pleasure of interviewing her on that historic day. As you may recall if you were here last year and read the column about our former Assistant Principal, Mike Spencer, his first day flying solo was September 11, 2001. Luckily nothing as tragic or of such epic proportions occurred on the day I interviewed Mary Turo. The day was quite uneventful.

Mary Turo grew up in Pulaski New York. She attended Potsdam College in Potsdam, New York and received her Masters in reading from Oswego State. She taught 4th grade for 16 years in Central Square, not Cambridge folks, that's Central Square, New York!

When her husband was transferred they moved to this area they moved to Chelmsford. She spent the last 6 years working as a literacy specialist in Billerica for grades K-2. She attended Merrimack Leadership Academy to obtain her certification to become a principal, which includes a 300 hour practicum. This is her first administrative position.

Mary has two children: Kaitlyn, who is 19 and a sophomore at Rutgers, and Alex who is 16 and a Junior in High School. When I expressed incredulity at the fact that she could possibly have a 19 year old child she attributed it all to a certain brand of skin care products whose name I shall not reveal here, since we are not in the habit of doing product placement in the Herald. Believe me when she started to say "Nineteen..." I was waiting for the phrase "...month old" to follow, but it never did!

Mary Turo enjoys working at Harrington. She has wanted to do this for a long time and now that her children are older she finally has the time. She also likes being back in the classroom, so she feels she has the best of both worlds. As she put it, "I am doing what I love plus what I've always wanted to do."

Mary Turo spends her summers in upstate New York in a cottage boating, beaching and sailing. She loves to read and is currently reading Jodi Picoult's "My Sister's Keeper." Last year she read a lot of historical fiction.

Harrington is a special place and she feels fortunate to be here. She is looking forward to meeting everybody. Mary's favorite thing so far is the fact that Harrington is such a friendly school all the way around. She also appreciates that people here know they are here for working hard and for the kids. "This school has an excellent atmosphere for learning," Mary Turo said. Well, we are very glad you are going to be part of that atmosphere. Welcome to Harrington! ≈

Harrington PTA 2006 – 2007 Meeting Dates

Mark your Calendars now:

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>TOPIC</i>
Tuesday, 10/17	7:00 – 8:30 PM	<i>Internet Safety:</i> Nora Mann, Project Alliance
Wednesday, 11/15	7:00 – 8:30 PM	<i>Who Cares About Public Education:</i> Meg Ansara, Director of Massachusetts Stand for Children, Superintendent Dr. Paul Ash, and Representative Jay R. Kaufman
Friday, 1/12/07	8:30 – 10:00 AM	<i>Morning Coffee:</i> Amy Chamberlain, Harrington School Counselor
Tuesday, 2/27	8:30 – 10:00 AM	<i>Morning Coffee:</i> Kate Cremens-Basbas, LPS Health & Wellness Director and Liz Weiss, noted Lexington nutritionist, author, and parent
Thursday, 3/22	7:00 – 8:30 PM	<i>What ALL Parents Need to Know About Special Ed:</i> Dr. Mary Sullivan-Kelley, Director of Student Services and Liz Billings-Fouhy, Director of Lexington Children’s Place Preschool at Harrington School
Thursday, 4/26	7:00 – 8:30 PM	<i>Everyday Mathematics Parent Workshop:</i> Karen Tripoli, K – 5 Mathematics Department Chair
Thursday, 5/17	7:00 – 8:30 PM	<i>PTA Annual Meeting and Elections:</i> Harrington PTA Executive Committee

Do your kids know the difference between chat, Instant Messaging and email? Do you?

You’ve read about sites like “MySpace.com”, “FaceBook.com” and others. Are the privacy concerns about these sites just overblown hype? How do we support our kids to make good choices and teach them to be safe online? Understanding the opportunities and dangers related to the Internet is what our next PTA meeting is all about.

Join Harrington PTA on **Tuesday, October 17**, for a presentation on ***Internet Safety*** with Nora Mann from the Middlesex County District Attorney’s Office. Her informative and interactive workshop is designed as awareness-building training and will focus on the misuse of the internet. Participants will be provided with a better understanding of online safety and risk. Topics to be explored include the types of crime most frequently perpetrated against kids, as well as criminal law and how it can protect us.

A lawyer since 1987, Nora Mann is responsible for coordination of prevention programming and the development of training and education programs sponsored by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. Through her work in Project Alliance, educators, parents, and students can regularly engage in collaborative trainings with law enforcement, social services, and community-based organizations as well as share the latest information and resources. Such interactions provide the foundation for creating solution-oriented, community-based, multi-disciplinary approaches to addressing youth violence, substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, hate crimes, and harassment across Middlesex County.

The evening’s discussion is free and open to all and is co-sponsored by Lexington High School PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) and the Center for Parents and Youth.



Join us for Harrington School's

International Food Festival

Thursday, October 12, 2006

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring your family's favorite dish and drinks to



Enjoy food from all over the

Allergy Alert: All ingredients in foods must be labeled.

Stop by the Art Room to buy a book for the Library from our Sponsor A Book Collection



Harrington School 50th Anniversary Jubilee

The Arts & Dance Café and Vendor's Marketplace Is Coming Soon!!



Sunday, October 15, 2006, 1:00-5:00

Mark your calendars for a fun filled day of art, music, dancing, eating and much more. The *Harrington Arts & Dance Café* will be a great new way to enjoy numerous forms of Art and hopefully become a meeting place where people can come to find out about Art happenings and raise funds for arts enrichment programming at Harrington.

Meet local Artists who will show their works and share about themselves. There will be creative crafts and learning activities for kids and everyone in the family as well as drama, storytelling, martial arts and more. **Shop early for the holidays!**

We'll also have music and dancing from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, and even the latest dance trends. You can learn to dance, brush-up on what you once knew or just take a seat and appreciate the *Art of Dance*

What would a day of Art be without the Art of Cooking? International food options will also be available for purchase as well as cooking classes.

Bring family and friends to the *Harrington Arts & Dance Café*:

Sunday October 15, 2006 1-5pm at the Harrington Elementary School

This event will be one-of-a-kind so please join *Harrington's 50th Anniversary Art Jubilee Celebration* and remember that all the funds raised will go to ACT.

And remember, **vendors are invited** to join the "Jubilee Marketplace" by contributing \$50 for a table.

All questions can be directed to Karen Skoff at skoffmagid@comcast.net or Beth Gaudette at bethgaudette@msn.com



HARRINGTON READS!

Now in its fifth year, Harrington Reads is a popular parent-child book group for **fourth** and **fifth grade** families that meets twice a year—once in the fall and once in the winter. The program provides an opportunity for parents and children to come together for the purpose of shared reading and discussion. Discussions are led by parent volunteers in relaxed, small group settings.

This year our fall selection will be the award-winning book **From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** by **E.L. Konigsburg**. The novel chronicles the adventures of Claudia and her brother Jamie when the two decide to run away from home. Claudia, however, is the type of child that "...could never pull off the old-fashioned kind of running away. That is, running away in the heat of anger with a knapsack on her back." Instead, she carefully plans her trip and decides to live in comfort at the Metropolitan Museum of Art! *ALA Booklist* comments that the novel is "fresh and crisply written with uncommonly real and likable characters."

Join us to discuss this novel on **Thursday, October 19th from 7-8pm in the Harrington School library**. Signing up is easy! Let us know you want to participate by filling out the form below. Then you and your child read the book and meet with other parents and children for a lively evening of book talk! **Regrettably, we will be unable to provide you with a copy of the novel. However, the book is widely available in both bookstores and libraries.**

Please contact Tracy Burke or Leslie Fagen with questions.

YES! Sign us up for Harrington Reads!

Parent _____

Would you like to lead a discussion group? We will provide you with a discussion guide in advance of the evening. YES_____ NO_____

Child _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Please return this form to your child's classroom teacher or drop it off in the Harrington Reads box, located across the hall from the main office.

Our Heartfelt Thanks to ...

- ❖ All of the fifth graders who were "Harrington Buddies" during the opening days of school – a whopping 98% of the class!
- ❖ **Catherine Paladino** for her care in creating such a welcoming and beautiful entry to Harrington at Lowell Street and at the front of the school.
- ❖ Everyone who attended Big Backyard trainings on September 18 and 19.
- ❖ Harrington Alums: **Liam Gandelsman** for being the "runner" for tee-shirts and sweatshirts; **Ben Abramson, Katie Burke, Colleen Hughes, and Ian Stewart** for caring for fifty-eight children at Curriculum Night! As Mr. Crump says, once you're a member of the Harrington community you are always a member of the Harrington community!
- ❖ All who helped with School Picture Day - **Karen Skoff, Rita Ross, Ellen Cameron, Marjolein Karelse-Appelman, Kathy Price, Joanne Kaye, Janet Trombley, Leora Tec, Lisa Smith, and Raana Khavandgar**. Because of your help, picture day ran smoothly and was lots of fun. Thanks so much to all of you!
- ❖ **Carol Riselli** for creating treasured memories at School Picture Day and Family Picture Days.
- ❖ **Shelley and Jonathan Isaacson** and their family for their generous contributions toward the design and production of Harrington tee-shirts and sweatshirts.
- ❖ **Sarah Widhu and Karen Skoff** for coordinating our annual Sponsor a Book Program at the Food Fest.
- ❖ **Ellen Cameron** for organizing numerous volunteer forms and getting them to Committee Chairs.
- ❖ **Kerry Heyda** for making the great Committee Chair buttons and for her awesome coordination of the PTA fall membership drive, as well as childcare for the PTA/Q & A and Curriculum Night.
- ❖ All of the teachers and staff who "celebrate the creative spirit at Harrington" and joined Harrington PTA.



The Harrington Herald

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