

Har-Bur Happenings

February 16, 2018

Parents and Guardians,

As you read this I am enjoying an amazing trip to Montreal and Quebec with over 70 of our wonderful 8th grade students! Hopefully the weather is giving us a bit of a break. February has certainly challenged us already with a steady mix of ice and snow. Please review all of the details below, there is some important information about upcoming events including the annual Chess Tournament, Relay for Life, the New England Music Festival, and a last push for more 8th grade students to join us in Washington D.C.

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming three day weekend.

Chris Rau
Campus Principal

Valuable Information and Reminders:

- **Yearbook:** Yearbook sales started Monday January 22 and will end on March 19. Forms are now available. Yearbooks cost \$20. Payment can be made with cash or a check made payable to Har-Bur Middle School. Everything should be handed in to homeroom teachers.
- **Talent Show:** Talent Show time has finally arrived! Time to start thinking about your act for the Talent Show. Auditions are occurring on March 9th this year. Any family friendly performance acts are welcome to audition. Informational packets including permission forms can be found on Ms. Treggor's bulletin board or on her website. See Ms. Treggor for more details.
- **Chess Tournament** - Once again, the Make a Mark foundation is hosting its annual chess tournament. The event will take place on March 3rd with a registration deadline of March 1st. All of the details can be found in this attached flyer! **Make a Mark Chess Tournament Flyer**
- **STEM Shirts:** Region 10 will once again be celebrating STEM in late April with our STEM and Stratostar launch day. T-Shirts are available for purchase. All of the details about ordering shirts can be found in the attached flyer.
- **PTA Fundraiser:** The Har-Bur PTA's annual fundraiser of popular Butter Braids, now called Kansas Maid braided pastry, and Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough is underway! Also included is savory, frozen Italian bread and caramel or cinnamon sweet rolls! Delicious and easy to prepare for special occasions or any time! The sale runs now until Friday, March 2nd, and mark your calendars, delivery will be on Tuesday, March 20th just in time for Easter! The funds raised will go towards enrichment activities for every grade and other needs for our school!
*All students should have received an order form, but *if* for some reason one didn't arrive at your house or you need an extra...please see the attached order form.

- **Coalition Update:** The Region 10 Coalition will be updating the Safe Parent Party Registry, found on the Regional School District 10 Website, in February. The Safe Parent Party Registry is a list of parents who support our efforts and agree to not allow underage drinking or drug use at their homes. By being on the registry, parents are telling the community that if students gather at their home, they are *making a commitment to provide supervision and to not allow any alcohol or drugs*. If your child is going to the home of a friend whose parents are listed, you can use the parent's email from the registry to make sure it will be a safe event. The registry is an important part of what the Region 10 Coalition does; recently youth in the area have reported increasingly accessing alcohol in their homes, either with or without parent permission. If you wish to join the registry, or would like to know more about the Region 10 Coalition, please send an email to sara.osborne@mccallcenterct.org.
- **Relay For Life:** Relay For Life of Farmington Valley reached a new milestone last year with the help of 60 students and their parents from Har-Bur Middle School. The 2017 Relay held in May raised \$498,000 to support the work of the American Cancer Society. The 60 students and their parents from Har-Bur raised nearly \$10,000 which is a significant contribution to the total for students from a school participating in the Relay for the first time. Lewis Mills students have participated in the Relay for many years and last year raised an amazing \$46,800. The \$498,000 raised has resulted in the Relay being recognized by the American Cancer Society as being number 12 of the 4000 Relays across the United States and number 1 in New England.

This year's Relay will be held the weekend of May 19th and 20th. Although Relay teams can be formed at any time, recruiting for Har-Bur Middle School students to form teams will begin with a presentation to students on **February 22nd**. Please read the attached flyer for all the details.

- **Needed: Host Families:** This spring, Lewis Mills High School will be hosting the New England Music Festival, March 15 - 17. This event brings talented music students from all over New England to rehearse and perform in several concerts Saturday night, including Concert Band, Orchestra & Chorus. This is a unique opportunity that is offered to only a couple of schools around New England and LSM has been selected to host this year's festival. One of the opportunities associated with hosting the event, is that the students stay with host families in the local community during the festival. This is where you come in! As festival hosts, we are looking for local families willing to house two or more students for the 3 day event.

The commitment is minimal; 2 nights (Thursday & Friday), 2 breakfasts (Friday & Saturday) & 1 dinner (Friday night). You do not need an extra bedroom. A couch, blow-up mattress or even the floor will do. The kids can bring sleeping bags and pillows. They just need a place to stay and transportation to and from the school.

As of right now we have placed a little more than 1/2 of the students we need to house so your support is needed to help make this festival a success. Please consider becoming a host family. If you are interested, additional information can be found at the LSMBB website: <http://www.lsmbb.org/2018-nemfa-housing.html> or feel free to contact Melissa Pelchar with any questions you may have at nemfahousing@lsmbb.org.

We appreciate your consideration and support of the Region 10 Music department.

- **School Trips:** We are continuing with registration for one of the 8th grade trips:

The trip to Washington DC is the Wednesday-Saturday before Memorial Day. **The first bus is full but we would love to take a second bus!** We must have 70 students before we can take a second bus and as of now we need at least 10 more students to enroll. **The deadline for a final decision is February 26th!** To sign up for this trip the phone # is 888-333-9756. The tour number for the DC trip is 1974357EV. Because there is a waiting list for the second bus, the registration must be done over the phone.

Schedule for the Next Few Weeks

Our school has a six-day rotating schedule. If we miss a day of school for weather, we also skip that day in the rotation. Below is our coming day rotation.

February	19	20	21	22	23
Rotation Day	No School	2	3	4	5
February	26	27	28	March 1 st	March 2 nd
Rotation Day	6	1	2	3	4

Important dates to remember

February 14th - 18th - Quebec Field Trip

February 19th - Presidents Day - No School

February 22nd - Relay for Life - Student Meeting - cafeteria - 3 pm (snow date - 2/27)

February 26th - March 15th - PTA Fundraiser - Butter braids

March 7th - Bermuda Mandatory Student / Parent Meeting 5:45 p.m.

March 9th - Talent Show Auditions (by appointment)

March 11th - Bermuda Snorkel Practice Torrington YMCA 11 am

March 14th - Relay for Life Parent Meeting 6 pm

March 16th - No School PD Day

Contact Information - Have questions for us? Here are some quick contacts. Information for all teachers and staff is available on the Region 10 website: region10oct.org.

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