



HARMONY SCIENCE ACADEMY

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WEDNESDAY MAIL

10/19/2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In this Weekly Mail packet, you will find the following:

1. HSA – Second Annual College Fair Invitation (high school only)
2. Red Ribbon Week
3. Fall Festival & Health Fair
4. Picture Retakes Flyer (English & Spanish)
5. Basketball Tryouts
6. Upcoming International Trips
7. HSA Spirit Store
8. ReadStep Assessment
9. Art Talent Show

Upcoming Events:

- Fall Festival and Health Awareness Fair, Friday, Oct. 21, 5-8pm
- Picture Retakes Monday, Oct. 24 (forms to be returned by Mon., Oct. 17th)

Tutorials are mandatory, so please make sure that if your student is on the list and that they are attending their tutoring.

Science Fair - Harmony Science Academy organizes a school-wide science fair every year. Each student will have the chance to solve his or her own science question by doing a science project, a **mandatory** assignment for your child's class. This year the school-wide science fair is going to be on **Saturday, January 21, 2012** for grades 6 through 11. For more information or a handbook visit our website at www.hsagp.org

Harmony Athletic League Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for this Saturday, October 22nd starting at 8:00 am. Come show your support for the Middle School & High School Teams!!!

Parents, GO PAPERLESS! SAVE A TREE! This packet could be delivered straight to your Inbox!!! Just stop by the front office and fill out a form with your email address and drop it back off! There will be no need for your child to return the front page signed if you get it electronically.

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.HSAGP.ORG

Mrs. McAnalley, Dean of Discipline

I, parent/guardian of Received Weekly Mail including all the documents listed above.

Parent Signature

Date

Your child should turn in this page to his/her homeroom teacher on Thursday. Not turning it in on time will result 1 DPS point for each school day until it is received by the homeroom teacher.



**HARMONY SCIENCE ACADEMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT
INVITES YOU TO OUR
SECOND ANNUAL
COLLEGE FAIR**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011
FROM 12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM**

**RUTHE JACKSON CENTER
3113 SOUTH CARRIER PARKWAY
GRAND PRAIRIE, TX 75052**

aid majors
financial scholarships
College careers information
admissions
University
of NY New College
State San Washington

9th -11th grade only.

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER
24TH - 28TH



H S A will celebrate Red Ribbon Week October 24th- 28th. We will have a different activity each day to emphasize the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Monday- Students will be given red ribbons & pencils.

Tuesday-Students may wear a favorite college team shirt with jeans. (Education is prevention!)

Wednesday- Students may wear crazy hats.(Hats off to a drug free life!)

Thursday-Students may wear silly socks to school. (Sock it to drugs!)

Friday-Students may wear crazy belts & ties with school uniform. (Tie up drugs!)

Please contact Mrs. Younger if you have any questions.

pyounger@harmonytx.org



FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

To make the Fall Festival a success, we need SEVERAL more volunteers to help run the games. Please volunteer for either shift if possible. Thanks for helping us make Friday a great time for the kids!

Please return this to your child's homeroom teacher or e-mail jwittman@harmonytx.org with your information. Thanks!

Name: _____ Contact email: _____

Contact phone number: _____

- I can help with festival games from 4:45-6:30.
- I can help with festival games from 6:15-8:00.
- I can contribute a baked good for the cake raffle/walk.
- I can contribute in some other way (please specify) _____



Fall Festival & Health Fair

Rain or Shine- We'll be in the Gym!

Who: Students & Families

Time: 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

What: Fall Festival

When: Friday, October 21st, 2011

Where: Harmony Science Academy

You may purchase tickets early— before school on Thursday or Friday of Carnival Week.

**Parents:
Stay and join
us for the
Health Fair!**

- Darts
- Pumpkin Bowling
- Face Painting
- Toss
- Pumpkin Golf
- Toilet Paper Toss
- Cake walk
- Bounce houses
- Wheel of Fortune
- Funky Hair Color
- Concession Stand

Pop Bottle Ring

- Face Painting
- Nerf Wars
- Dunk Booth
- Glitter Nails
- Basket Ball Shoot

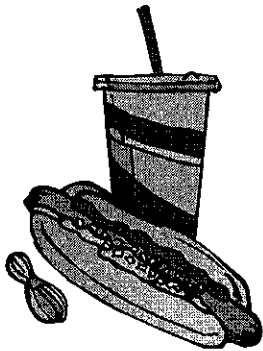
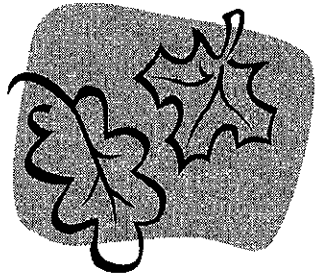
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Fall Festival

Phone: 972-642-9911
 Contact: Jami Wittman
 E-mail: jwittman@harmonytx.org

Be sure to come and enjoy the fun. Tickets are .50 cents each. Good family fun!

Fall Festival Donations



In order to make our Fall Festival a success, we need lots of help from you! Please check the list below to see how you can help.

Kindergarten/First Grade– Choose two or three items from the dollar store. (Color books/crayons/bubbles/sidewalk chalk/books/nail polish/lip gloss.)

Second & Third Grade-Bakery Items for the cake walk. Store bought items only.

Fourth & Fifth Grade– 2 liter bottles of pop.

6-10 Grades– Choose from the following list: paper plates, napkins, cups, chips for nachos, cans of nacho cheese or cans of soda pop.

You may send items to school at any time, just take them to Mrs. Younger's room. *Only send bakery items on the 20th & 21st so they'll be fresh.

Thanks so much for helping to make our school the best!

Contact: Ms. Wittman jwittman@harmonytx.org

PICTURE RETAKES ARE MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH!

Dear Harmony Science Academy GP Parents:

Did your student have their picture taken on Picture Day, September 15th and/or did you have an opportunity to purchase individual portrait packages? Picture Retakes are scheduled for Monday, October 24th.

If your student did not have their picture taken during Picture Day, please notify your student's homeroom teacher immediately to allow completion of forms to ensure your student is a part of the Harmony Science Academy GP Yearbook.

If you did not purchase pictures with the original Picture Day, it is not too late. You can have your student(s) take an individual picture during Picture Retakes. Your completed Portrait Order Form needs to be submitted to the Front Office no later than Monday, October 17th. The previous order form used for Picture Day on September 15th can be used for Picture Retakes. If you cannot locate your Portrait Order Form, please stop by the Front Office for an order form(s).

Students must be in their school uniform for all portraits taken.

If you have any questions, please notify the Front Office and you will be directed accordingly.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF PORTRAIT ORDER FORM:

- 1. Complete student information – First and Last Name, Phone Number, Homeroom Teacher Name, Grade and Unit.***
- 2. Pick Your Pose***
- 3. Pick Your Background***
- 4. Pick Your Portrait Package (Alpha) - A, A1, B, B1, C, C1, D, D1, E, E1, F, or F1***

ITEMS NOT REQUIRED FOR PORTRAIT PACKAGE – OPTIONAL FEATURES

- 5. Personalize Your PACKAGE (Numeric Option(s)) – 1, 2, 3 and/or 4. You must select a Portrait Package (Alpha) before you Personalize Your Package.***
- 6. Add Retouching***

Portrait Order(s) taken during Picture Retakes are estimated to be completed approximately 4 – 6 weeks after pictures have been taken.

Queridos Padres de Harmony Science Academy:

Su estudiante tuvo la oportunidad de tomar su foto el 15 de Septiembre y/o no tuvo la oportunidad de comprar el paquete individual de fotos? El Lunes 24 de Octubre se volverán a tomar las fotos si su hijo/a estuvo ausente.

Si su estudiante no se tomó su foto ese día, por favor notifíquese a la maestra/o de salón hogar (homeroom teacher) inmediatamente para poder completar la forma y así el estudiante pueda aparecer en el Anuario (yearbook) de nuestra institución.

Si usted no compró las fotos el día original, NO ES TARDE!!! Su hijo/a se puede tomar su foto el Lunes 24 de Octubre. Su forma para ordenar las fotos tiene que entregarse en nuestra oficina completada no mas tarde del Lunes, 17 de Octubre. Pero si usted ya había completado su forma para el día original que fue el 15 de Septiembre podemos usar esa forma. Si usted no encuentra su forma favor de detenerse en la oficina para tomar una.

Estudiantes tienen que tener su uniforme escolar para el día de su foto!!!!

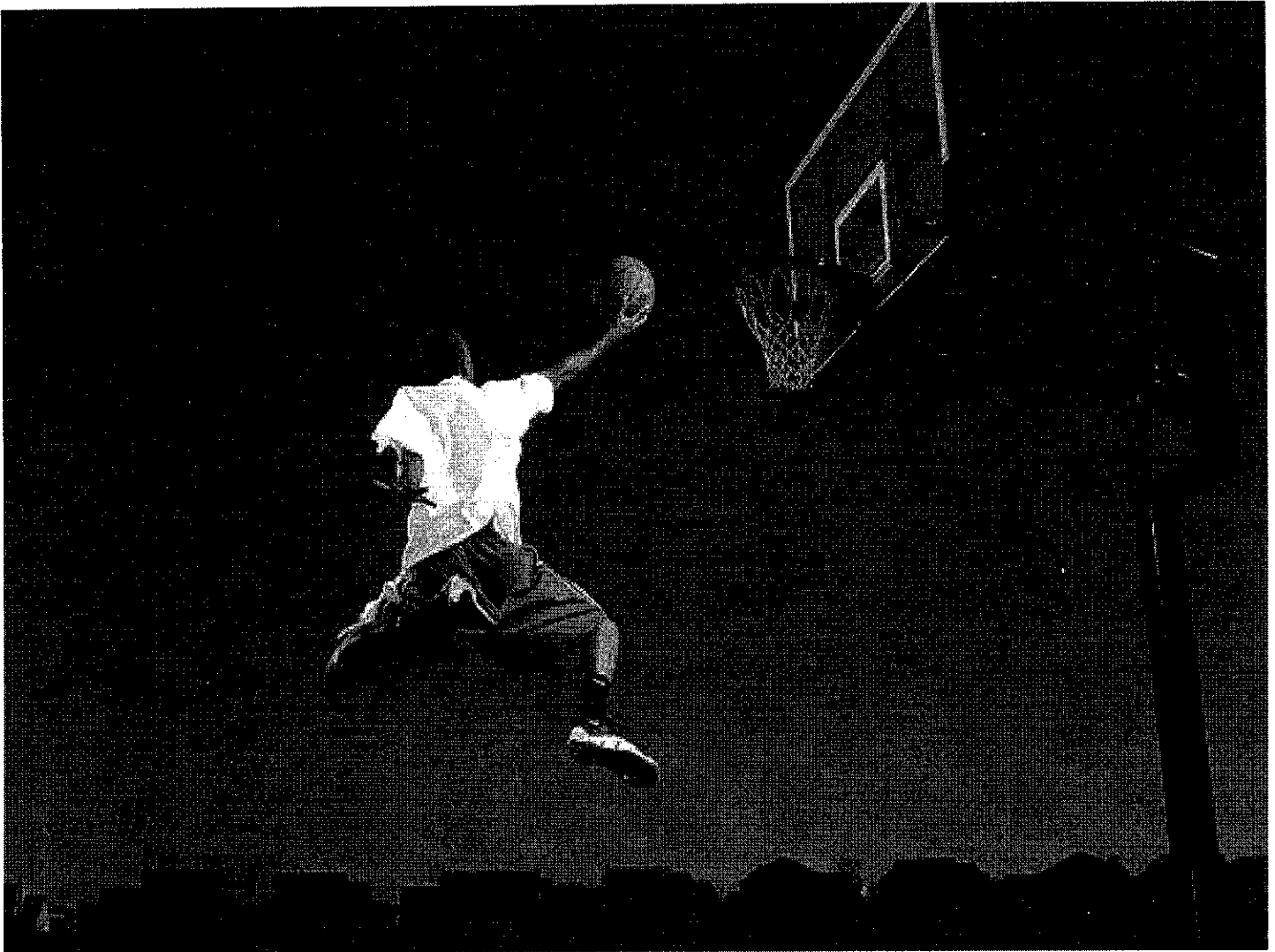
Si usted tiene preguntas favor de detenerse en nuestras oficinas!!

Instrucciones para completar su forma:

- 1. Complete la información del estudiante- Su nombre, apellido, número de teléfono, nombre de la maestra/o y el grado y la sección.**
- 2. Escoja su pose**
- 3. Escoja su fondo(background)**
- 4. Escoja su paquete (Alpha) A, A1, B,B1, C, C1, D, D1, E, E1, F, F1**
***OBJETOS NO SON REQUERIDOS EN EL PAQUETE- ES OPCIONAL**
- 5. Personalice su paquete (Opciones numéricas) 1,2,3 y 4. Seleccione su paquete antes de personalizarlo.**
- 6. Añada Retoque**

**LAS ORDENES DE FOTO QUE SE TOMEN ESE DIA TARDARAN
APROXIMADAMENTE DE 4 A 6 SEMANAS EN SER COMPLETADAS!!!!!!!**

HSA-GP BASKETBALL TRYOUTS



**LET'S MAKE THE
SECOND YEAR OF
HSA-GP BASKETBALL
A SUCCESS!**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

COACH KOERNER—JKOERNER@HARMONYTX.ORG
COACH ENGELHARDT—FENGELHARDT@HARMONYTX.ORG
COACH KNIGHT—JAKNIGHT@HARMONYTX.ORG

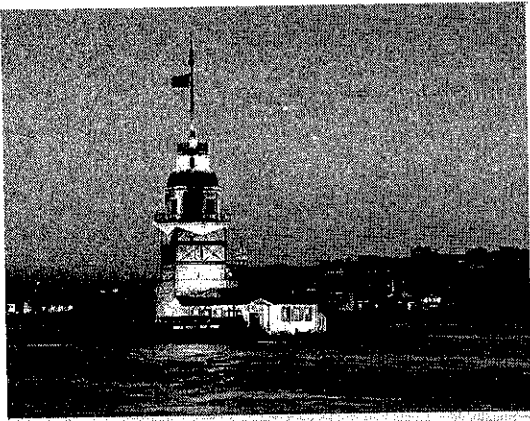
**FOUR TEAMS.
TWO TRYOUTS.**

MS BOYS AND GIRLS:

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
3:05PM - 4:30PM**

HS BOYS AND GIRLS:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
4:15PM - 5:45PM**



International Trips to Turkey, Canada & Mexico

SPRING BREAK STUDENT TRIPS*

COST for Seniors for Turkey trip: \$1,200** (including flight ticket)

COST for grades 8th - 12th for any trip: \$1,500** (including flight ticket)

Early Bird: Seniors - \$1,100, grades 8th - 11th - \$1,400 (deadline Dec 9)

Application & Deposit Deadline: January 20, 2012

SPRING BREAK STAFF TRIPS*

COST for Turkey trip: \$600** + international flight ticket

COST for Mexico & Canada trips: \$1,000** + international flight ticket

Application & Deposit Deadline: January 20, 2012

SUMMER BREAK PARENT TRIPS* (JUNE 2012)

COST for Turkey trip: \$900** + international flight ticket

COST for Mexico & Canada trips: \$1,000** + international flight ticket

Application & Deposit Deadline: March 30, 2012

* Please contact your school principal for more details

** Price includes all in-country transportation, accommodations, breakfast and dinner.

*** Detailed information will be provided on October 21st
(During the Fall Festival)

Harmony Public Schools, at their sole discretion, may change
or cancel event dates and details for any reason.

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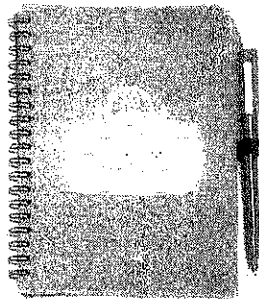
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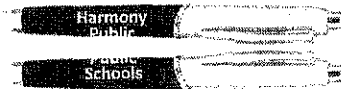
Canada

The Harmony Spirit Store is open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday in the cafeteria from 3:00-3:25. You may also purchase items in the front office at any time. Please stop by and show your school spirit with these fantastic items!

The money collected will be designated to our Activity Fund which sponsors fun events such as the Fall Carnival & Field Trips!



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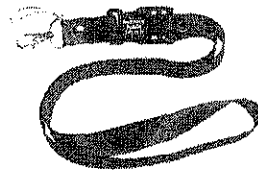


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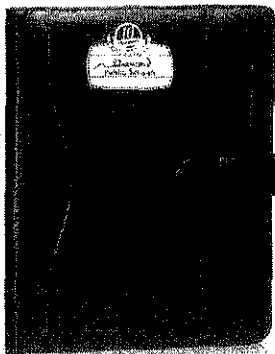


5.00

Much, much more!
We will have Fall crafts arriving soon!



7.50



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Plastic- 2 for 1.00





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Dear Parent or Guardian:

On Wednesday, October 26, Harmony Science Academy-Grand Prairie 8th grade students will take their first step to ensure they graduate ready for the rigors of college by taking the Readiness™ assessment. Through the Readiness™ assessment, you and your child will learn which skills he or she needs to work on and what types of classes to take in high school. In addition, the Readiness™ assessment will identify areas where your child excels and may want to consider taking higher-level courses, as well as areas he or she should focus on to improve academically.

Below is some general information for students and parents regarding this assessment. The faculty and staff are excited about this opportunity for our students and the Readiness™ assessment will help your child prepare for the future.

What is the Readiness™ assessment?

It is a middle school assessment that you take in class. It consists of three multiple-choice tests in the areas of Critical Reading, Mathematics, and Writing Skills.

What are the benefits of taking the Readiness assessment?

It helps middle school students prepare for high school and college and will provide you with important insight into your academic progress. It also provides feedback on those skills where you excel and areas that may need improvement, as well as advice on how to develop those skills.

How should I prepare?

There is no preparation necessary; just try your best to answer all of the questions to the best of your ability. It will also help if you get plenty of sleep the night before test day.

What should I bring on test day?

- Soft-lead #2 pencils
- a calculator for the mathematics test, is optional

How long will the assessment take and how many questions are there?

The assessment will consist of three timed tests (Critical Reading, Writing Skills, and Mathematics). You will be given 40 minutes to complete each test. The Critical Reading test has 45 questions, Writing Skills has 50 questions, and Mathematics has 36 questions.

What do I do if I do not know an answer?

You may encounter some difficult questions that you do not know the answer to. If this happens, do not get discouraged. If you leave a question blank, it will be counted as incorrect, so be sure to answer every question to the best of your ability.

How will my results be used?

Your teacher will review your results with you. This information will help you get a head start on improving academic skills and selecting courses that will prepare you for high school and college planning.

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Test Coordinator



YEE HAW!

TESTING

READISTEP

WHAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ReadiStep™, a low-stakes middle school assessment tool that provides teachers with early feedback to help students identify the skills they need to be college ready. • Developed by College Board professionals in partnership with middle school teachers and other education experts. • Results provide Skills Insight™— information on skills that students possess, the skills they need to develop and advice on how to further develop those skills. • Aligned with the English Language Arts and Mathematics College Board Standards for College Success™, a national model of rigorous academic content standards that states, districts and schools may use to vertically align curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development to AP® and college readiness standards. • Formatted in three multiple-choice sections — reading, writing, mathematics. No essays or student-produced responses. • Measures student proficiency relative to that of other eighth-graders on a national, state and school/district level.
HOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total test time is two hours, allowing 40 minutes for each section. • A user-friendly paper-and-pencil test.
WHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives teachers insight into students' academic progress and early feedback that enables educators to help students create a road map for success. • Skills Insight helps teachers and students identify skills that require further development and areas where students excel, which may demonstrate their readiness for more rigorous course work. • Helps teachers provide students with the guidance they need and enables students to realize that college is within their reach. • Helps create a college-going culture.
WHEN	<p>OCTOBER 26 Wednesday TIME: 8:00 – 10:30 (0 – 2nd period)</p>
WHO	<p>ALL 8 GRADERS</p>

Art Talent Show

Can you draw or paint? If so, then you should participate in the Art portion of the Talent Show! Please submit artwork to Ms. Bowie by Tuesday, November 8th. Be sure to include your name/grade and a paragraph about your artwork. The winner will be announced at the Talent Show on November 10th!

