

# Harmon Happenings



## A Message from the Principal

Harmon Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you found time to relax and enjoy time with friends and family over the winter break. As we look toward the second half of the school year, I welcome all of our Harmon families to be involved in the various activities on the school campus including volunteering in the classroom.

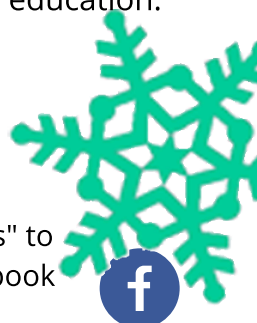
Over the next few weeks, 6th grade students will begin preparing for their transition to the middle school. Harmon 6th graders will have the opportunity to visit Combs Middle School on a field trip and learn about the many great class offerings available to them next year. Students will bring home class registration paperwork during the month of January, so please be on the lookout for this. Under District News in this January newsletter you will see the new elective offerings for the 2017-2018 school year at CMS. Additionally, CMS will host an Open House on February 1st from 6-8pm.

As we begin our 3rd quarter of the 2016-2017 school year, I want to place emphasis on school attendance and an ever steady focus on academics. Partnering with your child's teacher will lead to continued success in the classroom. Teachers will continue to increase the level of rigor and provide activities to enrich the learning taking place.

I look forward to another successful semester encouraging our Harmon Hawks to do the best they can. Thank you for all you do to help your child's education.

Warmest Regards,

Angie Beauchene, Principal



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|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5th        | Students Return to school     |                       |
| 6th        | 6th Grade Field Trip          |                       |
| 9th        | Little Caesars Spirit Night   |                       |
| 9th        | PTSO Meeting                  | 3:30 PM               |
| 10th       | Report Cards Sent Home        |                       |
| 10th       | Science Club                  | 3:05 - 4:00           |
| 11th       | Early Release                 | 1:35 PM               |
| 11th       | Governing Board Meeting @ CMS | 6:00 - 7:00 PM        |
| 12th       | Harmon Spelling Bee           | 8:30 AM               |
| 13th       | Awards Assemblies             | 8:30 -10:45 AM & 2:30 |
| 16th       | Civil Rights Day - NO SCHOOL  |                       |
| 17th       | Science Club                  | 3:05 - 4:00           |
| 18th       | Early Release                 | 1:35 PM               |
| 19th       | Battle of the Books Battle    | 9:00 AM               |
| 19th       | Orchestra Concert             | 6:00 - 7:30           |
| 23rd - 3rd | Paper War                     |                       |
| 23rd       | District Spelling Bee @ CMS   | 6:00 - 7:00           |
| 24th       | Science Club                  | 3:05 - 4:00           |
| 24th       | 6th grade visits CMS          | 9-11am                |
| 25th       | Early Release                 | 1:35 PM               |
| 31st       | Science Club                  | 3:05 - 4:00           |

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# PTSO

Hello Harmon Hawks, hope everyone had a wonderful winter break! Thank you for everyone who participated in Santa's workshop and Little Shopper's Shoppe. It was great to see all the kids have a great time! Keep a look out for great events to come in the new year. As always, if you are interested in being a part of the PTSO contact us at [jackharmonptso@gmail.com](mailto:jackharmonptso@gmail.com) or come to our next meeting on January 9th at Harmon!

## Library

Spring book fair is coming soon. It will be in the library Feb. 21st - 24th. Keep an eye out for more information in our February newsletter!



We will be having a paper war the week of 1/23-2/3. Each class will be collecting reams of paper. The class that collects the most reams will get a pizza party!! We will be sending home flyers as a reminder once it is closer.



It was great seeing all the students in their Holiday dress. It is a really fun theme week. Thanks for all the donations for Water Day. On January 13th we will celebrate National Hat Day. Students can wear a hat all day for just \$1.00. All money collected will go to help pay for water slides for water day. Can't wait to see everyone in their hats in the New Year.

# Student Council

## SOCIAL WORK SPOTLIGHT



As we enter a new year, many of us make resolutions. As our students become increasingly used to tracking their own academic and behavior progress at school through their data notebooks, this is a perfect opportunity for them to set some new goals as their own personal resolutions for the rest of the school year. Encourage your children to challenge themselves at home and at school with reasonable and attainable goals. Then, when they achieve their goals, help them celebrate!

## Technology

Our students joined other students around the world in December to learn about CODING! The annual HOUR OF CODE encourages students across the world to participate using hands-on and on-line activities to learn about programming. Students were able to do courses and even create their own games to share with others to play. Even our kinder kiddo's joined in! To learn more about the Hour Of Code go to the links below.

<https://code.org/about> To try a tutorial go to <https://studio.code.org/>

REMINDER: You need to be practicing your keyboarding skills at home.  
<https://www.typing.com/>



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

I can not think of another student who embodies the pillar of respect better than Tryohn Lipford. Tryohn, known as Jr. to our 2nd grade classroom, is new to our school district this year. He has become a friend to everyone in the class. Jr. is a role model for exemplary classroom behavior. He is considerate to everyone in the classroom and always has a kind word to say. Jr. treats everyone with respect in and out of the classroom. He is tolerant of others and shows good manners at all times. For these reasons I nominate Jr. for the Student of the Month without hesitation. Students like Jr. are a treasure and make my job a pure joy!





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A new year is a great time for new goals.

Families can set simple fitness goals together. So much can be accomplished with a simple goal. Family time

walks, runs, bike rides, activities in the park, games or any kind of physical activity can bond a family. The endorphins released during physical activity can create a fun atmosphere for happiness. What could be better than a happy family all together? Start with a simple goal such as 30 minutes of daily physical activity together. It could just be walking around the neighborhood.

January brings some fun outdoor team sports for students. We will be playing flag football and softball with an emphasis on teamwork and sportsmanship. Water bottles are always welcome to P.E. class. Please make sure your child has proper clothing and shoes on their P.E. day. Dress them in layers so they are not too cold and can remove coats and sweaters as they warm up from the activities. Closed toe shoes that protect the feet when running and kicking are required.

## NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

January brings good news and great community events you won't want to miss!

Make sure to check out the special edition of the Ledger all about Combs! Keep a look out for the next publication in February.

[http://www.copperarea.com/pages/wp-content/uploads/12\\_7\\_16-Combs-Ledger.pdf](http://www.copperarea.com/pages/wp-content/uploads/12_7_16-Combs-Ledger.pdf)

**Combs Middle School** has several exciting new elective courses to choose from including Photography, Graphic Design, TV/Film Production, Coding, Weight Training, Teens 'n Teaching, Introduction to Medical Professions, and Leadership Development. These and other elective classes provide students an opportunity to explore future careers and interests.

**Jan. 25th** - Combs High School Open House at 6 pm. Parents, incoming 9th graders and new students are invited to tour the school and learn about CHS.

**Feb. 1st** - Combs Middle School Open House at 6 pm. Parents, incoming 7th graders and new students are invited to tour the school and learn about CMS.

**Feb 7th** - Kindergarten Round-up at Ellsworth, Harmon, Ranch, Simonton Elementary Schools from 6 pm - 7 pm. Parents will tour the school and talk to teachers while students enjoy activities in the classroom.

**Feb 9th** - Kindergarten Round-up at Combs Traditional Academy from 6 pm - 7 pm. Parents will tour the school and talk to teachers while students enjoy activities in the classroom.

**Feb 16th** - District SciTech Festival will be hosted at Combs High School. Students from around the district, as well as community organizations, will demonstrate Science and Technology in Society. Join us for a fun evening highlighting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) projects and professions.

# Harmon Hawk Spotlight

Our Harmon Hawks jingle jogged all around campus on 12/20/2016! Happy holidays from your Jack W Harmon Family!



## Student Recognition



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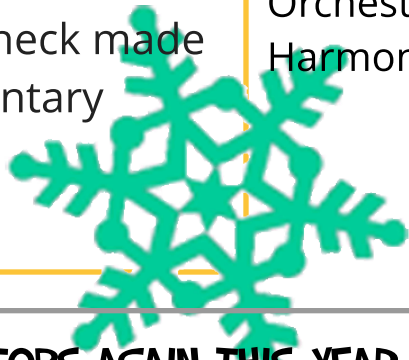
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or by sending in cash or check made payable to Harmon Elementary

Please mark your calendars to attend our Orchestra Concert. Please make a note that our concert will be Hosted in the Cafetorium at Harmon Elementary School located at 39315 North Cortona Dr. San Tan Valley, AZ on January 19 at 6:00 pm. I am very proud of the progress our orchestra students have been making, and I would love for you to attend to help cheer these wonderful deserving students on. See you there!!!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Guido Lavorata, Director of Orchestra: CTA, Ellsworth, Simonton and Harmon



**HARMON IS COLLECTING BOX TOPS AGAIN THIS YEAR. THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BOX TOPS COME STRAIGHT BACK TO HARMON! FEEL FREE TO SEND THEM TO YOUR STUDENT(S) TEACHER OR BRING THEM IN TO THE OFFICE . THANK YOU FOR COLLECTING AND CONTRIBUTING TO HARMON!**



## DONORS CHOOSE PROJECTS

The first concert is history, but the work isn't finished! Please make sure your child is practicing their instrument regularly (and logging their time on a Practice Record), so we can continue to improve in the New Year. Regular band classes resume immediately upon return to school in 2017!

### **BAND**

6th graders - the district honor band application is out! Make sure you have turned yours in, and watch for emails with more information about this exciting ensemble.

DonorsChoose.org makes it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America create classroom project requests, and you can give any amount to the project that inspires you. We have 2 projects currently running for Harmon Elementary. Our first project is for listening centers for our kindergarten classrooms. Our second project is for cameras for our yearbook club. The links for both of these projects are listed below. Please take a moment to check out our projects.



#### **Yearbook**

<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/help-us-capture-our-memories-at-our-elem/2118101/>

#### **Kindergarten**

[https://www.donorschoose.org/project/listening-centers-needed-for-our-kinderg/2241549/?rf=page-siteshare-2016-09-project-teacher\\_3737176&challengeid=20809922](https://www.donorschoose.org/project/listening-centers-needed-for-our-kinderg/2241549/?rf=page-siteshare-2016-09-project-teacher_3737176&challengeid=20809922)

J.O. Combs Unified School District #44 has programs for children in preschool through age 22 who may require special services. Through the child find process the district locates children with disabilities who are not yet receiving any special education services. Our district serves the needs of preschool-to 22 year old students with special needs in a variety of domains, including but not limited to, cognitive, emotional, speech, hearing, vision, language, and/or motor. If you know of any such child, or have questions about the programs available, please call your neighborhood school or Jeremy Evan Scherer at the district's special needs office at 480-987-5321. If you have any specific questions about preschool-age children, call Brendan Stynes at 480-882-3538. We offer preschool screenings several times during the year. These are free for all 2.9-5 (non kindergarten eligible) children and are held between 8:30-11:30 on the following dates and locations:

8-2-16 Ranch Elementary

9-14-16 Simonton Elementary

10-19-16 Ranch Elementary

11-30-16 Simonton Elementary

1-11-17 Ranch Elementary

2-15-17 Simonton Elementary

3-29-17 Ranch Elementary

5-10-15 Simonton Elementary

June sign-up screening to be determined

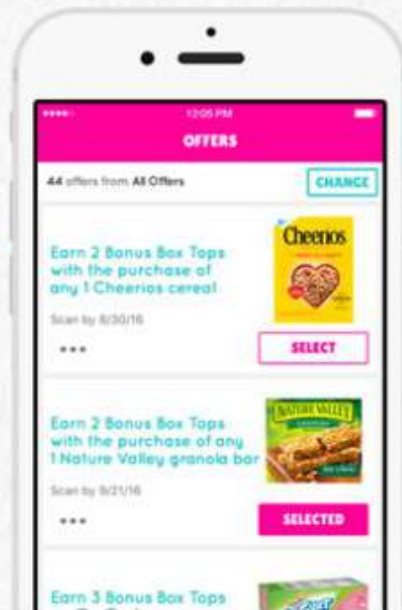




# NEW BOX TOPS BONUS APP

Earn even more cash to help your school get what it needs through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It's free and as easy as 1-2-3. Here's how it works:

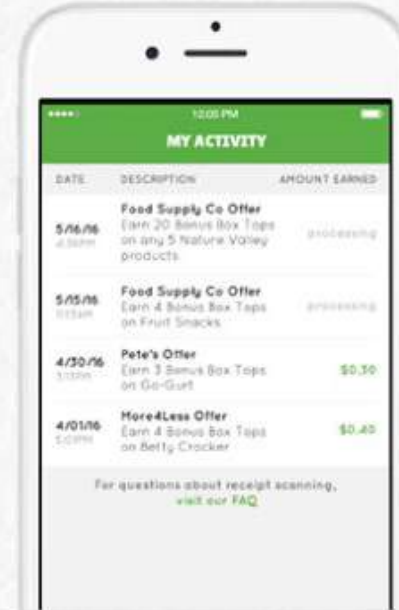
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SCAN YOUR  
RECEIPT.



**EARN.**  
WATCH  
EARNINGS  
STACK UP.



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**DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!**

K-8 Breakfast

Health-e  
LIVING



# January

2017

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

2

3

4

5

6

Brown Sugar Oatmeal  
Poptart w/ yogurt

Sausage Bagel  
Choc Chip Muffin

9

Breakfast Taco  
Cereal w/ yogurt

10

Bagel w/ cream  
cheese  
Scrambled eggs w/  
muffin

11

Mini Donuts  
Pancake Sausage  
Wrap

12

Pancakes w/ syrup  
Muffin w/ cheerios

13

Poptart w/ yogurt  
Sausage Biscuit

16

Civil Rights/ MLK

17

Breakfast Bun  
Chorizo Burrito

18

Sausage Biscuit  
Poptart w/ yogurt

19

Yogurt Parfait  
Cinnamon Rolls

20

Muffin w/ cheerios  
Breakfast Pizza

23

Muffin w/ yogurt  
Breakfast Taco

24

Breakfast Pizza  
Yogurt Parfait

25

Breakfast Bun  
Sausage Muffin

26

Cereal w/ yogurt  
Scrambled eggs w/  
muffin

27

Cinnamon Rolls  
Bagel w/ cream  
cheese

30

French Toast  
Cereal w/ granola bar

31

Egg & cheese biscuit  
Mini Donuts

All meals include:  
entrée, fruit/juice and  
milk

In Season! Oranges

Oranges are an excellent source of vitamin C.

They are also a very good source of dietary fiber.

In addition, oranges are a good source of B vitamins including vitamin B1, pantothenic acid, and folate as well as vitamin A, calcium, copper, and potassium.



## Announcements

**Menu is subject to change  
due to availability of  
products**

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## Meal Prices

Reduced Student: 0.30  
Paid Student: 1.25  
Adult: 1.75



**Health-e  
LIVING**



Elementary Lunch

# January 2017

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

2

3

4

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6

Soft Pretzel combo  
Fish Wonders

Ham & cheese  
sandwich  
Bean & cheese burrito

9

BBq drumstick w/ rice  
Corn Dog

10

Beef Soft Taco  
Mac & cheese

11

Pork Egg Rolls  
Chicken Patty  
Sandwich

12

Pork Rib sandwich  
Bean & cheese  
tostada

13

Pizza Day

16

MLK Day- School  
Closed

17

Hamburger  
Fish Nuggets

18

Rotini w/ Marinara  
Sauce  
PBJ pack

19

Chicken potato bowl  
Bean & cheese burrito

20

Pork Egg Rolls  
Muffin & protein Pack

23

Sloppy joes  
Bean & cheese  
tostada

24

Chicken patty  
sandwich  
Cheese stuffed  
breadsticks

25

Breakfast for lunch  
Mac & cheese

26

Corn Dog  
Grilled cheese  
sandwich

27

Cheese Pizza  
Pork Egg Rolls

30

Beefy Nachos  
Bean & cheese burrito

31

Soft pretzel combo  
Nuggets w/ bug bites

Meal includes:  
Entrée, fruit/veggie  
and choice of milk

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Paid Student: 2.65  
Adult: 3.15



## READING WITH MRS. GODZWON

## Tips for Reading Success

**Parents and Guardians.** Children learn to read by reading! Just as you would take your child to sports practice or dance lessons, reading is a skill that needs to be practiced daily. I will provide you with tips to make reading fun and practical at home each month. Try them out and watch your child soar as a reader.

**Building Vocabulary with Books**

A book is the perfect place to find new words. That's one reason children who love reading tend to have rich vocabularies. Here are ways to help your youngster learn words from books.

**A Well-Rounded Reader**

To expose your child to different words, choose different kinds of books. For example, in folktales and historical fiction, she/he may notice old-fashioned words (*alas*, *blacksmith*). In books about plants or animals, she/he will see science terms (*sprout*, *nocturnal*). And stories set in other countries can teach her/him words from around the world (*sari*, *crêpe*).

**Vocabulary-Rich Retellings**

While you read to your child, help her/him jot down unfamiliar words. Talk about their meanings, or look them up in a dictionary together. Then, encourage her/him to retell the story using words on the list. ("The tortoise moved at a steady pace. The hare was too boastful.") Saying the words in her/his own sentences will help her understand and remember them.

**Favorite Words**

Ask your child to pick out his/her favorite new word in a book, and have her/him be on the lookout for the same word in other books or conversation. For instance, she/he might read about a "precious little kitten" and notice "precious gems" in a nonfiction book on minerals. Seeing and hearing a word in various settings can help him/her get all its meanings. *Idea:* Draw pictures showing a word in several contexts.

**Read-Aloud for Big Kids**

Reading aloud to your child is entertaining and helps him/her grow as a reader, no matter how old he/she is.

Expose her/him to more complex plots and new vocabulary—and enjoy discussing books together—with these ideas.

- **Choose Challenging Books.** Sometimes, pick books that are a little above your child's reading ability. For example, understanding a plot that goes back and forth in time may be easier if you read it aloud. As his/her comprehension and vocabulary grow, he/she will start to read more complex books alone.

- **Learn Together.** If you come to a word you don't know or a sentence or paragraph you don't understand, say so. Then, try to figure it out along with your child. You might look up the word in a dictionary, using Google, or reread the passage, for instance. She/he will see that there are strategies to try when she/he gets stuck while reading alone.

- **Talk It Over.** After you finish a book, discuss it. Which character would you like to trade places with? What do you imagine the story's setting looks like? Talking allows your child to think more deeply about the plot. *Tip:* For more ideas, look for reader's guides with discussion questions in the book, on the publisher's website, or through a Google search.

