HARPER PARK WEEKLY NEWSFLASH

Tomorrow is a B Day.

Students should bring their chrome books to school every day, fully charged.

This Friday is Middle School Night at Heritage High School!
Varsity Football - The Pride vs. Loudoun Valley at 7 PM.

Our students have an opportunity to buy Heritage towels this week during lunch shifts for $10.00 – buy one and get into the game for free (sample is to the left). The chaos crew will have the same towels!

Our band will play with the Heritage Marching Band!

Reminder – all middle school students need to be accompanied by an adult.

From the SAC - Friday is National Good Neighbor Day! Dress like Fred Rogers or do something kind for a neighbor.

PTA NEWS:

Please join the PTA! They do so many great things for your kids and Harper Park! Membership forms were sent home in the first day folder.

Please register with Giant so the PTA can earn money that they use for projects at Harper Park. Use this link: https://www.lcps.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=2255&ModuleInstanceID=230165&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=280447&PageID=190915

Collect and send in your BOX TOPS – to the main office.

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Nicotine can harm the brain as it develops—which continues until age 25 or older!

85% of e-cigarettes users ages 12-17 use flavored liquid- menthol, fruit, alcohol, chocolate, sweets, etc.

E-cigarettes don't leave a smell like tobacco, so it's going to be harder to know if your teen is vaping.

In 2015, 1 in 6 high school students reported using e-cigarettes in the past month.

More than 60 percent of teens believe that occasional use of e-cigarettes causes only little or some harm.

U.S. middle and high school students use e-cigarettes more than any other tobacco product.

Parents – there is an increase in middle school aged children vaping or using JUULS. Please review the following resources.

https://www.edutopia.org/article/schools-respond-rise-student-vaping
https://www.lcps.org/Page/201538
What if.......

Your child is absent from Harper Park?

- Parents should call the Student Absentee Line (571) 252-2822 or email www.HPMSAbsentee@lcps.org and indicate that the student will be absent for the day. Please include parent’s name, student’s name, grade, reason for absence and date of absence in your message.
- If the school cannot be contacted, then the student should deliver a note from the parent or guardian explaining the absence.

The attendance note should be delivered to the House Secretary before homeroom on the day that the student returns.

- Assignments and make up work can be obtained from the teacher’s page at Harper Park website. https://www.lcps.org/hpms
- Students are expected to assume responsibility for getting work from the teacher.

Your child arrives late to Harper Park?

- If the student is late for any reason, the parent must:
  - send a note with the student, or
  - come in with the student, or
  - call the school to tell us the student is being dropped off.

Students arriving late must:
1- Stop at the Main Office to sign in and get a pass,
2- Stop by the House Secretary and let her know they have arrived, and
3- Show the pass to the teacher when entering class.

Your child needs to ride a different p.m. bus for one day?

- All bus notes must be presented to the House Secretary before homeroom. (Please do not rely on email as a valid form of permission.)
- Parent must send a written note requesting permission for student to ride a different bus or to accompany a “walker” to their home after school. The note should include:

1 - the date,
2 - your child’s name,
3 - the bus number,
4 - the name of the student with whom your child is riding or walking and
5 - a parent or guardian signature.

Your child needs an early dismissal?

- All early dismissal notes must be presented to the House Secretary before homeroom. (Please do not rely on email as a valid form of permission.)
- When an early dismissal is necessary, the parent should send a note to request an early dismissal from school. The note should include:

1 - the date,
2 - the student’s name,
3 - the time requested for the early dismissal,
4 - the reason for the dismissal, and
5 - the parent or guardian signature.

Your child needs money in his/her lunch account?

- Money may be added online by visiting www.lcpshealthycafe.org parent page. See ‘payment options.’
- Students may deposit money by taking cash or a personal check to the cafeteria prior to homeroom on any school day.

Please note: All visitors must have a valid photo ID to gain entry to the school during regular school hours.

BE THERE!  BE READY!  BE KIND!
Science Olympiad
The Nation's Most Exciting K-12 Science Competition

Do you love STEM !!!

Do you want to explore hands on science experiments
Build your own roller-coaster
Design and build an original computer game

Consider joining Harper Park's Science Olympiad Competition Team

Parent and student information and sign up – Harper Park Library, September 27 @ 7:00PM

Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education, increasing male, female and minority interest in science, creating a technologically-literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers.

Science Olympiad is committed to:

- Developing hands-on, standards-aligned STEM content with industry and education partners
- Providing volunteers and mentors a platform to share subject-matter expertise in relevant STEM topic areas
- Creating opportunities for student teamwork, problem solving and collaboration
- Recognizing outstanding achievement by students and teachers
- Encouraging male, female and minority students to enroll in STEM courses
- Building a strong STEM workforce