

## Har-Bur Happenings

### Two Great Towns. One Awesome School. Endless Opportunities...

Good Morning and Happy Spring Break!

Relay for Life is the major fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life of Farmington Valley has been very successful. Students from Har-Bur Middle School have been a big part of that success. In the past four years, almost 450 Har-Bur students have joined fundraising teams and have participated in the Relay to raise money, celebrate cancer survivors, caregivers and remember those who have passed from the disease. Last year with the need to reprioritize our lives, Relay for Life and other fundraisers needed to be reduced however Relay still raised an amazing \$155,000. With a "light at the end of the tunnel", the Relay's Event Leadership Team is planning a Relay for July 31 when, if safe, they will have a festive and successful Relay. Recruiting for the Relay has started. Please look at the attachment below for more information. If you have any questions regarding Relay For Life please reach out to Dr. Harvey Dutil, Team Recruitment Chair at [dutilrelay@gmail.com](mailto:dutilrelay@gmail.com)

#### [Relay For Life Information](#)

Two additional Notes: The School Office will be open normal hours next week Monday-Wednesday. It will be closed Thursday and Friday. With warmer weather coming, please make sure your children have water bottles as we have filling stations for students.

Have a wonderful weekend and break with your children!

Joe and Peter

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#### Information and Reminders:

- The State of Connecticut General statutes section 10-214 (c) requires that female students in Grade 5 and 7, and male students in Grade 8 receive a postural screening. The purpose of this screening is for early detection of curvature of the spine. The procedure for the postural screening is brief and uncomplicated. Your child's spine will be examined by the school nurse while standing erect and while in a bending position. If your child has had a postural screening performed by their healthcare provider and the current physical is on file in the health office, the school nurse will transcribe these results. If a spinal problem is suspected, you will be notified and

further evaluation by your own physician is recommended. You may choose refusal of the postural screening by providing a written and signed statement to the school nurse prior to May 1st. If you have any questions, please call 860-673-6163, and ask for Mrs. Belmonte x17310 or Mrs. Niedmann x17507.

- **Burlington Park and Recreation Tennis:** [Park and Rec Tennis](#)
- **Farmington Continuing Education:** [Youth Enrichment Flyer](#)    [DV Coding School](#)
- **Book Club:** All 5th and 6th grade students are invited to attend our next 5th and 6th Grade Book Club of this school year! The Book Club will be held after school via Zoom so that participants can participate from home. Our Zoom will be on Thursday, April 21st at 3:30 to discuss Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix. We will play a book-themed game of Kahoot and virtual Pictionary while discussing the book together. Multiple copies of the book are available and can be delivered to a student's homeroom if requested. Please email Mrs. Bohan or Mrs. O'Connor if you are interested in joining us at [bohana@region10ct.org](mailto:bohana@region10ct.org) or [oconnorr@region10ct.org](mailto:oconnorr@region10ct.org)
- **Temporary Distance Learning Plan:** The following is for students that need to be out of school for a short period of time. Students should access their teachers' TEAMS pages at the normally scheduled time. Teachers have the choice of asynchronous assignments posted daily with consistent check-ins during the time out, live streaming from class to the students at home or a combination of the two depending on the lesson and day. The tasks that are assigned would need to be completed in the timeline the teacher gives to determine attendance/engagement.
- The Technology Assistance page for the district is live and can be accessed at the following link: [www.region10ct.org/technology](http://www.region10ct.org/technology). To submit a Help Desk Ticket, do the following:
  - Go to [www.region10ct.org](http://www.region10ct.org).
  - Go to "Parents" and scroll down to the last entry "technology assistance".
  - Go to Other Resources:
  - Submit a Help Desk ticket
  - Fill out the Help Desk ticket and one of our tech people should get back to you. Please make sure to put in the student's full name, grade, and a description of the problem.
- **Schedule:** Our school has a four-day rotating schedule. If we miss a day of school for weather, we no longer skip that day in the rotation. Instead, we are "Pushing" the days. For instance, if there is no school (including no DL) on March 16th and it is a day 1, March 17th would become a day 1.

April	19	20	21	22	23
Day	3	4	1	2	3
April	26	27	28	29	30

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### **Some additional reminders for students:**

- Charge Laptops - Please remind your child to charge their laptop every evening.
- Students need to come to school with several pencils every day.
- Power School - Please check your child's Power School account to monitor his/her progress with assessments and work completion.
- Teams - Students should visit their teachers' Teams pages for specific Assignment directions. Please ask them to share these pages with you.
- Masks - Students should have an extra mask in their backpacks.
- School Lunch - If your child is ordering lunch, don't forget to pre-order school lunch here: <http://region10.ss7.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=466518&pageId=2323290>

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### **COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES:**

We appreciate everyone's adherence to the guidelines below. It is essential that students do not come to school if:

- They have had close contact (at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet) with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19.
- They, or a member of your household, have been tested for COVID-19 because of symptoms and/or potential exposure and you are awaiting results.
- You screen them before school, and they have any of the symptoms below:
  - fever of 100.4 or higher
  - chills
  - a new uncontrolled cough
  - difficulty breathing
  - a sudden loss of taste or smell

If your child is ill and will not be attending school (this includes students that are attending school remotely), please call our school nurses, Beth Niedmann for Grades 7-8, and Kristen Belmonte for Grades 5-6, to report their absence and the reason for the absence.

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**Important Dates:**

April 12-16 Begin Spring Break

April 20 State Assessment Day- SBA ELA Grades 5-8

April 21 State Assessment Day- NGSS (Science) Grades 5&8 only

April 27 State Assessment Day- SBA Math Grades 5-8

April 28 State Assessment Day- SBA Math Grades 5-8

April 30 Teacher Professional Development Early Dismissal 12:15 pm (no lunch)

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**Contact Information:**

Have questions for us? Here are some quick contacts: Har-Bur Middle School: 860-673-6163

Information for all teachers and staff is available on the Region 10 website: [www.region10ct.org](http://www.region10ct.org)

Principal – Joe Masi: extension 17558 – [masij@region10ct.org](mailto:masij@region10ct.org)

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Counseling Office – Karol Nicoletti: extension 17506 – [NicolettiK@region10ct.org](mailto:NicolettiK@region10ct.org)

Nurse's Office Grades 5 and 6 – Mrs. Kristin Belmonte: extension 17310  
- [belmontek@region10ct.org](mailto:belmontek@region10ct.org)

Nurse's Office Grades 7 and 8 – Mrs. Beth Niedmann: extension 17507  
- [niedmanne@region10ct.org](mailto:niedmanne@region10ct.org)