

# Harmon Happenings



## A Message from the Principal

Harmon Families,

I can't believe it's April already! I want to thank our Harmon community for donating so generously to the various fundraising events we sponsor. This year our community donated over \$800 to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and over \$700 to support the American Heart Association during the Jump Rope for Heart event. The Harmon community continues to be so thoughtful and generous!

During the month of April, students will continue AzMERIT testing until April 14th with any make-up testing occurring the week of April 17th. Thank you for supporting your child through the state testing process and for encouraging them to do their best each day they arrive at Harmon.

Towards the end of April, the Harmon PTSO will sponsor the annual Spring Carnival. This is a fun event for our students and community to take part in. All proceeds go directly back to our Harmon students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lastly, the J.O. Combs School District continues to offer free full day Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year with registration happening now. If you or anyone you know is planning on registering for next year, registration forms are available in the front office or online at [jocombs.org](http://jocombs.org).

Thank you for continuing to partner with our teachers to ensure your child has the best learning experience possible at Harmon. Have a wonderful month of April!

Warmest regards,

Angie Beauchene, Principal

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4th	Science Club	until 4PM
5th	Early Release	1:35 PM
11th	Science Club —	until 4PM
12th	Early Release	1:35 PM
12th	Governing Board	6:00 PM
14th	Spring Holiday - NO SCHOOL	
17th	PTSO Meeting	3:30 PM
18th	Science Club	until 4PM
19th	Field Day	
19th	Early Dismissal	1:35 PM
19th	Progress Reports Posted in Jupiter	
21st	Spring Carnival	5-8PM
21st	PTSO Meeting - Harmon Conference Room	3:30 PM
25th	Science Club	until
25th	Battle of the Books - District Battle	6-8PM
26th	Early Release	1:35 PM
26th	Early Kinder Testing @ Harmon	3:45 PM
26th	Human Growth and Development Parents Night	5PM



# PTSO

"Hello Harmon Families,

**Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Peter Piper Pizza night and our Movie night. Both nights were a ton of fun and we are now looking forward to our next big event which is our annual spring carnival on Friday, 4/21. Hope to see everyone there! With only 7 full weeks of school left, we will begin to look for new officers to run our PTSO in the 2017/2018 school year. If you or someone you know might be interested please attend our next PTSO meeting on Monday, April 17th at 3:30 pm."**

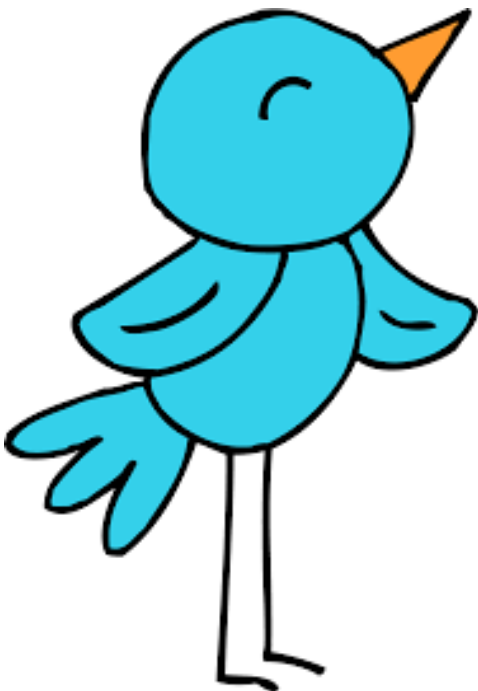
## Community Education

Combs Kidz Summer Camp is a fun and safe place for your students this summer. They will enjoy field trips, guest speakers, specialty classes, and much more! Check out the flyer for details.

The Combs Education Foundation was formed in July with the mission of providing scholarships to graduating Combs High School Seniors and mini-grant to Combs teachers. We are very excited to be awarding the first \$1000 scholarship to a senior at the May 16th Awards Night. Watch for future ways that you donate to the Combs Education Foundation and make a difference in students' lives.

Enrollment for the next school year is ongoing, and we need your help spreading the good news about our schools to your neighbors! Registration packets are accepted at all schools until June 8th and then the district office until July 14th. Register early to help us in planning for the next school year. Check out the latest edition of the [J.O. Combs newspaper!](#)

If your student does not meet the September 1st birthday cut-off for Kindergarten registration, s/he may be eligible for early entry. Testing information can be found online at [www.jocombs.org](http://www.jocombs.org) under the Community Education tab, Kinder Options link. Testing dates are April 26th, May 17th, June 14th, and July 19th.



# SOCIAL WORK SPOTLIGHT

As we enter the season for standardized assessments, it becomes even more important to help make sure your students are bringing their best to school each day. For the first few weeks of April, it is even more important to ensure that children are eating balanced meals, getting quality sleep, and having opportunities to exercise and play. Providing your children with a predictable routine for meals, homework, sleeping, and fun time helps them keep their thinking organized and increases the likelihood that your students will shine their brightest on the AzMerit tests. If you would like suggestions on how to structure your child's routine, please feel free to contact Mrs. Phares at (480) 882-3508.



# Student Council

Thanks to all the families who donated for our Lymphoma and Leukemia fundraiser. We raised over \$800. It is so amazing to see our community come together to raise money for children with these blood cancers. Congrats to Mrs. Tibben's class they raised the most money and will be receiving an Olive Garden Pasta Party. Thanks to Mrs. Harper's, Mrs. Smith and Ms. Grinde class for raising over \$100 each.

## Technology



- Harmon Hawks are writing code! Students are using the skills they learned from Hour of Code to create their own programs in Scratch. Through this program coders use images instead of words to build the computer language.
- Technology students spend the first few minutes of each class practicing their keyboarding. Ask them about their "homerow" fingers. Plus, we have had time to explore a few creative and skill practice sites.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Charley is always ready and prepared for class. She works hard when she comes to school, asks questions about her classwork and is willing to assist students and staff around her. Charley is a very trustworthy person. She manages her time well and is able to run errands to other classrooms, the office and even back to the classroom if something was forgotten. Charley is always asking for feedback on quizzes and tests to try and better her scores. She always stays calm in situations and is able to transition with ease and speed. Overall, she is a wonderful student in the classroom. She has a contagious positive attitude and she chooses to focus on herself and her educational goals and standards at all times.



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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The weather is warming up and students are dressing cooler. Please remember proper athletic shoes on P.E. days. It is dangerous to perform most physical activities in flip flops. During our hockey unit, students who are not wearing closed toe shoes will not be allowed to participate.

Important testing days are coming up. Please help your child do their best by ensuring they get plenty of sleep and well balanced meals. Moderate physical activity before school like brisk walking, jogging or riding a bike can help get oxygen moving through the body to stimulate the brain.

Harmon will have Field Day on Friday April 28th. We are looking for Otter Pop and water donations. All donations are appreciated and may be left in the front office. Volunteers are needed to help out with this fun event. Stations will be set up for each class group to rotate through including the hydration station. Activities will include; Standing long jump, 40 yard dash, softball throw, obstacle course, soccer ball kick, tug-o-war and hydration. To sign up for a station and volunteer, please contact Mrs. Baldenegro by email.

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**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!**



## NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

-Early Entry Testing

By law, students must turn 5 by December 31 of the school year to qualify for early kindergarten testing. The testing fee is \$30.00. If you are interested in early kindergarten testing, please complete the interest form by scanning the QR code below. The early kindergarten test will be administered on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:45-6 pm at Harmon Elementary

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:45-6 pm at Harmon Elementary

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1:00-3:30 pm at Ellsworth Elementary

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:00-3:30 pm at Ellsworth Elementary



<https://sites.google.com/a/jocombs.org/j-o-combs-curriculum-instruction/assessment/early-kindergarten-testing?previewAsViewer=1>

The J.O. Combs Unified School District values your opinion about your child's school and uses the information provided to improve the educational environment and services for your child. Please take the annual survey to provide your input. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Combs2017>



# Harmon Hawk Spotlight



Congratulations to Harmon's Honor Band for earning an "Excellent" rating at the Band Festival last month. We are so proud of you!



Congratulations to Harmon's Get Caught Reading Winners! Great job reading your books!

## Student Recognition

At 1:00 pm on May 3rd, all the Elementary Orchestra Students in our district will be bused to Combs High School to practice. Some of the Combs High School Orchestra Members will be there to provide mentoring for our elementary students, and some will even perform with us later that evening at 6:00 pm. Last year the PTO provided pizza and punch for our students. A letter will be sent home with more details with requests for chaperones. Please put this event on your calendar and invite friends and relatives; you will not want to miss this!

Sincerely,

Mr. Guido Lavorata



## REMINDER

Please update the Harmon office with any changes in phone numbers. If you have a change of address, please provide the office with proof of residency with new address information.

# BAND

**Congratulations to the District 6th Grade Honor Band!** This group is made up of students from all 5 elementary schools. On March 23, they participated in the ABODA Area Concert Band Festival, where as the youngest band in attendance, they received a rating of "Excellent". Great work, kids! Participating students from Harmon include Zohadd Davis, Blake Alger, Caysie Reed, Anthony O'Hare, Elizabeth Gahm, Angie Snaith Saydie Udall, Kylie Meitner, Daniela Velasquez, Rachel Lyon, Avery Nieto, Noah Smith, and Thatcher Udall.

**Mark your calendars for May 4th - on that day, ALL band students from the district will descend upon Combs High School for the annual Mass Band Festival. The event will conclude with a concert open to everyone in the CHS gym, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and see this spectacular concert event!**



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

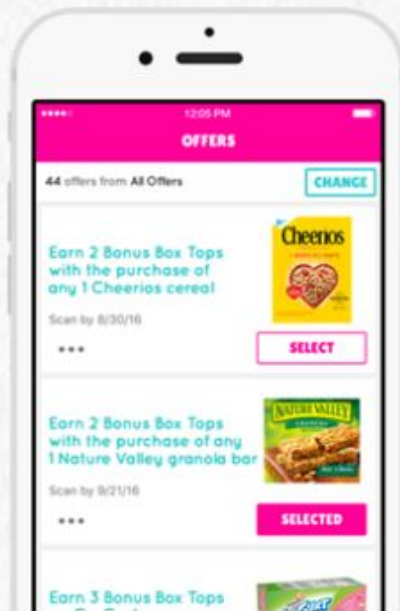




# NEW BOX TOPS BONUS APP

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:

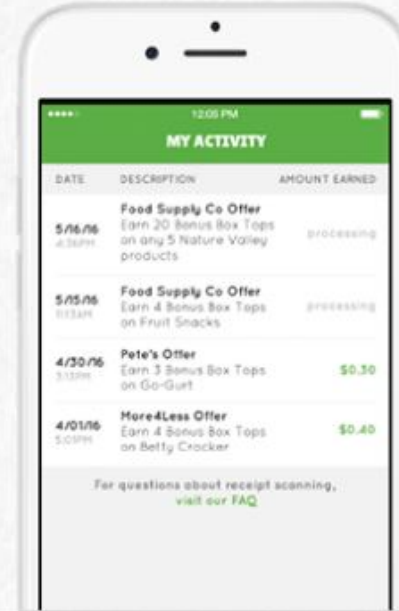
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FIND OFFERS.  
BUY PRODUCTS.



**SCAN.**  
SCAN YOUR  
RECEIPT.



**EARN.**  
WATCH  
EARNINGS  
STACK UP.



You can earn Bonus Box Tops in the Box Tops Bonus App in combination with the on-pack Box Tops clip and any other coupon, discount, store program or promotion.

**DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!**

# 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.

### Fairy Tale Adventures

Big bad wolves, candy cottages, castles—your child's favorite fairy tales are full of magical characters and places. Here are activities that tap into his/her love of fairy tales to build reading comprehension skills.

#### Explore the World

Ask a librarian for fairy tales from other lands, and read them with the familiar versions. For instance, pair *Little Red Riding Hood* with *Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China* (Ed Young). What details show that the stories are set in different countries? *Ex: The Chinese children call their grandma Po Po, not Granny.*

#### Stage a Puppet Show

Performing a fairy tale with sock puppets will help your child think about the order of events. Let him/her draw characters' faces on old socks and use props to remind him/her of the story.

He/she may use a Lego bridge for the sock puppets to cross in *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, for instance.

#### Make an ABC Book

Suggest that your child collect fairy tale words and write his/her own book. As you read fairy tales, he/she can pick out a word to match each letter (*apple* for A, *beast* for B). Have him/her write the words on separate squares of paper, illustrate them, and staple the pages together. Now he/she can read his fairy tale book to you and explain how each word fits into the story it came from.



### The Family Book Club

Join the club—the book club, that is. Starting a family book club can motivate your child (or children) to read, boost his/her comprehension, and create memories. Each month, let a different person choose a book. Check out library copies, and give everyone enough time to read. You can even choose to read a few chapters at a time rather than waiting to finish the whole book. Then, hold a meeting (or maybe even weekly meetings if you only read a few chapters at a time) with fun discussion ideas like these.

- **Cast a Movie.** Select a character, and ask each person to name an actor for the movie version. Explain why your choice is the perfect one (the actor looks the way you imagined the character, he or she has played similar roles in the past).
- **Share a Review.** Take turns pretending you're a radio personality reviewing the book. Summarize the story, tell what you liked or didn't like, and explain your reasoning. *Idea: Interview the other book club members about their opinions.*
- **Play "Who Said It?"** Ask each family member to choose five different lines of dialogue from the book and write each line (and the character's name) on a separate index card (or piece of scrap paper). Have your child read one of his/her cards aloud. The first person to guess which character said the lines keeps the card and reads on of his/her own. When you've read them all, the player with the most cards wins.







## Elementary Lunch

# April 2017

MONDAY

03

Chicken Patty  
Sandwich  
Cheese Pizza

TUESDAY

04

Beef Soft Taco  
Fish Nuggets

WEDNESDAY

05

Mac n Cheese  
Chicken Potato Bowl

THURSDAY

06

Pork Egg Rolls  
Cherry Blossom  
Chicken w/ brown rice

FRIDAY

07

Hot Dog  
Shrimp Poppers

10

Fish Wonders  
Popcorn Chicken

11

Corn Dog  
Grilled Cheese  
Sandwich

12

Bean & Cheese  
Burrito  
BBQ drumstick w/ roll

13

Chicken n Waffle  
Muffin & Protein Pack

14

Spring Holiday

17

Mac & Cheese  
Chicken Alfredo

18

Mini Corn Dogs  
Hot Ham & Cheese

19

Shrimp Poppers  
Chicken Patty  
Sandwich

20

Ben & Cheese  
Tostada Boat  
Pork Rib Sandwich

21

Pepperoni Pizza  
Muffin & Protein Pack

24

Bean & Cheese  
Burrito  
Cheese Stuffed  
Breadsticks w/  
marinara

25

Hot Dog  
Hamburger

26

Nuggets w/ Bug Bites  
Sloppy Joe

27

Grilled Cheese  
Sandwich  
Pork Rib Sandwich

28

Chicken Patty  
Sandwich  
Chicken Potato Bowl

All meals include:  
Entrée, fruit/veggie  
and choice of milk

## InSeason! Artichokes

One serving of artichokes provides greater antioxidant benefits per serving than many other foods traditionally considered to be antioxidant-rich such as dark chocolate, blueberries and red wine.



They also provide a whopping 10.3 g of dietary fiber, making them a powerful tool for helping to not just keep you regular but also to improve your digestive health overall.

## Announcements

Menus are Subject to Change  
without Notice

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## Meal Prices

\$0.40 Reduced Lunch  
\$2.65 Paid Lunch  
\$3.15 Adult Lunch

Milk: \$0.50  
Water Bottle: \$.75  
Juice: \$0.50





## K-8 Breakfast

# April 2017

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

03

Breakfast Pizza  
Chocolate Chip Muffin

04

Pancakes w/ syrup  
Mini Donuts

05

Scrambled eggs w/  
cheese and tortilla  
Cheerios w/ muffin

06

Cereal w/ yogurt  
Cinnamon Rolls

07

Egg & Chorizo Burrito  
Breakfast Bun

10

Yogurt n Berry Parfait  
Brown Sugar Oatmeal

11

Bagel w/ cream  
cheese  
Breakfast Taco

12

Mini Donuts  
Maple Waffle

13

Cereal w/ graham  
Crackers  
Muffin w/ yogurt

14

Spring Holiday

17

French Toast  
Poptart w/ yogurt

18

Cinnamon Rolls  
Egg & cheese bagel

19

Breakfast Bun  
Pancake Sausage  
Wrap

20

Egg and Sausage  
Muffin  
Mini Donuts

21

Brown Sugar Oatmeal  
Cheerios w/ muffin

24

Muffin w/ yogurt  
Breakfast Taco

25

Cereal w/ yogurt  
Egg & cheese muffin

26

Poptart w/ yogurt  
Yogurt n Berry Parfait

27

Breakfast Pizza  
Cheerios w/ Muffin

28

Egg & Chorizo Burrito  
Chocolate Chip Muffin

Meal includes:  
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choice of milk

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## Meal Prices

Reduced: \$0.30  
Paid: \$1.25  
Adult: \$1.75

# Combs Kidz Summer Camp



At Ellsworth Elementary  
Monday—Friday  
May 24—Aug 1

Camp Hours  
6:30 am—6:00 pm

Camp Rates  
Registration Fee  
\$25/student

## Full Day

Daily Rate \$ 30.00  
Weekly Rate \$130.00

## Half Day

Daily Rate \$ 15.00  
Weekly Rate \$ 70.00  
(Half day is 6:30 -12:30 OR  
Noon—6:00 No Exceptions)

All Field Trips \$7.00

Summer School Rate  
Attend After Summer  
School  
\$100.00 / week

20% Sibling Discount  
20% Employee Discount  
DES approved



Questions?  
Call 480-987-5310

## SUMMER FUN AT COMBS

Weekly Themes

Field Trips to:

Peter Piper Pizza, Harkins, Laser  
Tag, Sea Life Aquarium, Bowling,  
Swimming and many more to come

Arts & Crafts

Ping Pong

Technology

Indoor & Outdoor Activities

Science Experiments

Wii Games

Register Online!

Look for the "Camp Programs" page under the "Community Education" tab on the [www.JOCombs.org](http://www.JOCombs.org) website. If you already have a DayCare Works account, please log in to the existing account and use the "registration" tab.

Camp can be paid on a weekly basis. Choose and pay for camp days by 4:00 pm on Friday for the upcoming week.