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*NEWS FROM THE
OFFICE*

Harmony Extravaganza

Saturday, May 16th (rain date: Sunday)
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

If you haven't signed up to help yet, please do!
There are sign up sheets in the hallway outside the gym, or you may also give us a call (334-8349). We still need LOTS of help, some of it during the week leading up to the event, and we also need people to post fliers and bring baked goods for the cake walk.

The entertainment will be awesome, as always - our MCs are Harmony student McCarry Reynolds and alumnus Evan Voss, who will add to the fun with skits and magic!

12:30 Kids Who Rock (Loyal Family Band)

1:20	We Are, But Mannequins - Spencer and Brittany
2:00	Capoeira Angola
2:45	High Flyers Family Circus
3:30	Zion Crossroads

In addition, there will be delicious food (some donated by local restaurants) and carnival-style goodies like cotton candy and sno cones. And, of course, lots of fun and games for kids of all ages including a cake walk, face painting, tarot readings, nail painting, obstacle course, water games and more. There will also be a Silent Auction with a fabulous array of items from local artists & businesses. Many thanks to Teresa Smith, Sandi Kobyłka, Laura Marks, Mike Wysong, Leslie Cracraft and Sunii Snyder who are all working hard behind the scenes soliciting prizes, organizing games, making signs, etc. We also appreciate the support of our sponsors: Plum Creek Cabinets, Rita Heckard of HP Products and Bloomington Professional Carpet Cleaners.

We hope all our families will come and bring their friends and neighbors!

HARMONY SCHOOL GRADUATION DAY

Saturday, May 23rd

Early Childhood Program Graduates: 1:00 p.m.
Elementary School Graduates: 1:30 p.m.
Middle School Graduates: 2:30 p.m.
High School Graduates: 3:30 p.m.

We encourage everyone to come and give all our graduates a great send off!

PIP THANK YOUS - Special thanks to this year's PIP coordinators for all their hard work: Terri Loyal, Erin Garcia, Jena Hanes, Bret Davis, Syndee Earheart, Lorayna Sanders, Patty Johnstone, Conney Freese-Posthuma, Sharrel Boike, and Leslie Cracraft. Your assistance with organizing parent volunteers and helping teachers is invaluable.

We'd also like to thank our great crew of janitors who have been keeping the school clean and tidy the last few months: Sandi & Koby Kobyłka, Crash Elliott, Don Mueller, Geoff Pollock, Joe Hernandez, Charles Middleton, Brittany Luman & Spencer Kobyłka.

If you have time this summer, we could use help maintaining our flower beds & grounds. We also might need occasional help in the office, and Scott can always use a hand down in the

Development Office. Just give us a call if you have some free time to help indoors or out!

NEWS FROM THE PROGRAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Linda, Tim and Martha (3-5 year olds)

We've begun planting our vegetable garden, including tomato plants that we started from seed in the classroom weeks ago. The kids loved digging in the dirt and playing with earthworms that they found. One child collected a handful of worms and placed them next to a plant declaring that it will help the plant grow.

We worried about our developing chicken eggs after the incubator heated a bit too high one day and the chicks kept us guessing by refusing to start hatching on the day they were supposed to. You can imagine our relief when they started pecking their way out of their shells! A few kids got the special experience of seeing the chicks finally separate the shell in two, flop out exhausted, and fall right to sleep. For the last few weeks the ECP kids have been almost as insistent as the cheeping chicks, asking to hold them every few minutes. We also had lots of older kids stop by morning, noon, and afterschool.



A day or two after the hatch, several of the kids chose special chicks to write about in a chick book. Each gave the chick a name, drew pictures and wrote about the chick's characteristics. One wrote, "Maxi is a star," and another, "Jol (Jewel) is black with a dot on her head." Once the chicks reached a week old, we took them outside and the children could enter a small pen where they could sit, hold and pet the chicks. They especially enjoyed digging worms and feeding them to the chicks who would take them in their mouths, start peeping madly and running around. This caused the other chicks to take notice and immediately begin chasing the chick with the prize worm. The whole scenario

was thoroughly entertaining to the children who repeated it time and time again.

The kindergarteners carried out a spring tradition of visiting Michele and Claudio's classroom for a whole morning to find out what first grade is like. They were very excited to announce upon returning that they got to do Math. Of course we play around with numbers in the ECP, but they do real Math in first grade! Our Kindergarten kids also participated in the afternoon Earth Day field trips to places like Griffy Lake and The Valley of the Bluebells for nature appreciation. The Kindergarteners are now working on their Graduation Project Presentations that they will give on May 20th and Graduation "speeches" for when they graduate on May 23rd.

As usual, a summer full of activities is already planned. We'll hit the Bryan Park pool once a week and the playground more often than that. We'll hear music at People's Park, visit the public library and the IU Art Museum, and dive into Messy Mania at the Banneker Center where you can put on your bathing suit and paint with your whole body. Outdoor trips will include the nearby state parks, Riddle Point Beach, Cascade's Park, and Blue Springs Cavern.
--Tim, Linda, and Martha

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MICHELE & CLAUDIO's (6-8 yr olds)

Well, it's all over except for all the exciting stuff we do in May!

Every other year in May we study caves, and we go to three of Indiana's finest commercial caves: Squire Boone, Marengo, and Blue Spring Caverns. The kids learn how our caves are formed, and what the various cave formations are and how they are made. Our guides at the caves usually ask questions, and they are always impressed by how much our kids know. We also learn about cave creatures, and if we're lucky we'll see some of Blue Spring's eyeless fish and blind crayfish.

Of course May is Parent-Teacher conference time, and this time we ask the kids to come to their conference to talk about how they think their year went. They do so much growing and learning in these nine months! It's always a pleasure to celebrate that together with the parents.

Then comes the overnight (May 15th)-- Michele tells a scary story and we play a game of "Murder" in the gym, as well as playing the

famous Stuffed Animal Passing Game: On the long road of iron the train to Santa Fe, goes traveling the track with a cheeky cheeky chay! A pizza dinner, a movie and all sleeping together in two rooms, as well as a pancake breakfast in the morning, make this event great fun for the children.

The evening of our last day of school, the 22nd, we have our culminating graduation ceremony. All the children receive awards highlighting their achievements, and the second graders each read a graduation speech they have written. The children sing a few songs for their families, and we all enjoy a final potluck supper together. The second graders become official third graders, and the first graders become official second graders, ready to become the leaders of next year's classroom.

Many thanks to Erin Garcia for being our PIP Coordinator these past years. We sadly bid her goodbye--our loss shall be J&J's gain. Check out the links Erin has made from our website to material about caves for this month's theme.

Wishing you all a lovely May and a happy summer, --M&C

JEREMY & JO's (8-10 yr olds)

The last month in our classroom has been exciting as we wrap up some amazing units and get ready for our trip. Our authoring unit has offered the kids an opportunity to observe nature and use all of the writing tools they have learned throughout the year to describe what they are seeing. Some excerpts from this writing have been compiled into a book. You are welcome to check out the copy sitting outside of the office.

The kids have once again gotten super into the "business" unit in math. They have created all kinds of cool businesses and bought and sold from one another. Their homes are so cool with tons of new things in them.

But what we are all most excited about is our three-day outing into the great wide world. This year we will venture to St Louis, MO. Some of our activities will include going up the St Louis arch, exploring the zoo, smelling sweet and beautiful flowers at the botanical gardens, and going to the Magic House Science Center and more. After all of that fun we will make a groggy return to our hometown where will we rest and celebrate the end of the school year. Is this fun or what?! --Jeremy

SCOTT & KATE's (10-12 year olds)

It is hard to believe we are already into May as I write this newsletter. We have had an exciting year and it has just flown by. The sixth graders are getting ready to present their Graduation Projects during the first week of May. This is the

MIDDLE SCHOOL

culmination of their elementary education at Harmony School, so if you see them around, congratulate them on their hard work. Our graduates this year are: Dasha Beauchamp, Alia Britton-Grady, Corey Dadds, Morgan Dowell, Banyan Elliott, David Galuska, Eliza Goehl, Ivy Moore, Rivkah Moore, Molly Negley-Wenger and Jade Record.

If you didn't get a chance to witness it, team K&S took the middle school to the wire in the "Soccer Challenge" tying them with a score of 2-2. This was an amazing feat to witness as team K&S used great team work, hustle and courage to play against a much more physical and bigger team. The team members practiced hard for two months leading up to the game and their perseverance and hard work showed on the field.

With the end of the school year coming, the 5th and 6th graders will bid adieu to Kate Minelli who has been filling in for Kathy while she has been on sabbatical. Kate has stepped into the classroom and performed like she was a 10 year veteran of teaching. She has made amazing connections with the students and brought an incredible amount of energy and enthusiasm into the classroom. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with her, so if you see her around Harmony School, be sure to thank her for her time and effort.

We are getting ready to embark on our end of the year trip to Camp Palawopec in Brown County. This is a great opportunity for the class to celebrate the successes of the year and hang out together in rustic Brown County. The trip occurs on May 19th-May 21st. There will be information about the trip handed out at the upcoming Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences. It has been a great year in the 5th/6th grade and thanks to all the parents and community members that have helped it to be successful!
-Scott

Spring

by the Junior Naturalists
(Sam, Thaddeus, Lydia & Addison from ECP, Willow, Reed, Isabel, Isabella, Sophia & Fionn from M&C's class and Shafiq from J&J's)

*Strawberry fun while flowers walk with egg,
Wind is resting on clouds,
The sky touches the Earth
The grass hears the tree leaves
as swift birds cast shadows on stars,
spiders grow in the Spring
lizards and cobras, people on the water*

Kelli, Marty and Ursina

It is May at Harmony. This has got to be the most intense and rewarding point in the school year. For some students this is the first time that they have had to deal with so much at once. It is a time for immense growth and maturity. It can also be the time for a few meltdowns, but it is our job to help them through it and to allow them to grow. The fun part comes once all the projects have been presented and everyone - students, teachers, parents and friends - can look back and celebrate all of that growth

In the Middle School we like to celebrate the end of the year and our accomplishments with two events. First is the Spring Trip. As I write this letter we are preparing for our take off for Louisville, KY. This is my first time to Louisville with the Middle School and I am looking forward to the city experience in a mellow city. We will get a combination of outdoor challenges with rafting, as well as a city atmosphere with exploring Bardstown Rd and checking out the Louisville Science Center.

Next, we like to end the year with a Middle School picnic on the last day of the school year. We would love to make it a Middle School and Family affair. It is nice when parents bring food and reminisce with us about what changes have been made through out the year. For me it is a day full of nostalgia.

In addition to all of this fun we have conferences on May 11th and 12th. The sign up board is in the Middle School Hallway or you can contact Marty to set up a time. Students are expected at the conference. While we are in conferences, students are expected to work on either their independent projects or their graduation projects. They can either use the facilities here at school or at home, but we do not have traditional school the days of conferences.

Seventh graders will be presenting their projects in the afternoons of May 13th, 14th and 15th while the eighth graders work on their speeches. The eighth graders will be presenting their work the last week of school. We will schedule presentation times at the conferences so that parents, grand parents and friends can be there. This time of year is a great opportunity to touch base with your kids to reflect on this Middle School year and celebrate what amazing young adults they are becoming. Graduation is Saturday, May 23rd, with the Middle School going on at 2:30 p.m. It's a busy month, indeed! Have a great summer and thanks for all the support. --Kelli

HIGH SCHOOL

Sal, Jon, Emily, Paul, Tom

Before we move on to plans for the end of the year, we must pause for a minute to thank all the people who worked so hard on our Open House this year - especially Danielle Urschel, who sacrificed a Saturday afternoon to transform the student lounge into a fabulous art gallery; Berta Medicus, who worked so hard with Maggie Smith, Keya Sartin, Renee Reed, Jimmy Jones, Margie Churilla, Rachel Britton, Angie Dobbs, Conney Freese-Posthuma and Jenni Middleton on the food; to Harmony graduate, Isaac Clausman, who gave up a day at work to help us with the technology; to McCarry Reynolds, who seemed to be in three places at once and made many of the exhibits possible; to Jacob Ramones Hernandez, for the gorgeous graphic identity he designed for all the signage and publicity; and to all the members of the Press Corps, who worked with such dedication and commitment - thank you!

And we still have a number of events to look forward to! This week, the seniors have begun presenting their projects. Sarah Kolodziej, Alex Chau, Sierra Launer, Jane Kim, Josh Land, Monica Hofstadter, Hanee Jang, Izzy Jarvis and Lauren Hersch will all present before we leave on our spring trip to Asheville, North Carolina, on Sunday, May 10. (Returning on the evening of May 15.) During the last week of the semester, Nathaniel Riley, SeungMi Sun, Alisha Wagner, Michael Tiefenbach, Hannah Watt, Max Barrentine, Riley Voss, and Martin Medicus will take their turn. Presentations will be at Rhino's; everyone is welcome.

We will also be holding our annual History Night on Thursday, May 21st at 6:00pm, when a Roman banquet will be followed by the annual competition for the Herodotus Cup. We will have some impressive final projects on display, so please come to see your student's work and stay for one of the most fun nights of the year. Western Civ and American Century students are busy preparing their exhibits for it. Both groups have learned a great deal this year - as have the other classes in the high school:

Jon:

Algebra 2 This semester was a semester of breakthroughs. All of the students demonstrated a growing proficiency with fractions, decimals and basic algebraic expressions. More

importantly, many of them expressed a real understanding of more complicated ideas such as roots, graphs and story problems for the first time.

Analytic Geometry Having spent the first half of the semester working with systems of linear relation and the geometric objects they form, the final part was spent on a thorough review of the rules of simplifying expressions and solving rational algebraic equations.

Algebra 1 has now come to a successful conclusion. Students are well studied in all the fundamentals of simplifying expressions, solving simple equations and graphing solutions on the XY-Plane. Next year these students will have the opportunity to apply these skills in order to solve geometric problems.

Geometry In the first part of Geometry, students learned to identify a variety of basic geometric shapes, delimit their major properties and calculate side lengths, angle measurements, perimeter and area using geometric theorems. In the final part, we left the Euclidean plane behind and explored the idea of surface area and volume of three dimensional objects.

Emily:

The high school science classes have finished up with some fabulous projects and fun activities. The biochemistry classes have proven themselves to be excellent kitchen chemists! Each student researched, cooked and presented a different food to the class, so we learned about (and got to sample) everything from pickles and salsa to chocolate mousse and ice cream, while discussing things like protein structures, fermentation, pH, and trans fats. The classes celebrated the end of the semester by cooking lunches: an amazing pasta meal for our visitors from the Coalition of Essential Schools, and a curry feast to thank Professor Bob Togasaki and our student teacher Ruthie Watson, who both taught classes every Wednesday.



In alternative energy, students have worked hard to establish a tradition of Bike-to-School Breakfasts and celebrating Earth Day by turning off our lights and computers. Students have also been crunching numbers like crazy to determine how much energy we use at the school and how much we might be able to save. They are also working on proposals to get the entire school involved in reducing our collective carbon

footprint... stay tuned for the details! Thanks to alumna Devon McShane for coming to share her expertise in biodiesel during our unit on alternative transportation.

The CPR and First Aid students have passed the course requirements with flying colors! The class finished by packing up the first aid kits for the high and middle school trips. Of course, we are all hoping not to have use all these skills on our spring trips, but I certainly feel better knowing that some students are trained and confident in handling emergency situations. The students should be proud of themselves, as they not only completed the basic CPR and First Aid courses, but also the AED (automated external defibrillator), asthma, epinephrine auto-injector modules.

Paul:

It's been a good year. Sure there have been lots of ups and down, but both my students and I have learned lots, and in the long run that's what counts. As we get ready now for senior presentations, parent-teacher-student conferences, and the spring trip to Ashville, life is feeling busy but good. I am tremendously proud of all of the high school students, both for their academic work this past semester as well as all the little things that they don't think we see but we notice anyway. As I work with some of the seniors on their final presentations, I am continually amazed at their transformation from wide-eyed freshmen into young adults.

My first period class, Critical Comedy, ended strong with a series of student presentations analyzing various comic sketches in terms of race, gender, class, and beliefs. This course, along with Ethics of 9-11, represents so much of what I love about Harmony: it allows students to delve into sophisticated, meaningful material that is both relevant and interesting to them. My plan is to cycle these courses in every two years, alternating them with my music history courses. Next fall I'll be teaching Traditions of Music, an introductory ethnomusicology class that covers traditional music from Indiana to India; next spring I'll be complimenting this with a course called American Popular Music.

Next in the morning is my course American Language and Culture. With only two international students attending classes this semester, this course has been highly individualized and structured along a tutoring model. It has been very rewarding to see the strong improvement with both of my students.

This course is the most 'skills-oriented' class that I teach, and although I know I'll be teaching

it again next fall, I enjoy the fact that the class will shape itself to meet the needs of whoever happens to be in it.

In my third class, Cultural Arts of Latin America marks the end of my two-year cultural arts curriculum. Over the past four semesters, we have learned about the Middle East, India, West and East Africa, East Asia, and Latin America. Next fall we'll be starting the cycle over once more. Throughout this course I have struggled to balance the study of history versus the arts, of knowledge-building versus skill-oriented activities, and of the vast amount of material with which I have to draw upon. I hope that in future years I become more proficient at this balancing act, and also that the students who have taken these classes have learned enough at least to gain a glimpse of a larger world.

Finally, my Practical Economics course has given the current recession a silver lining for me: it's not hard to argue for the significance of a subject when it makes the front page of the newspaper 6 out of 7 days in a week. Most of all, I am delighted that my class seemed to really gain a bit of an understanding of why our country is in the mess that it is, and some of the pros and cons of different possible solutions. I couldn't ask for more.

Tom:

I have learned much this semester about my students and different teaching modes to instill progressive information and understanding of material. I was gratified to hear from Dale that the ninth graders were doing really well in Spanish. I have also been inspired by the quote from a PSAT skills manual that the makers of the tests reward students who know their parts of speech and can identify correct parallelism in sentences. I have enjoyed being the ninth grade students' advisor and gently hurry them along, well-prepared for Greek and Latin Roots next semester, to Emily's nourishing aegis.

Having nineteen Greek & Latin Roots students in one class worked out well this semester and we had a great time with the curriculum. I was blown away when students revealed to Elizabeth Retana, a visiting IU senior, what their ambitions were. I was delighted to learn after class that Liz has been volunteering for the past two years with Scott Hutchinson. Our students' future plans and interdisciplinary diversity were breathtaking and harbinger fascinating senior projects.

In Depth Psychology for next semester, I look forward to team teaching with Allison Baker who will bring more gender and human sexuality studies to the fairytale, mythology and Jungian

theories the class already tries to encompass.

I so enjoyed exploring new first-time class material with the fifth period Dada and Surrealism middle and high school students and look forward to offering it in the future because of its success with them. We chronoclutched back a hundred years.

Three golden shining moments this past month for me were: Jada B reading and talking for my classes for April's National Poetry Month and our Earth Day celebration; Mara-Lea's presentation on our archetypal origins for Depth Psychology; and, helping Jessi Musungu connect with gracious cultural icon Ann Magnuson to share her poetry and art. Congratulations, Dear Seniors. I am very proud of you.

OTHER REPORTS

RHINO'S ALL AGES

CLUB UPDATE

Spring is in the air and young rhino's thoughts fill with dreams of summer:

- The after school programs (mural arts, screen printing, radio, video, and The Antagonist) magically become afternoon programs once school lets out.
- Shows still happen every Friday and Saturday.
- Rhino's will be hosting Parks and Rec's Teen Extreme, Ivy Tech's College for Kids, The 4th Friday Alliance, and many other community youth activities.
- We're also the new home for the Spanish for Seniors class!
- Brad will be traveling all over the state doing trainings and events with other youth groups in Youth VOICE, the state anti tobacco industry initiative

So there is lots going on! Check out www.rhinosyouthcenter.org or stop by and say "Hi". Have a great summer. --Brad Wilhelm

REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The 29th annual Gene Flander Harmony School **Golf Tournament** went off without a hitch on Sunday. That's due to the work of Libby, Lee, Leslie, Roc, Teresa and our able volunteer Margie.

Community volunteers, mainly from the Cook organizations, help us as well: Miles Kanne, Heckman, and Dave Hurst.

Jake, Tony, Melody, and Haley at the Eagle Pointe Golf Resort were all extremely helpful and supportive.

We thank the teams for participating: Our sole ladies team, The Dolls, Sabin 1, Building Associates, Dave's Team, Sabin 2, Kanne's Krew, Cook Urological, Lennie's, our own Harmony School Team, Cook Team 1, Cook Team 2, Pops and the Dominators, HPS Office Systems, CFC, Inc., American Rental, Kanne Krushers, Venus Controls/Senior Planning, and, this year's winner, United Commerce Bank.

We appreciate all our sponsors: Gold—Lisa Baker, DDS, Cook Medical, United Commerce, and Barbara K. Siwy, MD; Silver—Gail Flander Jones, Monroe Site Work, and First Appraisal Group; Bronze—The Corwin Family, Annie Flander, German American Bancorp, and Ron Remak/Bill C. Brown Associates; and Goodie Bag—Bloom Magazine, Steve Cracraft/Bingham McHale, Baked, Funny Bone, Massage Services, Plato's Closet, and Rachael's Cafe.

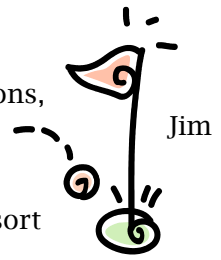
This year we had a sumptuous breakfast thanks to The Scholars Inn Bakehouse, followed by a light luncheon of sandwiches made with Bakehouse bread, freshly baked cookies from Baked, and a smorgasbord of snacks. Upland Brewery donated beer to refresh the golfers during the event, and Marsh Supermarkets contributed to the lunch fare.

Our tournament is renowned for its prizes, all donated by French Lick Resort, Eagle Pointe Golf Resort, Applebee's, Bloomington Sandwich, Café D'jango, Chapman's, Four Winds, IU Auditorium, Lennie's, McAllister's, Mark Pi, Moe's, Oliver Winery, TGI Friday's, and Noodles.

Special thanks to IU ladies golf coach Clint Wallman who worked with Teresa and Margie to make the event even more fun and lucrative.

Next year will be the 30th annual Gene Flander Harmony School Golf Tournament. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 2nd, 2010. All the staff and volunteers have promised to make it the biggest and best celebration yet!

This month, Elizabeth Retana graduates from IU and enters the Teach for America project. She has been my grants intern for two years! Her help has been invaluable.



I have also received help on grants from a committee with Leslie, Paul, Kathy, and parents Terri Akey and Rosie King. They have helped me organize and sharpen our grants approach.

Finally, I would like to thank to team of volunteers that have worked with us to make this year's reunion a success and who continue to work with me on creating an on-line community for the alumni on Facebook and Ning: Michael,

Jenni, Jillian, Sara, Ian, Marsha, Leah, Heidi, Crystal, Chris, Bhajan, and Sura.

All of you have helped make this a great year. Because of you, I am confident that next year will be even better for the Harmony family. Thanks, *Scott Hutchinson*

There's still time to sign up for Harmony School's SUMMER MEDIA ARTS FOR TEENS

Two week courses · 1-4 p.m. daily Monday-Friday

Cost: \$200 per course

Non-refundable registration fee: \$100

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10% discount for two classes; 20% for three classes

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1st Session - June 8th-June 19th

- **DESIGN** - Beginning Photoshop
- **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING** - Python
- **FILM SHORTS** - iMovie and Final Cut Pro
- **DARKROOM PHOTOGRAPHY**

2nd Session - June 22nd - July 3rd

- **DESIGN** - Advanced Photoshop

3rd Session - July 27th - August 7th

- **ELECTRONIC MUSIC & VIDEO MONTAGE** - Sony Suite
 - **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING** - Python
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