



Harding Herald

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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe the final month of the school year is already upon us. This year has included the return of many of our clubs and activities. The drama club performed Legally Blonde Jr. to two packed crowds in our cafeteria, students were once again able to participate in field trips, our civic groups such as Builder's Club, Be That Person Club, H2O and Gardening Club have worked to improve our school and community in a variety of ways. Additionally, sports returned to full athletic schedules with football, cross country, volleyball, cheerleading, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, wrestling, track and softball all seeing successful seasons of growth. The final month of the school year is busy with concerts, final exams for high school credit courses, and a number of other activities for our students. Below is a calendar of the important dates and information related to the end of the school year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
5/2 – 5/13	8 th Grade Dance Ticket Sales (\$10 cash only)	Study Hall Periods	Café
5/4 – 5/6	8 th Grade Washington DC Trip		
5/9 – 5/13	8 th Grade Dance Ticket Sales (\$10 cash only)	Lunch Periods	Café
5-11	Lakewood Jazz Fest	7:30pm	Civic
5-12	7 th Grade Spring Concert	7:30pm	Civic
5-17	Chinese Final French Final Spanish Final Celebration of Excellence	1 ^o 1 ^o & 3 ^o 1 ^o , 3 ^o , & 4 ^o 7pm	Civic
5-18	SEL Lesson – ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE Chinese Final French Final Spanish Final Algebra Final (Gray & Kocur) Geometry Final (Gray) PTSA Meeting	1 ^o 1 ^o & 3 ^o 1 ^o , 3 ^o , & 4 ^o 4 ^o -5 ^o & 8 ^o -9 ^o 8 ^o -9 ^o 6pm	LRC
5-19	Chinese Final French Final Spanish Final Algebra Final (Gray & Kocur) Geometry Final (Gray) 6 th Grade Spring Concert	1 ^o 1 ^o & 3 ^o 1 ^o , 3 ^o , & 4 ^o 4 ^o -5 ^o & 8 ^o -9 ^o 8 ^o -9 ^o 7:30pm	Civic
5-20	8 th Grade Dance (Semi-Formal)	7pm-9pm	Café & Gym
5-23	8 th Grade Spring Concert	7:30pm	Civic

Date	Event	Time	Location
5-25	Elementary Music Tour – Jazz Band, Harding Singers, and Strings	All Day	Elem. Schools
5-26	8 th Grade Science Day at Cedar Point	9:45am-9:30pm	Cedar Point
5-27	6 th Grade Semester Reward 6 th Grade Locker Clean Out	5°, 6°, & 7° 9°	Edwards Park
5-28	Music at the Parks - Cedar Point	9:30am-10-30pm	Cedar Point
5-30	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day		
6-1	6 th Grade - Kickball 7 th Grade Locker Clean Out 8 th Grade Locker Clean Out	5°, 6°, 7°, & 9° 8° 1°	
6-2	Last Day for Students - Q4 Ends		
	8 th Grade Awards	1°-3°	
	7 th Grade (Field Day, & Yearbooks)	1°, 2°, 4°, 6°-8°	
	6 th Grade Yearbooks	2° & 3°	
	8 th Grade Yearbooks	9°	
6-13	Report Cards Mailed Home		

We thank all of our families for their support throughout the school year.

Sincerely,



Joseph Niemantsverdriet
Principal
Harding Middle School

<p>Athletic Calendar go to: http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/athletics</p>

6th Grade News

In Language Arts, students are reading a class novel while reviewing and reinforcing the concepts covered this year. In addition to class novels, students are expected to continue their nightly independent reading. Through novel studies and practice assignments, classes are preparing for our end-of-the-year iReady Reading Diagnostic in order to show growth in reading ability.

In 6th Grade Advanced ELA students are continuing their study of the Island of The Blue Dolphins. They are also writing college letters to colleges they may consider when it's time. They are also finishing up their research projects on a particular person. They have also begun writing fictional narratives tying together their learning of the elements of fiction.

In Social Studies we are wrapping up learning about the Egyptian Civilization and will soon move on to learning about the Indus Valley and Ancient China.

In 6th Grade Advanced Social Studies students are continuing their study of the ancient civilizations. They are considering the most significant achievements with each and deciding on a museum exhibit.

The sixth grade teachers are looking forward to some fun end of the year activities to celebrate the school year and recognize the hard work and effort in turning in assignments by our sixth grade students. Some important upcoming dates are included below. Please be on the lookout for more information to come!

- May 27th: Semester Reward- Permission slips for students who earned the reward by having no more than one missing assignment in each academic class during the 4th quarter will be sent home. Students will walk to Dairy Queen and play at Edwards Park!
- June 1st: End of Year Celebration- Classes will compete in a kickball tournament after lunch. Information will be sent home inviting parents to join us for this fun event.

7th Grade News

Ms. Pollner - Language Arts - Students began April by working very hard taking their AIR tests. We then read the novel "I Am the Cheese" by Robert Cormier. Students enjoyed all the plot twists, and even though they tried their best to predict the ending, they were very surprised. Next we will read the novel "Long Way Down" by Jason Reynolds. This novel, written in verse, asks students to evaluate the things they do just because they have always been done that way and to look at the importance of removing negative habits from their lives and replacing them with positive steps that will improve their future. We will end the year by reading some short plays and working on some word logic puzzles.

Please continue to encourage your students to read for at least 20 minutes every night. Also, students need to pass at least one i-Ready lesson every week. Please check progress book every night for information about the material covered in class and any homework due dates. Please email or call me whenever you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all of your support this year. I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Ms. Baker, Ms. Carr, & Mrs. Kilgore - 7th Grade Math

We're done with testing!!! We are very happy to be back to a regular schedule. Students were working hard on learning Compound and Dependent Probability as well as some sections of Geometry involving Surface Area and Volume. Moving ahead students will be participating in their Probability Vegas Days! The students will be working on some projects for the end of the year, including a Dream Home Project, Selfieometry Project and Probability Archery Project. These projects are based on standards that the children have learned throughout the year. Please inquire with your child on the stages of these projects and make sure they are keeping up. Have a great summer!!

TRADITIONS

We've been very busy as we wind down our first year of the Harding TRADITIONS program. Our sixth-graders were mentored nicely by our outstanding eighth-grade mentors. We now welcome a new sixth-grade class who will be paired with 71 current seventh-grade students who will now become 8th grade TRADITIONS mentors.

Many teachers are giving assignments that will be included in the sixth-graders "memory boxes". Students will not open or see anything submitted in these boxes till their last day at Harding as exiting eighth-graders.

Sixth-graders will conclude their first year by making a permanent three-year mark when they sign and put their hand prints on one of the three green walls by the softball field. This will be a reminder of their years at Harding. They'll do this activity during their May SEL session. In-coming sixth-graders will put their prints on the wall this fall.

Overall, this inaugural year of the TRADITIONS program was very successful. We fully expect it to grow and welcome input how to improve. We're also grateful to the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundations grant to help launch this venture. We're looking forward to the Harding TRADITIONS program becoming a great tradition.

8th Grade News

In 8th Grade Math, students just completed their AIR test. They worked very hard all year and we are all very proud of them. Currently students are working on End of Year Activities such as a College Project, Ohio Summer Travel Activity and a Choice Board. They will have their final iReady diagnostic Spring Test the week of May 23rd. There are only five weeks left, so let's finish strong!

Algebra 1 students completed their AIR test. Their Final will be on the 18th and 19th of May. They will also have iReady testing toward the end of May.

Social studies students are looking at the growing sectional divisions between the North and South that were emerging in our nation. These differences included views on economy and slavery. We will look at compromises created as an attempt to settle some of the differences before giving way to violence and the Civil War. Students will end the year studying the difficult task of slowly trying to unite our nation during the Reconstruction period and the remaining challenges from this period in history.

ELA students are working on elements of fairy tales through the Fairy Tale packet. They will then create their own fairy tales. Students will then work in group literature circles to finish out the year.

The eighth science grade students will continue their study of genetics and the history of life on Earth. The students will perform a multi-day genetics activity to learn how genetic traits are passed from parents to their offspring. The Science Department is planning to hold our annual egg drop event that challenges students to construct containers to prevent an egg from breaking. We will also have a paper rocket launch as an outside activity. The eighth grade science field trip to Cedar Point will occur on May 26th. Students who have previously registered will be attending this trip. Information for this field trip will be given to the students prior to the trip.

Español 1 April

FINAL EXAM MAY 17, 18 AND 19

Hola amigos, marzo- March has flown by quickly and here we await the daffodils and tulips. Espero que no haya más nieve. (I hope there is no more snow.)

We are starting the final quarter of the year and Spanish students have just finished direct objects and direct object pronouns. Yes I know, we all hated that grammar stuff! But it is essential to the future of their language strength.

This final 4th quarter will include sports, weather, professions, household and other vocabulary, direct/indirect objects and respective pronouns, comparisons and diminutives and more. **A 3 day final exam in the middle of May**, will encompass all that we have studied, practiced and learned this year since August. Please speak seriously with your son/daughter about the rigor and intensity of a final exam as this may be their first of many that will be a part of their academic future.

We will review much of the material **but independent study of vocabulary and verb meanings must be undertaken by students outside of class.** The websites provided to students and parents at conferences and Open House are quite valuable for students to use to hone their language and vocabulary skills and I strongly recommend weekly visits for all students. **They are: quia.com; spanish.spanish.com; studyspanish.com; classzone.com; conjuguemos.com; spanisyouramigo.com; 123teachme.com** and more. Each website offers a variety of options to help develop various language skills.

I will soon provide study guides by which they can practice and study for the final exam. Please have a serious conversation with your student regarding the intensity of a comprehensive final exam. It may be the first time s/he has had one.

The final includes everything we studied and practiced during the entire academic year.

Start reviewing NOW!!!!

Thank you!

Señor Corrigan

7 th Grade families: BE sure to turn in Foreign language choices soon! Classes are filling up!!!!

H₂O INFORMATION

Good afternoon! Last year, we released camp information in a hurry with a shortened timeline. Principals at Harding and Garfield helped us immensely by emailing all parents the registration details. We're not quite in that position this year, though our registration process has changed and we're still recruiting for camp.

If you have a newsletter or email communication to parents coming up, would you please include the information below?

Registration is currently open for H₂O Summer Service Camp! Each session will feature eight days of programming that includes volunteer service, speakers, and fun activities with other Lakewood kids. Here is the link to register; it includes details and information about Summer Service Camp: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/h2o-summer-service-camp-2022-registration-313910614097>

Financial assistance is available. Please request to emmie.hutchison@lakewoodoh.net and I will provide a code to enter for a reduced fee. I am also happy to answer questions about Summer Service Camp.

Thank you,
Emmie

Emmie Hutchison
H₂O Coordinator



HARDING
8TH GRADE DANCE

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

7:00PM - 9:00PM

IN THE HARDING CAFETERIA & GYM

\$10.00 PER STUDENT

**Dinner! Dancing! Carnival Games!
Photo Booth! Class Slide Show!
Plus So Much More! All included!**

Tickets will be on sale during study hall from May 2nd through May 13th. Tickets will also be available during your lunch period the week of May 9th through May 13th.

Cash only, please.

Tickets will NOT be available after May 13th!

**BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR
PHOTOS FOR THE SLIDE SHOW!**

Please work with an adult in your home to select and send 8-10 photos to hardingslideshow@gmail.com. These can range from when you were a baby through present day. When you email, please be sure to include your first and last name.

Last day to submit photos is May 13th.

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE, PLEASE!