Dear Parents and Families:

Did you know that reading 20 minutes a day with your child is the best investment your family can make in their future? Research shows that children who read just 20 minutes per day score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Come to the Book Fair to stock up on the books your child will love reading and ignite your home reading habits.

Book Fair dates/times:
April 29 – May 1/8:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Visit scholastic.com/sale for more information. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

Sincerely,
Beth Robinson
Principal
Harper Park Middle School

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**Yearbook sales end tomorrow.** If you haven’t already done so, and you want your child to be guaranteed a copy of the yearbook, be sure to purchase one today or tomorrow. Students were informed this week whether one had already been purchased for them or not. You can purchase a copy by going to the HPMS webpage (link below) The cost is $35.00

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**Information for the Leesburg Police Camp for kids can be found on the links below. The deadline for applications are May 17th.**

**June 17 - June 21, 2019**


Rising 7th and 8th graders can participate in the Morven Park 2019 Youth Leadership Retreat and rising 9th graders in the Morven Park/Loudoun County Parks and Rec 2019 Youth Leadership Institute. Both programs are free and applications are open.

Rising 9th graders can find the application at [https://lfportal.loudoun.gov/Forms/prsrmorvenpark](https://lfportal.loudoun.gov/Forms/prsrmorvenpark).

Congratulations! to sixth grade student Namra Qadir from Harper Park Middle School whose poster was chosen as a winner of the 2019 Loudoun Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Monday morning in homeroom, students will receive parent permission letters for the SOL expedited retake option. **ALL students are required to return this form signed by a parent/guardian to their homeroom teacher by Monday, May 6.**

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Please register with Giant and Harris Teeter so the PTA can earn money that they use for projects at Harper Park. Collect and send in your BOX TOPS – to the main office.


Harper Park SOL Testing Dates:

May 7 - 6th grade Reading
May 8 - 8th grade Reading
May 9 - 7th grade Reading
May 14 - 6th grade Math (Math6, Math6/7, Algebra1)
May 15 - 8th grade Math (Math8, Algebra1, Geometry, Alg2/Trig)
May 16 - 7th grade Math (Math7, Algebra1, Geometry, Alg2/Trig)
May 22 - 8th grade Science
May 29 - 8th grade Civics & Economics
HARPER PARK PTA MOVIE NIGHT
AT COBB THEATRE
FEATURING

Ticket Sales:
April 2nd - May 6th
During Lunch or Online
Harper Park Website/PTA/Spirit Night

TUES, MAY 7TH
$10
TIME 7PM

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE | ONLY 75 TICKETS AVAILABLE!
RiverCon is Northern Virginia’s first convention experience aimed at younger fans in celebration of art, gaming, movies, and comic book loving culture! For its fourth year, the Force is with RiverCon this May the 4th as guests of all ages can participate interactive experiences, tutorials, contests, and so much more:

- Shop in our vendor room filled with local entrepreneurs and artists. Visit bemsrivercon.weebly.com for our growing list of vendors!
- Cosplayers under the age of 17 can participate in our costume contest - costumes voted within the top three will win a prize!
- Participate in interactive tutorials, demonstrations, and more led by industry professionals - full schedule of events at bemsrivercon.weebly.com

Who is RiverCon 2019’s special guest?

John Morton –

RiverCon is thrilled to welcome actor John Morton! Mr. Morton played supporting roles in Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back as heroic Snowspeeder pilot Dak Ralter in the Battle of Hoth, as well as infamous bounty hunter Boba Fett as seen on Cloud City!

Beyond the galaxy, Mr. Morton was featured in epic films like A Bridge Too Far, Superman II, and Flash Gordon, and in the BBC television series Oppenheimer. A veteran performer, he appeared on London’s West End stage and New York’s Off-Off Broadway as an actor and musician. Among his own published work is his Backstory In Blue: Ellington At Newport ’56, a behind-the-scenes look at a legendary moment in American cultural history. Mr. Morton will be speaking at a panel and signing autographs for a limited time at RiverCon.

When is RiverCon 2019? Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 11am to 5pm

Where is RiverCon 2019? Belmont Ridge Middle School

How can I get my RiverCon 2019 tickets?

Tickets to RiverCon are available now online at bit.ly/rivercon2019tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door – but we’d recommend that you purchase your tickets now via our Tickets Page, as RiverCon may sell out quickly. Buy your tickets in advance to save some money as presale tickets will be sold at a lower price than tickets at the door.
Dear Parent/Guardian:

State legislation provides students in grades 3-8 an opportunity to retake Standards of Learning (SOL) tests. This process is referred to as an “expedited retake” since the retest quickly follows the initial test. Eligibility criteria are:

- The student passed/is passing the course AND
- The student failed the SOL test for that course by a narrow margin (a score of 375-399) OR
- The student failed the SOL test for that course due to extenuating circumstances OR
- The student failed to sit for the SOL test for legitimate reasons

In order for your child to take advantage of this retest opportunity, the Virginia Department of Education requires that we provide you with informed consent and that we obtain your signature, which documents your agreement to retest. Please read the statements below:

- I understand that any SOL retake opportunity is optional and will not impact my child’s course grade, promotion or academic record.
- I understand that I may revoke permission at any time.
- I understand that this signed letter must be returned to my child’s school prior to retesting.

Expeditied retakes for students taking End-of-Course (EOC) assessments, typically Algebra I, Geometry or Algebra II for middle school students are addressed in legislation which does not require parent permission.

The grade 8 Writing SOL test is exempt from any expedited retake opportunities as the time required to hand score student short-papers prevents a quick retest.

If you have questions about this letter or would like to discuss this decision further, please contact your child’s Assistant Principal.

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Student Name:

☐ I give permission for my child to retake any of the SOL test(s) for which he/she is eligible.

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☐ I give permission for my child to retake only the SOL test(s) specified here: ______________________________

☐ I do not give permission for my child to retake any SOL test(s).

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Parent/Guardian Signature          Date

Cc: Student’s Scholastic Record
Escuelas públicas del condado de Loudoun
Round Hill Center
Departamento de Servicios Educativos
20 High Street
Round Hill, VA 20141

Mayo de 2019

Estimado padre/tutor:

Legislación ampliada brinda la posibilidad a los alumnos de 3.° a 8.° grado de repetir las pruebas de los Estándares de Aprendizaje (SOL, por su sigla en inglés). Este proceso se conoce como "repetición acelerada", ya que la nueva prueba sigue inmediatamente a la prueba inicial. Los criterios de elegibilidad son:

- El alumno aprobó/a aprobar el grado; Y
- El alumno no aprobó la prueba SOL para ese grado por un margen ajustado (una nota de 375-399); O
- El alumno no aprobó la prueba SOL para ese grado debido a circunstancias que son atenuantes; O
- El alumno no pudo rendir la prueba SOL por razones válidas.

Para que su hijo pueda aprovechar esta oportunidad de repetir la prueba, el Departamento de Educación de Virginia exige que le entreguemos el consentimiento informado y que usted lo firme, para que quede registrada su conformidad para volver a tomar la prueba. Lea las siguientes declaraciones:

- Comprendo que toda oportunidad para volver a rendir la prueba SOL es opcional y no afectará el grado que mi hijo cursa, su promoción o su registro académico.
- Comprendo que puedo revocar el permiso en cualquier momento.
- Comprendo que esta carta firmada debe devolverse a la escuela de mi hijo antes de repetir la prueba.

Las repeticiones aceleradas de pruebas para alumnos que rinden sus evaluaciones de Final de Curso (EOC, por su sigla en inglés), como general Algebra I, Geometría o Algebra II para los alumnos de la escuela media, están consideradas por la legislación y no exigen el permiso de los padres.

La prueba SOL de Escritura para 8.° grado está exenta de todas las oportunidades de repetición acelerada, ya que el tiempo que requieren los trabajos cortos para calificar manualmente al alumno ampie que haya un nueva prueba rápida.

Si tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a esta carta o le gustaría analizar más esta decisión, póngase en contacto con el Vicedirector de la escuela de su hijo.

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Nombre del alumno:

☐ Concedo mi autorización para que mi hijo vuelva a rendir todas las pruebas SOL para las que resulte elegible.

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☐ Concedo mi autorización para que mi hijo vuelva a tomar solamente las pruebas SOL especificadas aquí

☐ No autorizo a mi hijo para que vuelva a tomar las pruebas SOL.

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Firma de uno de los padres/tutor legal

Fecha

Cc: Registro escolar del alumno