



# Monday Mail

September 8, 2009

1. After School clubs will start on 9/8/09. All students attending a club will be dismissed from 3:50 - 4 PM (or for 10 minutes after ending time of club) from the North Entrance. Students can still register for clubs. To check availability, please contact Claudette Van Ravenstein at [cravenstein@harmonytx.org](mailto:cravenstein@harmonytx.org) or 713-983-8668. Last day to drop a class for a full refund is Sept. 18th, 2009.

There will be open tryouts or informational meetings this week for the following clubs. Students report to the designated classroom at 3PM on the day mentioned: **Tuesday-Yearbook** (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) Room 315, **Wednesday-Quizbowl**-(9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) Room 206, **Thursday- Geographic Bee** (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Room 104, **Newsletter** (6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) Room 203. **Friday-Sciencebowl** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Room 308, **Girls (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and Boys (6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) Soccer Team** Front Field.

2. Bluebonnet Learning Centers will coordinate their **on-site child care** with our After School Program for those parents who can not pick-up their children by 4 PM. Parents can sign up their child(ren) at the front office for the month of September. The regular cost for child care from 4 - 6 PM (or any portion of that time) will be \$120/month, but September will be pro-rated to \$90. For grades K-5, please make your check payable to HSE for this amount for September only. For grades 6 & up, please make your check payable to Bluebonnet Learning Centers. After September, all checks will need to be made to Bluebonnet. Please see the Bluebonnet sign-up sheets for more information on After School Care only.
3. Girl Scouts flyers went home today. Please come to registration on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 at 7pm after the PTO meeting.
4. If you or your child forget to place an order with **Lifetouch** for their picture taken on 9/28/09, please contact them directly at 281-583-2330 after 10/28/09. Provide them with the school's name, child's name and grade and they will give you instructions on how you can still get pictures ordered. A \$6 late fee will apply on top of the package price. Any orders we received after 9/28/09 were returned to the students. *We also found an envelope with cash and no name on it.* If you can identify the amount and grade, please contact Claudette at [cravenstein@harmonytx.org](mailto:cravenstein@harmonytx.org) or 713-983-8668 to claim this envelope.
5. A free Ghandi Field Trip is organized by the Harris County Public Library for our HSE families on Saturday, Sept. 26th. The bus will depart at 10 AM from and return by 2 - 2:30PM to the library. Children must be accompanied by adults 18 years or older. Please contact Victor Schill at [victors42@yahoo.com](mailto:victors42@yahoo.com) to reserve your spots or for more information.
6. The first **PTO meeting** of the year is set for **September 15th, 6:00pm in the HSE library**. Mark your calendars and join us to hear the latest on what your PTO is doing. Nominations for new officers will also be held that night. You must to be a member of the PTO to vote. The PTO Membership form is attached. Please fill it out and return it to the front office. It is only \$15 per family and the funds are used to supplement HSE campus needs. Many thanks to the 200 families that have already joined!
7. The first **Spirit Day** for the school year is set for **Friday, September 18th**. Be sure to wear your Tiger t-shirt and show your school spirit. If you have not already purchased your shirt, they will be available for purchase at the PTO meeting. Only \$10 each.
8. The **HSE International Festival is set for Saturday, October 17th from 11 to 3pm**. You don't want to miss this event. It is a lot of fun, international foods, games, and entertainment; plus the students will receive extra credit in social studies for getting their 'passports' signed at the different country booths. More information will be forthcoming. We still need items for the silent auction being held at the festival this year. We are halfway to our goal and need to raise an additional \$16,000 to purchase bleachers for the gymnasium. Please contact Feda Abu Shear at [rfaj@netzero.com](mailto:rfaj@netzero.com), if you have items you can donate or if you can help.
9. The Volunteer sign up form is also included in this email. If you would like to help, please fill out the form and turn it in at the front desk. The background check will be done by school before they start volunteer works. Volunteers do make a difference!

In this Wednesday Mail packet you will find the following:

- 1-Girl Scouts Flyer
- 2- PTO Volunteer Form
- 3-PTO Membership Sign Up Form

### Parent Signature

**Your child should turn in this page to his/her homeroom teacher on Thursday morning. Failure to return on time will result in 1 DPS point for each school day until it is received by homeroom teacher.**

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 Sign Date

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**Volunteer Form**  
(2009/2010)

You can make a difference in our school by volunteering your time. There are MANY opportunities to help keep the “Excellence” in our school. Whether you can help a little or a lot, we would appreciate any time you can give. There are many activities that are only taken care of by our volunteers, and many more that our teachers desperately need help with. Please mark any boxes below that you might be interested in helping with. I will contact you once school has begun to go over your interests and match them with our needs. Please email me if you have any questions.

Christina Owens – Volunteer Coordinator – ccotexas@hotmail.com

<input type="checkbox"/> A.M. Help at Front Door	<input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Reader Asst.	<input type="checkbox"/> After School Clubs
<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> “Box Top” Helper
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Board Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Campus Beautification	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Day Helper
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> First Grade Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Room Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Room Mom	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Room Helper
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Professional to fill in for Nurse		<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Traffic Help
<input type="checkbox"/> P.E. Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/> P.T.O. Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper Recycling Coord.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reader to Elem. Grades	<input type="checkbox"/> Recess Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Fair
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Theater/Play Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Mail Helper	<input type="checkbox"/> Year Book

Please indicate how often you might be able to volunteer:

- Daily    Weekly    Monthly    Once or Twice per Year    Evenings at home

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (Please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

A.M. Help at Front Door - Mrs. Balderes needs help for about 30-45 minutes each morning at the front door to ensure that parents (or strangers) are not entering the school without signing in.

Campus Beautification – All of the landscaping that you see at Harmony has been completely done by volunteers. We need your help to maintain and continue our beautification process. This is a volunteer area that is mostly done on weekends.

Home Room Helper - Being a Home Room Helper does not require you to take off work. It simply puts you on a contact list to notify you of the classroom activities that the Homeroom Mom is coordinating (ie. Christmas Party, Valentine's Party, etc). If you don't want to come, that is okay, but it gives you the opportunity to send something to help. All parents should be on this list to be notified of planned activities.

Home Room Mom - This position would entail organizing the classroom parties and contacting all of the Home Room Helpers to see if they can help out at the party, or send something to help (ie. paper plates, etc.).

Hospitality Committee – Do you like to cook? This is the place for you! Whether you just have time to send a dish, or can come and help serve, we could use your help!

Library – Did you know that our beautiful HSE Library was built by and staffed entirely by volunteers? We need any time that you can offer to help. We need help reading to the younger grades, and help is needed when the classes come in to check out books. If you like computers, we also need help cataloging books.

Lunch Room Helper - We need Lunch Room Moms! Requires one hour commitment per week. When you see all of the little ones raising their hands, they probably need help opening something!

P.E. Assistant - Imagine being 1 coach with 45 First Graders! We need a few volunteers to help our Coach organize the kids for games and activities. Requires 45 minute commitment per week.

Recess Helper - Only requires 25 minutes per week!! The teachers for our younger grades don't have any breaks! Helping to cover their recess classes gives them time to grade papers and answer the parents' emails.

Special Events - Great for parents that can only help in the evening or weekends. This simply puts you on a contact list to see if you can help with things like International Festival, Garage Sales, Talent Night, etc. I will email you when events are coming up, and you let me know at that time if you can help.

Staff Support - This position is to help the teachers make photocopies, and do little things that they are trying to do in between classes. Requires 30 min. to 1 hour per week.

Teacher Support - Perfect for working parents that want to help! This position has been created to help the teacher with anything that might take up their days, evenings or weekends. For the teacher, this is a great place to look when they have to spend their evenings cutting up things for their class, or need some extra help getting things together for a certain project your child's class is working on. They simply send home whatever the project is that they need help with (along with instructions) with your child. You complete the project and return it to them.

Traffic – It is totally due to dedicated parents that our children are safe getting in and out of vehicles in our parking lot! Please consider helping out at least one morning per week! Hopefully we will still have the support of Jersey Village High School students in the afternoons!

# HARMONY SCHOOL of EXCELLENCE

## SCIENCE FAIR

### PARENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM

DATE: 09/09/2009

Dear Parents and students,

Each year we have a mandatory school-wide Science Fair at Harmony Schools. This year Science Fair will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2009.

This week, your child will receive a science fair package. The package provides information regarding the requirements and guidelines that need to be followed.

All Harmony Science Academy students are required to prepare a Science Fair Project. The Science Fair Project is worth 2000 points for 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> graders. Students will also receive credit from their English Language, Computer, and Art teachers. Due to the high number of points possible for the project, grades of students who do not complete a project will be affected severely for each grading period (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grading periods for 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> graders).

Please check the deadlines of each step of the Science Fair Project carefully. Students are highly encouraged to submit their assignments before these deadlines. This way they will have a good chance to make improvements if something is missing or needs fine tuning. Informative Science Fair Meeting for Parents (Science Fair Orientation) is scheduled as following:

- For 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades parents: Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> between 5:30pm and 6:30 pm.
- For 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm.
- For 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> between 5:30pm and 6:30pm.
- For 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> between 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

We will try to work with each student individually, but the ultimate responsibility belongs to students. This copy is to be kept in student's science binder. You will receive another copy of this with this week's Monday Mail.

**Please fill out this form and have your child return this sheet by Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, to his/her science teacher.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have read  
(Please print parents' name) (Please print students' name )

and understand what is expected of each student concerning Science Fair Projects. I have also read the specific due dates and adhere to the deadlines.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

August 20, 2009

## **PTO Membership Drive**

We need your support! You can help us to strengthen our school by becoming a member of the Harmony School of Excellence Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). Your PTO Membership helps to fund programs for the school that we could not otherwise afford. Your membership is essential to helping our school offer the best in "Excellence" to our students.

Family Membership is \$15.00 (Please make checks payable to HSE PTO).

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

The first homeroom to receive 100% membership will receive a prize!

Thank you for your support!

### ***\*\*Did You Know?\*\****

*The PTO funding helped put in our security system and purchased the school's defibrillators, playground benches, and picnic tables.  
Joining the PTO does not mean that you have to attend all of the PTO meetings.*