

## Harmony School of Excellence



Monday Mail  
September 21, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Please pay your lunch account balance in advance.
2. PSAT tests will be administered at HSE on Wednesday, October 14. The test is mandatory for 10th and 11th grade students and optional 9th grade students. 8th Graders who completed Algebra 1 and/or Geometry may be eligible to take test. Registration deadline is October 9th. Please register and pay at the front office. Any questions please contact Mrs. Isil Nal at [inal@harmonytx.org](mailto:inal@harmonytx.org)
3. All students in the boys & girls soccer teams (see names on After School Board across from the elevator) will need to turn in **payment and filled out authorization forms** by this coming Thursday, September 24th to the front office. Blank authorization forms can be found on the board as well. Failure to turn in the required paperwork will result in being left behind for Friday's practice. The soccer teams will practice on the soccer fields in the Willow lake Subdivision located on West Road (past the Kroger shopping center on West Road and Beltway 8). Parents who would like to pick up their children at the fields can do so at 4:30PM or 4:45PM at the school's north entrance. Questions: Claudette Van Ravenstein at [cravenstein@harmonytx.org](mailto:cravenstein@harmonytx.org) or 713-983-8668 daily between 4 - 4:30PM.
4. Lifetouch pictures will be send home on Tuesday for those who placed orders. If you are not happy with the pictures, please have your child bring them on re-take day Wednesday, September 30th. It's mandatory that children return their pictures in order to do a free re-take. Those who would still like to place an order or were absent, will also be able to have their picture taken that day. Extra order forms can be found at the front office. Questions: Claudette Van Ravenstein at [cravenstein@harmonytx.org](mailto:cravenstein@harmonytx.org) or 713-983-8668 daily between 4 - 4:30PM.
5. There is only one week left of the Great American Catalog Fundraiser. Orders and payments are due Wednesday Sept 30th. Don't forget to check out the great selection of online items that can be personalized. Get your holiday shopping finished early! Go to [gafundraising.com](http://gafundraising.com) and input the HSE code: 973255 and then the student's name. Share the online information with your out of town family and friends. This information is also on the parent letter that is in the master envelop. If you did not receive a fundraising packet they are in the commons outside Mrs. Nal's office. Everyone needs to participate for the PTO to have the funds to purchase the bleachers for our awesome new gym. Support HSE by meeting your goal of selling 12 items.
6. Schwan's Truckload Fundraiser Would you like to support Harmony and feed your family at the same time. If you haven't yet check out our monthly fundraiser with Schwan's try to do so this next month. The Schwan's truck will be in our school parking lot the first Thursday of every month. You can pre-order your food online or just drive up and pick up your food. Schwan's accepts check debit card, cash, checks, major credit cards and electronic food stamps (EBT). They have 100% customer satisfaction guarantee so do some shopping and pick up some food on Thursday, October 1st. To pre-order just follow the instructions on the attached Schwans document. Schwans has made it so easy. Thanks for your support of HSE!
7. Everyone needs to participate for the PTO to have the funds to purchase the bleachers for our awesome new gym. Support HSE by meeting your goal of selling 12 items.
8. **REMINDER:** Sept 18th, 2009 was the last day to drop After School Clubs for a full refund. Clubs dropped from now on will not be eligible for a full refund. Questions: contact Claudette Van Ravenstein at [cravenstein@harmonytx.org](mailto:cravenstein@harmonytx.org) or (713) 983-8668.

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.*

*Country's Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill this portion below and return to the Front Office before Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.*

Requested Booth size:

- \_\_\_ Small (approximately 8ft. by 8ft.)
- \_\_\_ Large (approximately 12ft by 8 ft)

Do you need to be next to another country? Yes or No

If so, which country -----

Will you need electricity for your booth? Yes or No

Do you wish to have music from your Country played? Yes or No

If so, have you given your Music to Sook Swanson? Yes or No

Are you providing your own ink stamp for the student passports? Yes or No

Please let us know if you have any special requirements.

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Please tell us three for four fun facts about your Country:

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Please identify the name and phone number of all the parent volunteers that will be helping with your booth:

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Please put a star next to the person who you have identified as the lead coordinator for your booth.

Again, we would like to thank you for stepping forward and helping the Harmony School of Excellence put on the event of the year. We have no doubt it is going to be the best International Festival in the Harmony system.

## HSE International Booths Form

### **Hello All you Wonderful International Booth Volunteers,**

Welcome to another exciting HSE International Festival. Below is some general information concerning the event and the booths. We are providing each Country with two copies of this sheet: one for you to keep, (please make copies for all of your volunteers) **and one to be turned back in to the Front Office by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** . Please make sure we have the form by then, so that we may make the proper arrangements for your booth. If you have any questions or need any special requirements, please do not hesitate to contact this year's International Booth Coordinator:

D'Nira Techranchi 713-896-3034 or Colleen O'Brien 713-962-5221

### **General Information**

Event Date: Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at HSE from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Set up for Booths will be in the new cafetorium on Friday from 5:00pm until 7:00pm., or Saturday morning from 8:30am to 10:30.

International Flags are being purchased to be hung in the new cafetorium. Countries providing booths at the IFest will have their Country's flag hung first.

There will be an International Parade to kick off the event at 11:00am. Please plan on joining in the fun. Wear your country's attire and bring banners and flags if you wish.

All the proceeds received at this event will go towards purchasing bleachers for our new gymnasium. To help reach our goal of \$32,000, we will also be holding a Silent Auction this year.

There will be a minimal cost to get into the event. \$1 per person, which does allow everyone to enjoy all the delicacies provided at the booths. We would like to thank you in advance for providing all the wonderful foods from around the world. This is the heart of this spectacular event, and it wouldn't happen if it were not for your generosity.

We do not believe there will be any activities in the new gymnasium but if we do, please be aware that we can only wear rubber soled tennis shoes or socks, so that we do not damage the floor.

### **Issues for Booths**

- o Students receive extra credit for attending the event. They will be coming around the booths to learn a fact about your country and to get their HSE passports stamped. If you have a special ink stamp you would like to use to represent your country, please bring it. If you do not have stamp you wish to use, we can provide stamps with the country's first letter for your use.
- o No music at individual booths (since performances will be in the same room it would interfere)
- o Submit music from your country to the Sook Swanson (713-304-0626) to be played between performances on stage. Please burn it onto a CD and label it with your Country's name
- o Hang little to nothing on the new cafetorium walls. NO TAPE
- o No selling items from the booths
- o Booths will be a set size either large (approximately 12' by 8') or small (8' by 8')
- o Booth locations will be randomly drawn on Friday morning before the IFest
- o Booths need to bring their own tables/chairs, etc.
- o Bring extension cords if your booth needs electricity
- o Please bring paper goods – plasticware, plates, napkins, etc. to use at your booth
- o Please no drinks unless it is a native dish: eg. Turkish Tea, Colombian Coffee
- o Please provide some fun facts about your Country that can be announced between entertainment acts.

Judges awarded trophies in the following categories: Most original, Most authentic, Best culinary, Most colorful, and Best overall presentations.