

# Harmon Happenings



## A Message from the Principal

1st	Kinder Cap & Gown Pictures	
2nd	Science Club	3:05pm
2nd	5th grade Human Development	
2nd	1st Grade Field Trip	
3rd	Wednesday Early Release	1:35pm
3rd	Mass Orchestra Concert @ CHS	6-7pm
4th	Mass Band Concert @ CHS	6-7pm
10th	Wednesday Early Release	1:35pm
11th	Show What You Know Night	5:30-7pm
12th	NEHS Otter Pop Sale	3:05pm
15-19th	End of Year Theme Week	
15th	PTSO Meeting	3:30pm
16th	NEHS Induction Ceremony	5-6pm
17th	Wednesday Early Release	1:35pm
19th	Water Day	
22nd	Yearbook Signing	
23rd	Last Day of School--Early Release	12:00pm
23rd	Award Ceremonies	

Harmon Families,

Time is flying! Harmon Hawks had a great 2016-2017 school year! The effort and enthusiasm Harmon staff and students put forth this year has been outstanding. The Harmon school community should be so proud of the many accomplishments achieved during the school year.

The month of May is packed with activities inside and outside the classroom bringing a fun and engaging end to the school year. Grade level field trips will continue, Harmon will host Show What You Know Night on May 11th, Water Day on May 19th, and a yearbook signing party to list a few of our year ending activities. We welcome our Harmon families to participate!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Harmon students and staff as we wrap up the remaining days of the school year. I wish the 6th graders great success as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

I hope you all have a wonderful month of May and a great summer break!

Warmest regards,

Angie Beauchene  
Principal



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# PTSO

Hello Harmon Families!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our annual carnival. I hope everyone who attended had a great time! May 1st - 5th is teacher appreciation week. Keep a look out for a theme week flyer to come home with daily gift ideas for your student to give to their teacher. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Ice Cream Social during Show What You Know Night on May 11th. We will have an end of the year fundraising bash at Peter Piper Pizza on May 17th. This will be a great chance for the kids to get together and have some end of the year fun! Can't believe the year is coming to an end! Hope everyone has an amazing summer and we look forward to a great 2017/2018 school year!!!!

## Community Education

Please see the flyers contained in this newsletter regarding information for Summer Camp, Young Coyotes Summer Camp and Summer Learning Enrichment Classes.

Also, there is information regarding the Summer Foods Program and Lunch Buddies.

Please find all the information you may need at: [www.JOCOMBS.ORG](http://www.JOCOMBS.ORG) and go to the Community Education Tab.



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



# Student Council

Student Council is sponsoring one last theme week to help raise money for water day. Thanks for all the support that has been shown to Student Council this year.

**Monday, May 15th**-Super Hero Day/Villain Day

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## SOCIAL WORK SPOTLIGHT

As the school year comes to a close, many parents begin to wonder what activities they can plan during the summer months to keep their children occupied. In addition to options like the J.O. Combs summer school program, consider finding ways for your children to volunteer this summer. Volunteering is a great way to keep kids active and it helps support the local community all at the same time. There are lots of organizations that welcome young volunteers, including HandsOn Greater Phoenix, Families Giving Back, Arizona Helping Hands, Arizona Humane Society, United Food Bank, and ICAN. Search Google for any of these worthy organizations for more details on how to sign up your child to volunteer. Want more ideas? Contact Mrs. Phares at [EPhares@JOCombs.org](mailto:EPhares@JOCombs.org) for more suggestions and details.



## Technology

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works. This summer when your kids need a break from the heat encourage them to practice keyboarding or coding. There are many free online sites that help students of all ages learn typing. It is a skill anyone can improve with practice.

Harmon technology classes will take their coding skills to the next level in Scratch 2 and Beyond an Hour of Code. Family time this summer could include basic computer science with [code.org](http://code.org). The lessons blend game-like tutorials with unplugged options.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Chelsea Avila Armendariz shows citizenship everyday in class. She's a great peer tutor when asked. Chelsea strives to do her best in every subject. She has a warm, caring heart and is always willing to help even when she's not asked to do so. She helps make the classroom and school environment a cleaner and safer place to be. Fifth grade is proud to have the honor of working with such a sweet and dedicated child.





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Thank you Harmon families for all your help making field day a huge success. The students had a great time. The canopies were very appreciated out in the sun and made the day so much more enjoyable. We sure appreciated having the parents out there giving their time and supervision. Our 5th and 6th grade volunteers were excellent leaders for our stations and so helpful with the younger grades. They really shined out there. The PTSO was so great getting us Otter Pops.

Remember those P.E. shoes to participate in our most fun activities of the year. Students wearing flip flops will not be allowed to participate.

I hope you all have an active and fun summer!

Rena Baldenegro  
Physical Education



## 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, 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/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 own Noah Smith, Joslyn Sagote and Hayley Tibbon for winning the District Battle of the Books competition on April 25th.

They beat out other teams from the JO Combs District as well as teams from the Queen Creek School District with a perfect score!

Now, on to the Regional Battle of the Books competition on May 3rd!

Good luck team!



## Student Recognition

### Congratulations Miss. Victoria Ramirez!

We are so proud to announce that our own second grade teacher, Victoria Ramirez won Rookie Teacher of the Year in our JO Combs School District! Miss Ramirez has been a wonderful addition to our staff here at Harmon and we could not be happier for her.



## 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.

It has been a very rewarding school year for our Orchestra Students. On May 9 Orchestra and Band will be hosting a **"Recruitment Night/Instrument Petting Zoo"** at Ellsworth School. Music and Arts Music Stores will be providing instruments for your child to try in order to help them choose what instrument they would like to study for the 2017-2018 school year. 4th and 5th grade parents, watch for a flyer to come home in the next week with details about this event.

Mr. Guido Lavorata, Director of Orchestra:  
Combs Traditional Academy, Ellsworth,  
Simonton, and Harmon Elementary Schools

**BAND**

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Sight Word Dance Party!!!! It is almost time to get our dancing shoes on in Kindergarten. Our Sight word goal for kindergarten is 80/100 sight words. When our kindergarten kids make that goal they will be invited to the dance party. Our Dance party is May 22 at 2:20 PM in Ms. Domarad's Classroom. Parents can donate glowsticks for the party. This event is a highlight of our school year!

Ms. Heather Domarad  
Jack Harmon School  
Kindergarten Teacher

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





# 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.



### It's Cool to Read

What's cooler than an air-conditioned library in summer? Chilling out with a good book! While school is out, head to the library with your child and stock up, and use these ideas to keep reading!

### Self(ie) Motivation

Combine photography and reading to encourage your youngster to read books everywhere. When he/she reads in a new place (bus stop, swimming pool, cousin's house), let him/her take a picture holding the book. At the end of the summer, she/he will have a unique memento of books read and places visited.

### Read-Only Zone

Kids love to create and spend time in their own special spots. Suggest that your child make one just for reading. She/he might put lawn chairs in a shady spot outside or build a fort indoors with blankets over furniture. Fill the space with books and magazines and read there together!

### Book Sharing Fun

Encourage your child to read to others this summer—she/he will practice reading aloud fluently as he/she helps the community. Check with assisted living homes to see if they can use a young guest reader. Or hold story time in the yard for younger neighbors. Even if the books are easy, he/she will benefit from explaining words and ideas to others. Also, your child may be able to read to dogs. Contact libraries and animal shelters about programs!



### Backyard Summer Games

What comes to mind when your child thinks of summer? Whether it's the beach, baseball, or Fourth of July, these active games will keep her/his reading skills sizzling on hot days.

- **Seashell Relay.** Let your child cut out 20 paper seashells and label them with beach-related words (*sand, waves, surfing*). Fill two pails with sand. Bury 10 shells in each, and place them at one end of the yard. Divide into two teams at the other end, and give each team a shovel. Players race to dig up a shell, shout out the word, and run back with the shell to pass the shovel. The first team to 10 words wins!
- **Baseball Toss.** Secretly think of a baseball-related sentence ("The crowd roared after the home run.") Write each word on a separate paper, and crumple them into balls. Throw them to your child. Once they have all the words, unfold the balls and unscramble the sentence. Now, he/she can make up a sentence and toss it to you. *Variation: Write one sentence of a paragraph on each ball, players arrange them in order of the story.*
- **Red-White-Blue Crossword.** Together, create big letter tiles by printing each letter of the alphabet on a separate sheet of red, white, or blue paper. Make extra vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*) and common letters like (*l, n, r, s, t*). Deal all tiles evenly to players. Take turns laying down letters into words until you've arranged all the tiles into a giant crossword on the lawn.









# Elementary Lunch

# May 2017

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

01

Pork Rib Sandwich  
Chicken Patty Sandwich  
\*curly fries

02

Hot Dog  
Popcorn Chicken Bites  
\*baked beans

03

Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Hamburger w/ fixins'

04

Pepperoni Pizza  
Soft Pretzel Combo

05

Beefy Nachos  
PBJ

08

Bean & Cheese Burrito  
Chicken Nuggets  
\*corn on the cob

09

Lasagna Roll Up w/ breadstick  
Pork Rib Sandwich

10

Mac & Cheese  
Shrimp Poppers  
\*baked beans

11

Hot Ham & Cheese Muffin & Protein Pack

12

Pork Egg Roll  
Cheese Pizza

15

Buffalo Chicken Pizza  
Hot Dog

16

Soft Pretzel Combo  
Chicken Patty Sandwich

17

Ham & Cheese Fish Wonders w/ gold fish crackers  
\*baked beans

18

Breakfast for Lunch  
PBJ Pack

19

BBQ drumstick  
Cherry Blossom Chicken  
Both with rice

22

Hot Dogs w/ tots

23

Nuggets w/ bug bites  
  
Last Day of School

24

25

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

29

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## In Season! Cherries

Tart cherries are known to contain certain chemicals that are very effective in relieving pain better than medicines like aspirin and ibuprofen.

Cherries are best paired with herbs like sage, chives, and verben; dairy products like sweet cream and ricotta cheese; and with meats like pork and beef especially when black pepper is added.



## Announcements

Menu is subject to change due to availability of product

As a reminder students will no longer be able to charge meals to their lunch account starting May 1, 2017. If your child forgets their lunch money or does not have enough available on their account a courtesy meal will be provided.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer

## Meal Prices

Reduced: \$.40  
Paid: \$2.65  
Adult: \$3.15

Please sign up for ezschoolpay





## K-8 May Breakfast

# May 2017

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

01

Pancakes w/ syrup  
Poptart w/ yogurt

02

Egg & Ham Muffin  
Cereal w/ nutigrain  
bar combo

03

Cinnamon Rolls  
Breakfast Taco

04

Mini Chocolate  
Donuts  
Pancake Sausage  
Wrap

05

Bagel w/ cream  
cheese  
Cereal w/ yogurt

08

Muffin w/ yogurt  
Breakfast Pizza

09

Brown Sugar Oatmeal  
Berry Parfait

10

Mini Powdered  
Donuts  
Cereal w/ graham  
crackers

11

Egg & cheese muffin  
Chocolate Chip Muffin

12

Muffin w/ Cheerios  
Pancake Sausage  
Wrap

15

French Toast  
Breakfast Bun

16

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/ graham  
crackers

17

Egg & Chorizo Burrito  
Cereal w/ yogurt

18

Cinnamon Rolls  
Egg & Cheese Muffin

19

Mini Donuts  
Berry Parfait

22

Bagel w/ cream  
cheese  
Manager Choice

23

Egg & Cheese Muffin  
Manager Choice

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## Meal Prices

Reduced: \$.30  
Paid: \$1.25  
Adult: \$1.75



# Teacher Appreciation Week

**Each day will have a theme...**

Monday, May 1st - A Flower for your teacher, real or hand crafted.

Tuesday, May 2nd - Write a poem or make a card for your teacher.

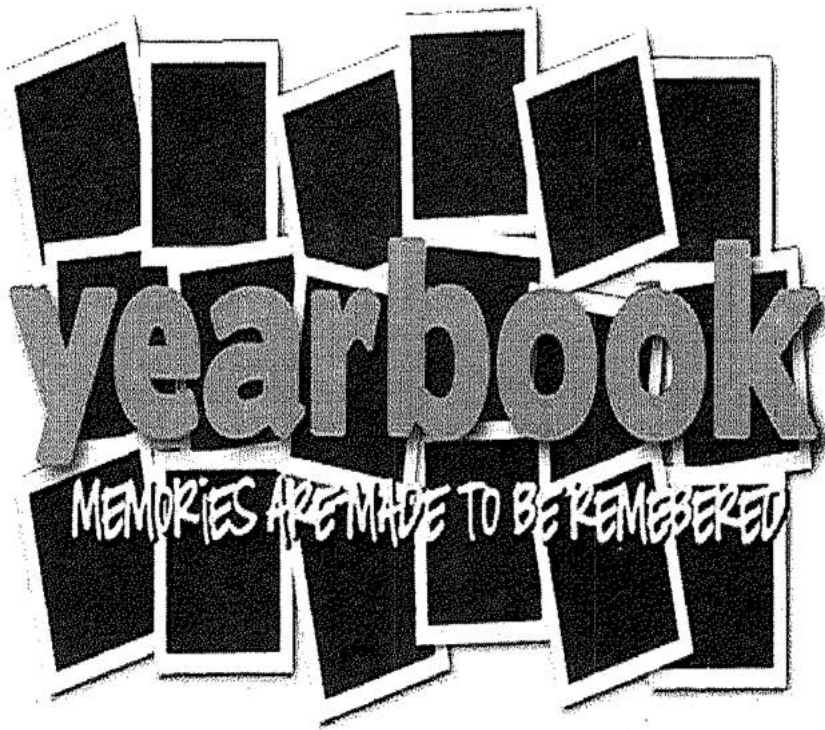
Wednesday, May 3rd - Send in a school supply your teacher could use, like post-its or a highlighter.

Thursday, May 4th- Giver's choice

Friday, May 5th - Treat Day: Something yummy!







**JACK W. HARMON**  
**ELEMENTARY**

**MONDAY**  
**MAY 22, 2017**

Kindergarten:

Signing in Classroom

1st: 8:30am in gym

2nd & 3rd: 9:00 am in gym

4th & 5th: 9:45am in gym

6th: 10:15am in gym



End of Year Theme Week



Student Council is taking donations to help pay for water day. You do not have to pay in order to dress up.

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# J.O. Combs

## Food Service Department

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301 E. Combs Rd  
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140  
480-987-5312

Dear Combs Families,

The Food Service Department would like to take a few moments to pass along some helpful information for the upcoming school year.

- **Meal applications** for the 17/18 school year will be available in July online or at your child's school
- Ensure the school has an updated address and phone number
- Only one completed application per household
- Allow 10 business days for processing
- Meal benefits from the 16/17 school year will carry over for the first 30 days of the new school year
  - Child(ren) will return to a full paid status after the grace period if a new application is not submitted
  
- **Meal modifications for intolerances/allergies/IEP** require proper documentation with the food service department
- Forms are available online or in your school cafeteria
- Form must have omissions and substitutions listed
- Form must be completed and signed by your child's medical authority
  - This also includes food preferences (vegetarian, vegan, pork-free)
  
- **Courtesy Meals** will be provided to students who forget money or have forgotten lunch at home
  - Graham crackers, fruit and plain milk for breakfast
  - Cheese sandwich, fruit or veggie and plain milk for lunch
- Charges will no longer be allowed for the 17/18 school year
- Sign up for ezschooldpay to add money to your child's account and/or monitor their account activity

Sincerely,

**Jennifer Roorda**  
Food Service Supervisor



J.O. Combs Unified School District

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# Summer Foods Program

## Join Us for Breakfast and Lunch

Ellsworth Elementary School will be hosting our Summer Foods Program

38454 N. Carolina Avenue

San Tan Valley, AZ

May 30, 2017-June 30, 2017.

Breakfast: 7:15 AM-8:30 AM

Lunch: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

**Adult meals: \$1.75 breakfast and \$3.00 lunch**

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| FREE Breakfast and Lunch for kids 18 and under.



# SUMMER

Lunch Buddies

## Helping kids eat healthy

Spend time with friends and enjoy meals at no cost while school is out.  
Open to ages 18 and younger. No application is needed.

**Location:** Ellsworth Elementary School

**Dates:** 5/30/17-6/30/17 Monday-Friday

**Times:** 7:15-8:30 & 11:00-1:00

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

Visit [azsummerfood.gov](http://azsummerfood.gov) or text **FOOD** to 877-877 for more information.



# ALMUERZO



## de Verano entre Amigos

### Ayudando a los niños a comer saludable

Pasa tiempo con tus amigos y disfruta de comidas sin costo durante las vacaciones de verano.  
Para estudiantes hasta los 18 años de edad. No se necesita solicitud.

**Ubicación:** Ellsworth Elementary School

**Fechas:** 5/30/17-6/30/17

**Horarios:** 7:15-8:30 & 11:00-1:00

**Comidas:** Desayuno y Almuerzo

Visita [azsummerfood.gov](http://azsummerfood.gov) o envía el texto: **COMIDA** al 877-877 para más información.



J.O. Combs

# SUMMER CAMP

**MAY 24 - AUGUST 1**  
**HOSTED AT ELLSWORTH ELEMENTARY**



## OUR FUN ACTIVITIES

Weekly themes, Arts & Crafts, Ping Pong,  
Technology, Indoor & Outdoor Activities, Science  
Experiments, Water Days, Weekly Field Trips!

**LIMITED  
SPACE!**

## DAILY AND WEEKLY PRICING OPTIONS

Combine with Summer of Learning Classes for all day fun!

[WWW.JOCOMBS.ORG](http://WWW.JOCOMBS.ORG) COMMUNITY EDUCATION TAB



# YOUNG COYOTES SUMMER CAMP



May 30th - July 28th

Monday- Friday | 6:30am - 6:00pm  
Hosted at Ellsworth Elementary

## Check out the Calendar of Events!



# Summer of Learning Enrichment Classes!

Hosted at Ellsworth Elementary

June 5 - June 29

ROBOTICS

Art

Dance and Cheer

FITNESS

And Many MORE!

Theater

GROSSOLOGY!

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Community Education  
Tab



# Summer Kick-off

**COW  
CHIP  
BINGO**



Presented by:

**COMBS HIGH SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL BOOSTERS**

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**12-3pm (food served 12-2)**

**To purchase tickets visit**

**[www.combscoyotesfootball.com](http://www.combscoyotesfootball.com)**

**Ticket Cost: \$20 per ticket**

**(includes one meal and a bingo square)**

**Additional meal tickets \$6 each**

**1st Prize - \$1000**

**2nd Prize - \$500**

**3rd Prize - \$250**

**(you DON'T have to be present to win,  
squares will be randomly assigned,  
prize money is pending us reaching our  
fundraising goal.)**

**Water Activities,**

**Entertainment,**

**Soda Rush,**

**& more!**



# End of the Year

By: Christian Tillard (6th grader)

During the past two weeks, I've gone around campus, asking four different staff and three different students the same three questions I've asked all of them. "How long have you been at Harmon?", "Why did you come to Harmon?", and "What was your favorite moment at Harmon?". I had recorded all of their answers for the end of the year to see what everyone, that was recorded, had been at Harmon for. All responses are legit answers from the staff and students.

First, Mrs. Christiansen, a sixth grade teacher. Here is the conversation. "How long have you been at Harmon? 5 years." "Why did you come to Harmon? Daughter had gone to Harmon and I had known principal, Ames Singley." "What was your favorite moment at Harmon? Getting an email from a former student I had 6 years ago who is now in high school."

Next, onto Mrs. Tibben, a fifth grade teacher. Here is what has been said. "How long have you been at Harmon? 5 years." "Why did you come to Harmon? I wanted to work closer to my home and community." "What was your favorite moment at Harmon? Walking onto Harmon's campus before having surgery and seeing all the staff in pink shirts, supporting. Also, being part of the food drive."

Last, Mrs. Prueher, a second grade teacher. Here is what has been said. "How long have you been at Harmon? 12-13 years." "Why did you come to Harmon? I had moved from Wisconsin and this school was in need of teachers." "What was/is your favorite moment at Harmon? When a student finally learns something that was really hard or difficult."

Staff members are the best people we can thank for supporting us throughout the Harmon year. They do everything for us. Teach us, help us understand, help us learn different things.

Starting off the students, Kylie M. Here is the talk between us. "How long have you been at Harmon? 7 years." "Why did you come to Harmon? My brother and sister had been enrolled here." "What was your favorite moment at Harmon? My Kindergarten graduation."

Then we have Robert G.. Here is what has been said. "How long have you been at Harmon? 7 years." "Why did you come to Harmon? It was the closest school I had lived too." "What was your favorite moment at Harmon? Starting to play the violin for Orchestra."

Finally, Ethan C. "How long have you been at Harmon? 6 years." "Why did you come to Harmon? It was the closest school to my home." "What was your favorite moment at Harmon? My last day of 5th grade."

Whether it would be staff or students, we all have enjoyed our years at Harmon. Harmon has made us increase our education or learn something new. Thank you personally for coming to Harmon Elementary.

**SOAR ON!**