



# Harrington The Herald

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## CALENDAR

Details available online

### May

- 6 MCAS, Gr. 4 Math
- 7 MCAS, Gr. 4 Math
- 8 MCAS, Gr. 5 Math
- 9 MCAS, Gr. 5 Math
- 10 MCAS makeup day
- 13 MCAS, Gr. 5 Science
- 14 MCAS, Gr. 5 Science
- 14 Raindate Field Day
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- 16 MCAS, Gr. 3 Math
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- 8 Walk to School Wed.
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- 27 **No School,**  
Memorial Day
- 31 Kindergarten  
Assembly 9:00 am

### June

- 2 Harrington Spring  
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- 6 Teacher End of  
Year Lunch
- 6 Field Day
- 17 Volunteer Tea/  
Coffee & PTA Gen.  
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## From the Principal

*Elaine Mead, emead@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us*

Dear Parents,  
I have the opportunity to talk about Harrington School with a variety of people every day. I meet with new families, candidates we interview, and professionals who visit from other school districts. I am very proud when I describe all that we have to offer in our school community. Just this week, we met students who will attend Kindergarten next year and talked with their parents as they begin their Harrington experience. Our active parent community, our diversity, our caring faculty, our engaging academic curriculum, and the enriching art, library, music and physical education opportunities are some highlights I frequently mention.

In March a delegation of educators from the Ministry of Education in Kuwait visited Harrington and Lexington High School. I was incredibly proud of our school district and of Harrington that day. Our visitors were impressed and told me that they learned so much during our time together--we learned so much too. This international collaboration was truly inspiring.

As I reflect on these experiences I think....So what makes this such a great place? For me, Lexington's strong support of the schools stands out--we are so fortunate to have resources here to continuously improve. However, I know the reason goes much deeper than a generous budget. I am grateful to collaborate with talented colleagues, faculty, and staff who demonstrate a strong commitment to

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## From the PTA

*Kim Goldinger, kim.goldinger@comcast.net*

As I write this article the trees and flowers are finally blooming after what seems like the longest, snowiest winter I can remember. It seems hard to believe that this is the last Herald of the 2012/2013 school year, and that I am writing my last article as PTA president. I have really enjoyed this experience--which is completely due to the fantastic parents that make up our community and to our great Harrington teachers and staff! Thank you for everything.

In other news: We had our annual budget meeting in April to review our current financial situation and plan for next year. There was good attendance and the really good news is that we have a moderate surplus this year that we are planning to use for playground beautification in some form. Keep your eyes on your email for an opportunity to weigh in with your ideas and to vote on the final options.

We will be holding our **last meeting of the year** on **June 17<sup>th</sup>** from 8:45-10am. It will be a breakfast to thank our volunteers, donors, and members for the all of the work they've done this year. The Executive Committee will be there to answer any questions you may have and the new Executive Committee will be there to be voted in and introduced. Please mark it on your calendar!

As always, we are looking for volunteers for next year. There is something for every parent to contribute. We'll be happy to answer any questions about these positions. Many of them require only a very small time commitment, so please consider volunteering!

## Principal's Message, continued...

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children and their families. So what makes this such a great place? It is the people in our community and their beliefs that make the difference.

Recently, Dr. Paul Ash, Superintendent, began the process of engaging the school community in a dialogue regarding the development of "**Mission, Vision, and Core Beliefs**" for the Lexington Public Schools. The process began by presenting a draft to the School Committee and to all school department employees. This draft mission, vision, and beliefs is a result of the focused collaboration of the nine principals and the central administration. I was inspired by the discussion and the process was a unifying experience for us. (The draft is below).

During the next year, Dr. Ash will ask each school to review this work and will seek input and suggestions for refinements and improvements. His goal is to present a final recommendation to the School Committee in the spring of 2014. As a starting point at Harrington, we will discuss these statements at **School Council** and look at the ways we are aligned in our school improvement efforts. We will continue to work on three key areas: Academic, Pro-social, and Parent Engagement. Using the mission, vision, and beliefs as a guide, we will set priorities and translate these words into action. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our school system as we continue on our journey together.

### DRAFT Mission Statement

The mission of the Lexington Public Schools is to provide all students with a world-class education that ensures academic excellence in a culture of caring and respectful relationships.

### DRAFT Vision Statement

All educators engage in effective instruction that prepares and inspires students to successfully meet the challenges of a diverse and changing world. All children get what they need, when they need it, and all adults are collaborative teachers, learners, and leaders.

### DRAFT Beliefs

*We believe that...*

1. All students can learn at high levels when they are motivated through teaching that is rigorous, relevant, and designed to meet their individual learning needs.

2. Honoring diversity in an inclusive culture will achieve equity and excellence for all students.
3. Success in a global society requires all students develop academic, social, and citizenship skills.
4. Intelligence is not fixed and can be continuously developed.
5. Creativity and perseverance are critical to improve learning for all students.
6. Physical and emotional wellness is essential to student and adult success.
7. Collaboration, mutual responsibility, and collective accountability will lead to higher learning.
8. Open communication and collaboration among all constituencies builds trust and enhances student and adult learning.
9. Ongoing professional learning builds individual and organizational capacity and adaptability.

## Harrington School Site Council

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The Harrington School Site Council is an advisory group comprised of Harrington faculty, administration, parents, and a community representative. The Council discusses school improvement initiatives and looks at issues from multiple perspectives. Four parents serve on the council, each serving a 2-year term. The terms are staggered so that each year two new parent terms begin and two parents return from the previous year. We meet one Tuesday per month from 7:30-8:30am. Parent members need to have children attending Harrington for both years of their term.



If you are interested in serving as a **parent representative in 2013-14**, please submit a brief statement that can be shared with the parent community about your candidacy to the principal, Elaine Mead, by May 20, 2013. The statement should be one paragraph (no more than 200 words). An election will be held, if needed, the last

week in May to select the new parent representatives.

If you have questions about this process, contact the principal, Elaine Mead, or the parent co-chair, Micah Viana, at the emails above. Parents who are interested in serving on School council next year and would like more information are invited to contact current representatives about the work of the council and the role of the parent representative (which can be found from the Harrington website's main page, or directly at <http://lps.lexingtonma.org/domain/626>)

## Harrington School Council: Transportation

*Judy Crocker, [rjcrocker@msn.com](mailto:rjcrocker@msn.com)*

Harrington's Site Council recently received an update on recommendations and action items presented to the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, and PTA President's Council regarding **school traffic safety**. In 2013, a few Harrington parents have expressed concern that some parents are not following Harrington's traffic rules by dropping off their students in the parking lot. This problem mirrors a growing minority of parents town-wide that, despite multiple communication attempts, continue to purposefully not follow school procedures. Efforts are underway by the ad hoc School Transportation and Safety Study Committee, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, Safe Routes To School, and LPS Administration to evaluate, streamline, and educate safe and sensible traffic flow and posted rule enforcement to parents and staff.

Action items being addressed this spring and summer include the competition, recommendation review, and implementation based on available funding of a **school zone evaluation grant**. In addition to working with principals and parents, LPS Administration hopes to use the same consultant to conduct a similar study of school traffic patterns and signage on all school properties.

Clearer, consistent **arrival and dismissal** procedures and signage hope to be in place for the first day of school. Stay tuned for communication updates of any proposed changes over the summer months!

## Getting Involved in PTA 2013/14

*Kim Goldinger, [kim.goldinger@comcast.net](mailto:kim.goldinger@comcast.net)*

*Suzanne Bruno, [brunojs@comcast.net](mailto:brunojs@comcast.net)*



We are looking for one or two parent volunteers to coordinate Harrington's award-winning **Green Team** next year. Parents will work with the students and staff on recycling efforts at Harrington. More information about the Green Team is described in the section below. Contact Kim or Suzanne if you can help out.



The **Barnes and Noble Bookfair** is a great fundraiser for Harrington. Next year, the PTA needs a coordinator. The job entails scheduling and promoting the Harrington Nights at Barnes and Noble. There is typically one in December and one in the spring. The December night features Harrington teacher reading favorite books. This is a fairly brief job that is great for a working parent! Again, contact Kim or Suzanne for more information.

## Green Team @ Harrington

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The Green Team is a group of parents passionate about preserving our environment, increasing education and awareness at school and home on environmental issues, and making Lexington a Greener place to live. This team works with Harrington staff and administration to assess all current "green" efforts. It also works with other Lexington elementary schools, the DPW, and the town to increase awareness and decrease the school's carbon footprint through various programming and interventions.

The Harrington community received an award from Green Schools, a Massachusetts non-profit organization, for this program! Check out the award case at the school.

**Green Lunches** is our school's lunch recycling program. At the beginning of each year staff and parent volunteers review with students those items that can be recycled such as clean trays and water bottles. When a student recycles they can record this event on a tally sheet in the cafeteria. This allows us to see how many people

recycle at Harrington each day. The 5th graders coordinate the tallying and announce the numbers each week.

In schools, about 80% of trash comes from the cafeteria, and three quarters of that is organic (biodegradable). That's why programs like "Green Lunches " are so important. In schools from Massachusetts to Minneapolis and beyond, students are composting their food scraps, paper trash, and other biodegradable waste instead of throwing it into the trash. That saves on disposal costs for the school, as well as being good for the environment.

Harrington's "Green Lunches " and other environmental initiatives have really taken off. The Green Lunches program that started at Harrington School years ago has been a team effort from the custodian staff, support staff, and a small amount of effort from parents (eight days at the beginning of the year). But the students really run the show. Each lunch period students from kindergarten to 5th grade recycle as much trash as possible. With little assistance from parent volunteers children have been recycling trays, small fruit cup holders, and pouring out drinks to recycle bottles and cartons.



**Electronics and ink cartridge recycling** is another ecological program being championed by Harrington's Green Team. Every Thursday morning Harrington's 5<sup>th</sup> graders and the Harrington Green Team conduct a recycling fundraiser. There is nothing to buy. We are simply asking Harrington families to protect the environment by donating used consumer electronics. These used items will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. 100% of the proceeds will go to Harrington's PTA.

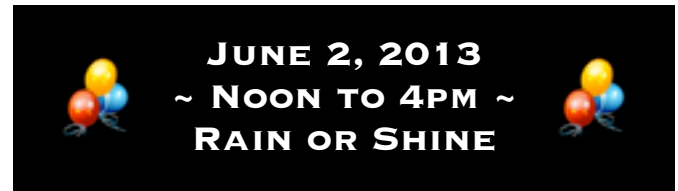
The Green Team is always happy to have new ideas and more participants! Contact Suzanne, above, for more information.

TALENT SHOW  
*Drawing by Vivian Ho, Fifth Grader*



## Harrington Spring Fair

*Sandy Parks, Sandra\_Parks@cable.comcast.com*



Happy Spring! It was a long winter and the Harrington Spring Fair committee spent the past few months planning an amazing day for Harrington to come together at the annual Harrington Spring Fair. If you have not been before, this event is filled with non-stop fun for kids of all ages. All of the popular favorites are back like the Giant Slide, Moon Bounce, dunk tank, cake decorating contest, class baskets raffle, "grab bag" game, fabulous food, fun games, and tons of prizes. And we are bringing back some exciting activities that were new for last year and adding a couple more new activities that should put an even bigger smile on everyone's faces:

**Brenner Family Magic** comes to the Harrington Spring Fair! You will not believe the magic you will see. Animals appear and disappear right in front of your eyes. Harrington has always been a magical place and now you can come to the Spring Fair and see it all live. You are not going to want to miss this show!

**Giant Human Hamster Balls!** They are back! Last year all the kids loved rolling in a large hamster ball on the fields of Harrington. It is like nothing you have ever experienced (unless you are a hamster). This will be a unique and exciting way to experience the thrill of 360-degree fun. We are bringing in more hamster balls, which means more fun for everyone and shorter lines. Whether standing up or sitting down, you'll have a blast rolling around on the fields at Harrington!

**Cake Art:** Do your kids go into bakeries and wonder "How do they make cakes look like that?" Well wonder no further--come to the Cake Art Workshop and your kids will learn how to decorate a cake. Preregistration is required; look for registration information in your kids' backpacks and on the Harrington and Hawks mailing lists.

**LEGO Workshop:** If your kids love playing with Legos, they will love this workshop. Lots of fun with Legos plus a Lego master builder on hand to show the kids lots of fun things you can do with Legos. Come show off your Lego building skills!!

Preregistration is required; look for registration information in your kids' backpacks and on the Harrington and Hawks mailing lists.

Make sure you are checking you kids backpacks for more information on the Harrington Spring Fair. This is the school's largest PTA fundraising event and it is all done with parent volunteers!



The fair cannot run without your help, please visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4FA8AF23A75-harrington1> and sign up today. Make sure your calendars are marked for June 2nd and come out for a fun-filled day and support your school.



### Spring Fair Sponsors Needed!

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We continue preparing for the Harrington School Spring Fair, the largest PTA fundraiser of the year, which will take place Sunday, June 2, noon – 4 PM. As you know, school budgets are limited, so the Harrington PTA steps up to provide valuable resources to the school and our children throughout the year, investing an average of \$100 per student. Donations to the PTA, and fundraisers, like the Spring Fair, are the primary sources of these funds.



We are looking for **sponsors of food and activities** at the Spring Fair. Your sponsorship allows the PTA to raise even more money by offsetting these direct costs. We've had some sponsors come forward, but we are still in need of many more. The Harrington PTA is a non-profit organization, so any donations will be tax deductible! Sponsorship can occur from individuals, families, neighborhoods, businesses, grandparents, etc. Please consider supporting one of the following offerings:

- Inflatable Moon Walk \$75 (will be paired with one other donor family)
- Dunk Tank \$200
- Balloon Wizard \$250
- Prizes \$200
- Flyers and Banners \$50
- Games 2 U Giant Hamster Balls \$360

- Assorted Beverages \$500
- Hamburgers and Hotdogs \$250
- Assorted Bags of Chips \$100
- Cookies and Other Desserts \$250
- Fresh Fruit \$250
- Chartwell's Staff \$500
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If you are unable to sponsor an entire offering, you **may be a sponsor in increments of \$50 or more.** Sponsors will be acknowledged with a sign in front of the offering or they may choose to remain anonymous.

If you're able to be a sponsor, please contact Chris Palmer. Together, we can make the Harrington School even better for our children!

### Teacher, Staff, and Nurse Appreciation Week

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Harrington will continue its tradition of celebrating our teachers, staff, and nurses during National Teacher Appreciation Week. There will be a PTA-led celebration of food, snacks, and flowers/ decorations for the staff lunchroom. In addition there will be a lunch for the staff on Wednesday, May 8th.



To help make this goal a reality the PTA needs help from families. If you would like to **bring food, snacks, or flowers** to the lunchroom it would be greatly appreciated. Last year everyone in the staff was very touched by the kindness and thoughtfulness throughout the week and we are looking for donations such as crackers and cheese, cookies, muffins, cake, beverages, candy, chips and dip, or whatever you might feel like bringing.

On Wednesday we are planning a lunch for the staff and would greatly appreciate things like **salads, pasta salads, bread, sandwiches or roll-ups--whatever you wish.**

Please contact Judy Sanders with any questions or for information on what you might bring.

Teacher, Staff, and Nurse  
Appreciation Week

*May 6 - 10*

## **Big Backyard: The Earthworms, Robins & Big Backyarders Return**

- Nithya Subramanian



The arrival of the first robins is a welcome sign of spring, and with robins returning, it's time to salute another sign of spring: the lowly earthworm. They migrate only a few feet, but the timing of their arrival makes earthworms the unsung heroes of robin migration.

In the fall, earthworms migrate deeper into the earth, below the frost line. Sometimes they ball up to reduce moisture loss—as many as a hundred worms being bunched together. When spring comes and frost leaves the soil, the earthworms migrate upward. They appear at the surface, leaving the first castings of the new season, as soon as the average temperature of the ground reaches about 36 degrees. At the same time, the robins return from the South.

Robins find earthworms by cocking their head to the side so they can see. They have monocular vision, which means their eyes are on the side of the head, and each eye can be used independently. Contrary to popular belief, they don't hear the earthworms. This is part of the endlessly meshing gears of nature's machine—the appearance of both earthworm and robins when the thermometer rises to a given point. All over the North, the return of the humble earthworm, and the completion of its vertical migration, is a symbol of the arriving spring.

With spring comes the first grade Big Backyard spring walk and those fun 'robin eyes' the first graders put on to study robins. The kids study how seasonal changes affect animals and in particular robins. Don't forget to ask your first grader what it is like to see as robin's do!



For more information or to help out in the Big Backyard program please visit our website: [bby.lexingtonma.org](http://bby.lexingtonma.org) or contact Pamela Cohen [cohenraub@rcn.com](mailto:cohenraub@rcn.com)

## *Barnes & Noble Bookfair*

Shop on **Thursday, May 9**, from  
9AM – 10PM

Barnes & Noble in Burlington will give a % of all your purchases to benefit the Harrington Elementary students.

Café, Music Department, and NOOK purchases count too!

**Don't miss the special storytellers we've lined up!**

6:30 PM, Harrington's own wonderful kindergarten teacher, **Ms. Mary Yardley**, will entertain the children with a storytime of her very own.

7:00 PM, join celebrated **children's author, Anna Staniszewski** with a special reading from her series: *My Very Unfairytale Life!*

Visit [BN.COM/bookfairs](http://BN.COM/bookfairs) to support us online from May 9 - May 15 by entering **Bookfair ID 11020153** at checkout.



### **Results Are In!**

Year-End A+ Rewards Totals are in! The program ended in March and the final amount raised by the 102 members from the Harrington School was \$805.72 to support our school needs. **This number beats our total** from last year, which was \$690!

Next year we hope Stop & Shop continues this program. If so, each of you will need to re-enroll as enrollment is not automatic. Details will be forthcoming.

## Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

*Judy Crocker, rjcrocker@msn.com*

### Lexington Bike Walk 'n' Bus Week is May 5-11

For complete calendar listing, visit <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/transportation/bwbweek.cfm>

Week-long events include:

#### Free Bike Safety Checks

Wonder if your tires are worn out? What about your brakes? The Ride Studio Café mechanic will go over your tires, bolts, chain, gears, brakes, etc.

Time: 3:00 – 5:00PM

Location: Ride Studio Café

1720 Mass Ave, Lexington Center

#### LHS Bike to School Month

As part of Lexington High School's salute to the bike, LHS is hosting Bike to School Month this May. It's simple! Got a bike? Then ride your bike to school and you'll get great incentives and rewards from local sponsors.

Info: [lexingtonbike@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtonbike@gmail.com)

#### Safe Routes to School Walking Wednesdays

Grab a neighbor and celebrate Massachusetts Walk to School Day, **Wednesday, May 8.**

## Buy a Brick!

*Leslie Zales, leslie.zales@gmail.com, 781.652.8669*



You may have seen the bricks in the walkway at the front of Harrington school. Now is your chance to have your family be forever part of this and have your very own name there! This is a fundraiser to support the Harrington Beautification program. Bricks can be either a 4x8" or 8x8" size and with or without ClipArt. You can view these bricks and ClipArt online on the Harrington website, Forms page: <http://hrptsa.lexingtonma.org/ptaforms.html>.

Order forms are available online or from Leslie Zales (email above). The **deadline for ordering a brick is June 1, 2013.**

## Full Spokes Ahead!

*Leslie Zales, leslie.zales@gmail.com*

Support the Lexington Public School's teachers and other employees in their fundraising ride to benefit Neighbor Brigade! LPS riders will be biking an 8.3-mile course in fundraising teams, and we invite you to show support for our bikers by donating in their honor.

Neighbor Brigade establishes and mobilizes networks of community-based volunteers to provide services for residents experiencing sudden crisis such as cancer diagnosis, surgery, or accident. All services are delivered quickly and free of charge. The Lexington Chapter was founded in March 2012 and since then has provided transportation, delivered meals, and home maintenance help to Lexingtonians experiencing emergency situations.

The race will begin from the parking lot behind Town Hall at 10:00am on May 11th. Please join us there to cheer on our riders: **Harrington's Laurie Korpalski, Edie Lipinski, Liz Parkinson, Amanda Doyle and Roberta Wehmeyer and Elaine Meade!**

To make a donation in honor of a rider, please go to: <http://www.crowdrise.com/RideforNeighborBrigade>. Click on the orange "Donate" button, and select a team when prompted. Thank you for your support



## Fifth Grade Perspectives!

### Memories of a 5th Grader

*Gabriel Haddad, Fifth Grader*

I have had a lot of great experiences at Harrington. The teachers are awesome, the education is excellent, but my favorites were the special occasions, like concerts, A.C.E.S day (All Children Exercise Simultaneously around the world), and field day. My personal best was field day because of all the fun activities with my friends! In Tug of War, we pull ropes against friends. In crabwalk soccer, we crawl and play with a huge funny ball. We played football with big balls. Fifth graders led the others in Olympic Circles. And we all received field day bracelets at the end of the day.



## The Extended Day Show

*Steven Dillman, Fifth Grader*

Every year the students and teachers from Harrington's extended day program put on a show made up of an original play and dance performances. This year the Extended Day Show was called "The Stealing of Sweetville & Do Your Thing," and it was a big success. One student who watched the show even quoted that "it was simply amazing." Also many performers agreed that it was very fun to finally put on the show that they had been practicing so hard for all year. One thing that the students, parents, and teachers enjoyed about the show was the humor. There were many laughs throughout the whole show. Multiple people even said that "The Stealing of Sweetville & Do Your Thing" was the best Extended Day Show they had ever seen. We can all agree that the Extended Day Show has been a big hit year after year, and we can't wait to see the next one!

## Harrington Talent Show

*Karis Lee & Vivian Ho, Fifth Graders*

Lights! Camera! Action! Welcome to the Talent Show! Everyone has all these amazing talents that were shown at the amazing Talent Show! From mini-orchestra to Gangnam-style dancing, from piano to gymnastics, all of the talents were fantastic!

The audience was very quiet as the first act was performed. The national anthem was being played from a violin. After the tune, everyone burst into applause. Other acts were trios playing familiar songs like "Pirates of the Caribbean", and gymnastic tricks like somersaults and handstands. And act after act, dance after dance to songs like "Disturbia" and "Call Me Maybe", the talent show

was a blast. But not only were the acts amazing so were the dance breaks from Cotton-Eyed Joe to Harlem Shake to Cupid Shuffle. The fifth graders were leading the stage with their amazing moves in each dance break. In the Gangnam-style dance, a girl from the trio led with a cool style of dancing.

The talent show was a great success! Thank you for all the participants, students, and parents who volunteered as helpers.

## Memories of Harrington Spring Fair

*Shymon Samsel, Fifth Grader*

People everywhere, laughter and chatting, and the smell of pizza in the air: This is a typical Harrington Spring Fair. My memories of the Spring Fair are all great. One memory that stands out is the Drink Ring Toss. I was really thirsty, so my dad took a shot at the game. We ended up winning a couple of drinks! I also remember drawing numbers for a tennis can full of small goodies. Although this year the tennis cans have been replaced with paper bags, I'm sure the fun of not knowing what you'll get still remains. Even though the Spring Fair is meant for fun, I do remember the time my sister twisted her ankle on the bouncy house. I can't wait for the fun to return as Harrington's Spring Fair rolls around this year!

## Memories of Harrington

*Taylor Salerno, Fifth Grader*

I have attended Harrington since Kindergarten so I have a ton of memories. I will remember our talent shows, field trips, Mrs. Korpalski's field days, Mrs. Stumpf's music concerts, and Mrs. Wehmeyer's art shows. I will remember HED and the shows, Mrs. Culkins, Ms. Grinder, Ms. Sine and the rest of the staff. I will remember my friends and my great teachers; Ms. Yardley, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Nasson, Ms. Martin, Ms. Doyle and Mrs. Hall. I will miss seeing Mrs. Hall's babies! I will remember Mrs. Mead and Mr. Maxwell's friendly talks and reminders to our classes. I will remember the staff at Harrington, including Mrs. Wright and Ms. Brewer's helpful, watchful eyes. I will remember things that only the fifth graders get to do, like the Spring Fair dunk tank, the camping trip, the volleyball game, and most of all, graduation! I will miss so much at Harrington, but I cannot wait for Clarke and new adventures!





# Heartfelt Thanks. . .

. . . to **Kim Goldinger** for her outstanding leadership as PTA president these past two years. All the wonderful things reported in The Herald come about because of Harrington parent involvement, and at the helm of that is caring and diligent guidance (not to mention countless hours!).

. . . to all the Big Back Yard grade coordinators, **Pamela Cohen, Stacey Smiar, Nithya Subramanian, Meena Kothandaraman, Meg Muckenhoupt, Suzie Lee-Snell** and our Coordinator of the Big Back Yard (who we believe has walked nearly every walk with every class - wow!!), **Pamela Cohen**.

. . . to **Jennifer Roney, Vladimir Bulovic, Grace Clackson** and **Lalitha Venkataraman** for their tireless and inspiring Math Morning teaching; to the many other **parents** who gave a presentation or assisted individual students at Math Mornings throughout the year; to **Laura Swain** and all the other **parents from Harrington and Bowman** who prepared, presented, or otherwise helped out with Family Math Nights; and to the able **student volunteers from Harrington, Bowman, and Clarke** who ran the Metric Olympic stations during 1st Grade Family Math Night: **Parker Lin-Butler, Ethan Silverman, Serena Behera, Maya Subramanian, Noah Gornstein, Katya Bulovic, Ian Bulovic, and Nora Bulovic**.

. . . to **Flavia Vidal** and **Julie Vincent** for coordinating another year of stimulating reading at the Harrington Reads book club; to the **4th and 5th graders and their parents**, who made reading and discussing books together so much fun, and a huge thank you to **Laura Szaro**, Harrington librarian, for her book suggestions and support of the program.

. . . to **Grace and Tim Clackson** for organizing yet another fabulous talent show; to all the **parent and 5th grade volunteers** for doing such a great job at the Annual Harrington Talent Show. Thanks also to **Ms. Mead, Ms. Korpalski, Ms. Stumpf, Ms. Wehmeyer, Ms. Minasian** and **Mr. Cuzzupe** for all the help and support in facilitating the show.

. . . to **Katie Cutler** for all her assistance with the "greening" of Harrington as leader of the Green Team (and numerous other activities in her tenure at Harrington!).

. . . to **Beth Gaudette** (who has been in charge of Bingo night for the past 7 years!), **Sandra Parks & Joanne Kaye** and the people who helped make Bingo Night a great success: to **Mrs. Mead, Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Wojick, Mrs. Yardley, Mrs. O'Neil, and Nurse Wright**, for spending your time off with us; to Custodian **Paul Cuzzupe** for not only making sure every event runs smoothly, but also for becoming a Bingo Caller for the very first time; and to all the **parents** who support Bingo Night by making it a family fun night out. Thanks to all of you, Harrington Bingo was able to raise \$1107 this year... a new record!

*Best wishes to all our Harrington families graduating to Clarke Middle School, and thanks for all you have done for the Harrington community!*

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## The Harrington Herald

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