

Warren G Harding Middle School

Parent Newsletter

October 4th, 2016



Happy Fall Harding Families!

I would like to introduce you to Harding's Student Services Team. The student services team works collaboratively to support students and families.

Student Services Team Includes:

Tara Surprenant (Behavior Strategist) - tara.surprenant@dmschools.org
Michelle Bahnsen (Behavior Coach) - michelle.bahnsen@dmschools.org
Lindsay Wisniewski (SPED Consultant) - lindsay.wisniewski@dmschools.org
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Jessica Schmitt (Social Worker) - jessica.schmitt@dmschools.org

If you need additional support, please do not hesitate to contact me at joy.linquist@dmschools.org or any of Harding's Administration team at **242-8445** to schedule an appointment.

Administration Team:

Mike Pentek (SIL) – Michael.Pentek@dmschools.org
Maria Lantz (SIL) – Maria.Lantz@dmschools.org
Jason Snow (VP) – Jason.Snow@dmschools.org

Thank you,

Joy Linquist, Principal Harding Middle School

Reminders with Colder Weather approaching ...

- Doors open at 7:20am for students to enter the building. Staffing is limited until this scheduled time.
- Students will enter the building on the north end of the building before 7:45am. After classes begin all students and visitors must enter the main office doors on the South end of the building.
- Students must be out of the building 10 minutes after dismissal and off campus 15 minutes after dismissal. Please have transportation set up for your student prior to dismissal.
- Student drop off and pick up are on the West side of the building ONLY. Buses are located on the East side.
- Students are not to wear flip flops or slippers to school.
- Students must wear a uniform shirt to school every day. The Main Office no longer has polos/sweatshirts to borrow.
- 'LIKE' the Harding Wolf Pack Facebook page AND follow Harding on Twitter @HardingWolfPack

School Hours:

Doors open at 7:20am **Classes begin at 7:45am**
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Dismissal: 2:30 pm
Wednesday Dismissal: 1:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 10/4 & 10/6: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
Wednesday 10/5: 8th Grade Government Campaigns Begin
Thursday 10/6: Harding School Pictures
Students are NOT required to be in Dress Code this day!
Thursday 10/6: East Invitational Middle School Cross
Country City Meet at Ewing Park - 4pm
Thursday 10/6: 8th Gr Volleyball Showcase at North 5pm
Saturday 10/8: 8th Gr Volleyball City Tournament at Hoover
8am – A Teams Only
Monday 10/10: 7th Volleyball Game at Harding 3pm
Tuesday 10/11: 8th Volleyball Game at Harding 3pm
Tuesday 10/11: Cross Country Meet at SE Polk HS 4pm
Tuesday 10/11: Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) 4pm
Tuesday 10/11: 8th Gr Football Game at Saydel 4:15pm
Thursday 10/13: 1st Al Exito Meeting 2:30pm
Friday 10/14: Welcome Breakfast – Drumming w/ Families 7:30pm
Monday 10/17: 8th Football Game at East 4:30pm
Thursday 10/20: 8th Gr Government Elections
Thursday 10/20: Harding Halloween Dance 2:45pm-4pm \$3
Friday 10/21: 7th Grade Mentoring – Findley
Monday 10/24: Girls Swim Practice Begins
Monday 10/24: 8th Grade Term Assembly - Collaborative
Tuesday 10/25: 7th Grade Term Assembly – Collaborative
Wednesday 10/26: Quartet 515 – Featuring Mrs. Beyer
Wednesday 10/26: Harding Trick or Treat
Thursday 10/27: 6th Grade Term Assembly – Collaborative
Thursday 10/27: 7th Grade Mentoring – Oak Park
Friday 10/28: NO SCHOOL – Teacher EQ Development
Friday 10/28: Term 1 ENDS

**Al Exito will meet every Thursday at 2:30pm in the Cafeteria.*

Stay up to date with events, celebrations and important dates by checking our website often: harding.dmschools.org

At Harding Middle School We Are...

C – Collaborative
P – Professional
R – Respectful

Talk with your student about ways he/she can display CPR behavior at Harding AND at Home.

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Harding Middle School Vision & Mission

We at Harding have established a new vision and mission with our stakeholders. Our staff, students, Parent Advisory Group, and community helped to create the new vision and mission.

We are excited to share with you our vision for what we want Harding to become in the future, and our mission that drives our work daily. Please read the new mission and vision and partner with us to support it with action steps that are aligned.

Vision

To be an **innovative** school that **empowers all students** to be academically, socially, and emotionally **prepared** for life.

Mission

Harding exists to ensure a **safe space** in which **all students** are afforded **unique opportunities** to learn and grow.