

Warren G. Harding Middle School

Parent Newsletter - March 9th, 2017



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.

Incoming 6th Grade Parent & Family Orientation Night

Come with all your questions about Middle School!

If you have a 5th grade student who will be attending Harding next year, you and your student are invited to attend an orientation night. You will get to meet administration, teachers, student services staff, and have a tour of the building. Below are the times and dates your elementary school is scheduled to attend. Hope to see you there!

- **March 23rd (Thursday) at 5:30pm**
Moulton, Findley, & Oak Park
- **March 30th (Thursday) at 5:30pm**
Madison & Cattell

** King elementary is invited to attend either night.

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.

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:

Monday 3/6: Track practice starts

March 10 – March 17: Spring Recess

Monday 3/20: Class Resumes!

Thursday 3/23: DMPS All-City Music & Art Festival

Thursday 3/23: Incoming 6th Grade Parent & Family Orientation

Moulton, Findley, & Oak Park

March 27-March 30: CPR Assembly - *Respect*

Monday 3/27: 6th Grade Term 3 Field Trip

Tuesday 3/28: 7th Grade Term 3 Field Trip

Tuesday 3/28: Juntos Family Night

Thursday 3/30: 8th Grade Field Trip

Thursday 3/30: Incoming 6th Grade Parent & Family Orientation

Madison & Cattell

Friday 3/31: Term 3 Ends

Saturday 4/1: Harding Breakerz host DSM Youth Battle

Monday 4/3: Term 4 Starts

April 3 – April 7: Iowa Assessments

Monday 4/3: Track Meet at Hoover 3pm

Friday 4/7: Track Meet at North 3pm

Monday 4/10: Track Meet at North 3pm

Tuesday 4/11: Track Meet at East 3pm

Friday 4/14: Parent Advisory Council (PAC) 7:30 OR 8:45am

Monday 4/17: Tentative Soccer Practice Start date

Tuesday 4/18: Track Meet at Hoover 3pm

Thursday 4/20: Home Track Meet at North 3pm

Monday 4/24: All City Track Meet at East 3pm

Tuesday 5/2: Northside Orchestra Night at North 7pm

Friday 5/5: Steller Awards 6pm

Tuesday 5/9: Northside Band Night at North 7pm

Friday 5/12: Parent Advisory Council (PAC) 7:30 OR 8:45am

Thursday 5/18: Celebration of Learning

Student - Led Conferences

Friday 5/19: Northside Jazz & Percussion Ensemble @ NHS 7p

May 22-26: End Of Year Trips- See back for details

Tuesday 5/23: 8th Grade Promotion at North High School 5pm

Thursday 5/25: District Wide 8th Grade Formal 6pm (Cost \$10)

Stay up to date by checking our website and Harding Wolf Pack

Facebook page often: harding.dmschools.org

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Harding Middle School Athletics & Activities

| <u>2017 Athletics - Spring</u> | <u>Contact Person</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Days & Times</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Track & Field | Mr. Anderson Ms. Guetzko | Harding | Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:30-3:45p |
| Soccer (Boys) | Mr. Hruby | Harding | Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:30-4:00p |
| Soccer (Girls) | Ms. Schroll | Harding | Practice – M, T, Th, & F from 2:30-4:00p |

| <u>Afterschool Activities</u> | <u>Contact Person</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Days & Times</u> (Start time 2:35pm) |
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| Movement 515: Poetry Workshop | Mrs. Wilcoxon | Room 129 | Mondays until 4:00pm |
| Cultural Dance Club | Ms. Kendzora | Auditorium | Mondays until 3:30pm |
| Media Club | Mrs. Rudd | Room 249 | Tuesdays until 3:30pm |
| Harding Breakers | Ms. Kendzora | Cafeteria | Wednesdays until 3:00pm |
| Al Exito | Sra. Burleson | Cafeteria | Thursdays until 3:30pm |
| Art Pack Visual Arts Club | Mrs. Strait | Room 205 | Thursdays until 3:30pm |
| Spanish Club | Mrs. O’Neal | Room 133 | Thursdays until 3:20pm |
| Intramurals (6 th Only) | Mr. Coppage | Auditorium | Thursdays until 3:45pm |
| Drama Club | Ms. Stroh | Room 111 | Fridays until 3:30pm |

Athletic/Activities Coordinator for Harding

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End of the Year Wolf Pack Field Trips

Student must be a member of Wolf Pack on or before 5/19/2017. Each student who wishes to attend will need to return a completed permission slip with parent/guardian signature AND money for the cost of the trip. Below are details.

- **8th Grade WP Field Trip is to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City.** *The trip is on 5/26/2017 and students will depart from Harding at 7:00am and return after 9:30pm. Cost of the trip is \$35 for admission into the park. The school will provide busing and sack lunches.*
- **6th Grade WP Field Trip is to Old School Arcade.** *The trip is on 5/23/2017. Cost of the trip is \$10. The school will provide busing and sack lunches.*
- **7th Grade WP Field Trip is to Get Air.** *The trip is on 5/22/2017. Cost of the trip is \$10. The school will provide busing and sack lunches.*