

Harrison Township

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Grades K-3
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Grades 4-6
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Transportation Appreciation will be held on Thursday, June 9th. Please have your child(ren) make a card, draw a picture or write a letter for his/her bus driver. Please let these important people know how much we appreciate their time with our kids!

Yearbooks:
A HUGE thank you to Lori Di-Verniero for our HTS & PVS yearbooks! Lori has spent hundreds of hours working on the yearbooks all by herself. If you missed this year's deadline, we apologize and urge you to buy your copy early next year as they are incredible. Her professional yearbooks are AMAZING; our PTA is truly grateful for all of her endless time and effort! Thank you, Lori - you're AWESOME!

Congratulations!
Our Teachers of the Year were honored at the PTA meeting on Monday, May 2nd. Congratulations to our 2016 Educators of the Year!
HTS: Mrs. Cindy Boyer
PVS: Miss Casey Heitman

Spring Party!
Thanks to all who participated in our Spring Skating Party, and to Anna Brown for organizing it. A good time was had by all!

Thank You!!
It has been a pleasure serving you as your PTA President; thank you to the entire Harrison Township community for all of your time, kindness and support these past two years! Thank you to the entire administrative staff as well as their administrative assistants for all of their unconditional support to our PTA, too! All of your help and effort are greatly appreciated! Finally, I'd like to thank the people who run our PTA. Each one of them is absolutely amazing – and I don't mean me! A heartfelt thank you to: Danielle Salario, Keith Czaban (our webmaster), Joanne LoPresti, Sonia Shah, Georgeanna Banks, Stephanie Holm, Sandy Reichert, Valerie Willis, Anna Brown and Melanie Smith; you made my job fun and I couldn't have done it without you. Honestly, these parents could run the world! They are absolutely fantastic and spend countless hours and endless energy volunteering for your children. Wishing everyone in our Harrison Township community the very best in the future! **Fondly, Megan Sakhleh**

Boosterthon Update!
We are still so amazed and thankful for all of the money that was raised this year during our new Boosterthon fundraiser. Dr. Peretti has prepared the following statement to let you know how all of the money will be allocated for your children: The PTA and the district administration worked hand in hand, with the teachers' input from the beginning of the budgeting process, to make decisions based on the needs of all children in the district. The results of many conversations throughout the budgeting process have led to a plan for a number of exciting purchases with the profits of the Boosterthon and the other PTA fundraisers. These planned purchases include a new server for PVS, IPADs to enhance the student tablet purchase for HTS and playground equipment. Playground equipment will also be the goal for PTA fund raising for the 2016-2017 school year. As always, the district staff and administration want to extend their heartfelt thanks to the PTA for their continued support of our students.

Important Dates

Crazy Hair Day—PVS	20
Kindergarten Track & Field Day	25
Spring PVS Band Concert	26
Grade 1 Track & Field Day	27
School Closed—Memorial Day	30
PVS School Store	31

Thank you to all those who helped make the Mother/Son Dance a success this year! This event would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Linda Turk, Sarah Amato, Janette Coslop and Amy Reuter. Without them I could not pull together all that goes into running such a HUGE event. DJ, games, flowers, food, volunteers, the list goes on and on when planning these events and these women are excited and always looking at new and better ways to do things. Also, thank you to all those who volunteered - dads, moms, Marcey DiGiacomo and NHS students from Clearview. Without your help these events would not be possible as they could not be run with just 5 of us alone! Thank you to the Mothers and their Sons for attending and I hope you had a great time! **Melanie Smith**

Open PTA Board Positions!
The PTA is seeking volunteers to help with some committees next year. The open positions are: Donations (2-3 people needed), Teacher Appreciation Committee, Baking Committee, Dr. Seuss Event, and School Store for HTS and PVS, and Room Parent Coordinator for HTS. If you have any interest in helping, please email volunteers@HarrisonPTA.org. Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week

A HUGE thank you to Jayne Gandy and Sonia Shah for an absolutely AMAZING week of gratitude for our staff. These co-chairs spoil our wonderful Harrison Township employees each year and this year was the most amazing ever! Thank you to everyone who made this event an overwhelming success: the room parents, all of the parents for their generous donations, the local businesses who donated food or items for the raffle at each school and a special thank you to Marino's and Blue Plate for their delicious contributions! If you're looking to chair this event next year, please let the PTA know as these two superwomen are unable to do it next year. Thank you for your endless time and effort with this event; you're both AWESOME!

John O'Sullivan—*Changing the Game*

A special thanks to Jayne Gandy for organizing the wonderful presentation by John O'Sullivan on Wednesday, April 27th at Clearview High School; his talk was phenomenal! This event was sponsored by Harrison Township PTA, Harrison Soccer Club, Clearview Youth Field Hockey, Harrison Township Little League, Clearview Junior Wrestling, Wenonah Athletic Association, My Serve Tennis, Clearview Youth Volleyball, Clearview Youth Basketball, Mantua Soccer, and Clearview Lacrosse. Thanks to all who attended as well as Jayne for making it happen!

As lead for the PANTHERS fundraising this year, I want to thank everyone who participated in the fundraising events. Whether you came to Bag Bingo, purchased a PANTHER card, went to Landmark for dinner or bought a mum. Every little bit that you did, helped what we were doing for the Sixth grade class of 2016. A special thank you goes out first and foremost to my family and friends. Thanks to my husband Brian and my children Brian and Gavin for putting up with the countless hours I spent working on projects, time I didn't spend with you. Thank you to all of my friends for listening to my constant whining. Thanks to all of those who put many, many hours into various projects: Lori Downing, Jill Higgins, Lisa Pirotta, Martha Duffey, Danielle Kierland, Jen Waldeman, Kristin DeSimone, Mary Damiri, Amy Puckett, Jen Schwartz, Dana Savvas, Jess Royer, Kris Visalli and the countless others (if I did not mention you by name I am truly sorry) who have lent their time and energy, without you the PANTHERS would not be possible. Thanks to Meghan Sakhleh, Danielle Salario and Keith, Georgeanna Banks, Michelle Brown, Mrs. Heenan, Ms. Porter and the PTA for all your input and help during this year. Thank you to all of the business that donated toward our fundraising. I wish you and your children a happy and safe summer. [Melanie Smith](#)

Science Fair

A huge thank you to Dr. Davis for organizing our 5th annual PVS Science Fair with the help of his wonderful administrative assistant, Nicole LaBuono, and Colleen Cassidy. There were incredible student projects, an awesome Hot & Cold Traveling Science Show by The Franklin Institute as well as learning stations from Rowan University's Math, Nuclear Medicine and Science Departments. Thank you to all of the parents, students, teachers and administrators who supported this endeavor!

Hi There Room Parents,

I hope you are all well and ready to wind down the school year! Coming up we have Teacher Appreciation, Track and Field Days, Class Parties and End of Year Teacher Gifts (optional). [Here is what you need to know:](#)

Teacher Appreciation: All gifts may be presented during the week of May 16th. Please make arrangements with your individual teacher to come in during that week.

Track and Field Days: Please see the District Calendar for your specific date. The PE teachers will be asking for parent volunteers. Room Parents will move with the class to the different events and ALL other parent volunteers will be assigned to ONE of the events. Plan on being at school from 8:30am – 12:00pm. Room Parents will probably be there a little longer due to the end of year class parties directly following Track and Field Day. PLEASE bring a cooler with wheels for water bottles, extra water and sunscreen if possible.

Class Parties: The end of year class parties will directly follow the track and field events. You will most likely be returning to your classroom for this. The PTA is providing pizza and juice for all classes. You may want to solicit donations from your classroom parents for snacks, fruit, paper products, etc. Sixth Grade room Parents should check with their teachers for specific dates.

End of Year Teacher Gifts: This is OPTIONAL. If you wish to collect funds for your teacher, there is a form you can use on the PTA website. Please remember this is OPTIONAL and you CAN NOT specify a dollar amount.

ONE LAST THING: The Room Parent Coordinator position for HTS is currently vacant for next year. If you would like to volunteer for the position, please email Jennifer Bowen directly dbowen75@comcast.net. It is a wonderful position within the PTA and tons of fun! Of course, that's only because you are ALL so wonderful and willing to do so much for our kids! You have all made this job very easy for us and for that we truly thank you! Jen and Christine

Enjoy your retirement, Mrs. Acton!

The PTA would like to recognize and thank Mrs. Pat Acton for 25 years of service in the Harrison Twp. School District; Pat has been an integral member of our district wearing many different hats over the years. She ends her career as Mrs. Heenan's administrative assistant at PVS. Pat, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your time and effort as well as the endless laughs! You will be missed dearly... enjoy your golden years with your family!

PANTHERS and Mother-Son Night

Thank you to Melanie Smith for all of her time and effort volunteering to make this year such a success for our 6th grade students. Also, thank you for spearheading our Mother-Son Night. You did a great job and everyone had a terrific night. You will be missed next year!