

Roadrunner Rundown

Newsletter of the Harloe Elementary School PTO

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. PONOMAROFF

Construction Update

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

As many of you have seen, building here on campus has been proceeding at a great pace. We have two pads ready for buildings and lots of infrastructure has been updated to accommodate them. The plan is that the week of Nov. 5, trucks carrying portions of the completed rooms will start to arrive. The flatbed trailers that the buildings come on will be stored on property along the Farroll Road side of campus. On Friday, Nov. 9 – a minimum day – a crane will begin lifting the buildings on the pads and that part of the process should be completed in one day.

Our goal is to have two new wings ready to be occupied when school restarts in January. It's an ambitious goal, but we're excited that this phase of the project is nearing. The plan is for these two wings to hold Harloe's 5th and 6th grade classrooms.

At the end of the year, another phase will start. Part of it will look a lot like what we've just done, but the work will be on the east side of the school. Rooms 21, 22, 23 and 24 will be removed and in their place there will be two new wings of three classrooms each. As this work is being done, we will also replace 33, 34 and 35 (and the portable restroom there) with a wing of two classrooms and a restroom. Wow! Lots going on!

If you have any questions or comments about the construction please feel free to come by the office. I'd be glad to help.

Mr. Ponomaroff
Go Roadrunners!

Save the Dates!

November 9:

Minimum Day (noon dismissal)

November 12:

No school (Veteran's Day observed)

November 15:

PTO general meeting (Details p. 2)

November 19-23:

No school (Thanksgiving Break)

November 27:

Children's book author visit (Details p. 6)

January 14:

Coupon book fundraiser begins

Check the Lost and Found!

Make sure to check the Lost and Found bin, located outside the cafeteria. It's filling up significantly and all items will be donated to the Children's Resource Network, likely by Thanksgiving Break.

And thank you to the 4th grade volunteers who have taken on the task of bringing lost items to the Lost and Found and checking those items for names. Be sure to write names on coats, lunch boxes and other items to make it easier to get these items back when they go missing!

APEX Fun Run a Huge Success!



Thank you to everyone for participating in Harloe's largest fundraiser of the year, the APEX Fun Run! With your support, Harloe earned about \$30,000 from this event! This money will go toward field trips, field trip transportation, art and music programs, student assemblies, technology and more.

Students had a blast not only at the Fun Run event itself but in the weeks leading up to it. They had the opportunity to learn character-building lessons from the high-energy APEX staff members.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers for their time, donations and support of this important event. We couldn't have done it without you!



Thank you for supporting Harloe!



I can't believe it's already November! We have had a jam-packed school year so far with a lot of fun school events like Gold Day, Fall Fiesta with the Cornhole Tournament, Math Night, the Fun Run and Spirit Night at Jersey Mike's.

I want to take a moment and say thank you Harloe families for taking the time to make our school great! We have so many families that help in so many different ways. Whether it's volunteering in the classroom, at events, or any amount of time off campus, it all makes a difference. We also have volunteers who use their talents by creating things, planning events, chairing clubs, donating supplies or just helping out last minute.

It is so important to have that support from our Harloe families, teachers and staff, especially when we have our major fundraisers. We just finished our fall major fundraiser (APEX Fun Run) which of course was a huge success! Not only was it a huge success monetarily but also in building students' characters as well. The money raised from this event will help fund field trips, field trip transportation, art and music programs, student assemblies and technology, just to name a few. Money from these fundraisers provides some of the best educational experiences for our children.

Thanks again for supporting our school and let's continue to engage, challenge and inspire our kids to do great things! I hope to see you at the next PTO meeting Thursday November 15 at 6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria – it will be a potluck style provided by PTO. Childcare is available in room 1B, with pizza for the kids.

Sincerely,
Samantha Doornbos
PTO President

Dinner is planned! Join us at Flagship

Every Tuesday in November, Flagship Restaurant in Pismo Beach will be donating 5% of daily proceeds to Harloe! Kids can eat for just \$2.99, so join us on Tuesdays for a delicious way to support our kids.

See's Candies for the holidays!

See's Candies make great holiday gifts! If you're looking for an easy gift for family, friends or teachers, order See's Candies from us! All orders will be filled and delivered before the holiday break. Order forms will be sent home with students this month. All orders help support the 6th grade class in attending science camp this year. Orders are due Friday, Nov. 30.

This is not a student fundraiser, just an opportunity to do some easy shopping and support the school at the same time.

Questions? Please contact
JamieRogers1@gmail.com.

Thank You SiteOne!

A big thank you to SiteOne Landscape Supply in AG for generously donating soil to our school garden. The company donated well over \$100 of soil, mulch and organic mix.

Important information about upcoming minimum day

From Mr. Ponomaroff:

On Friday, Nov. 9, our school will have a minimum day to allow staff to go through a special training and conduct drills. Every Lucia Mar parent should have received a letter detailing the training, but here is a bit about the drill from that letter:

The Lucia Mar Board of Education places student and staff safety as the highest priority. All Lucia Mar Unified School District staff members are being trained in a Violent Critical Incident/Active Shooter protocol using the concepts and principles of ALICE™, a nationally respected expert in safety procedures. ALICE™ stands for:

- Alert
- Lockdown
- Inform
- Counter
- Evacuate

Teachers and administrators will thoughtfully discuss school safety with students and will reinforce with students their role in decision making and quick action in the event that they ever find themselves in a dangerous situation. The content of the delivery will be age appropriate, with particular attention paid to keeping the subject very general at the elementary grade levels.

Dogs at school



Even though they're mankind's best friends, Harloe has a "No dogs allowed on campus" policy. Long ago schools decided that it was too difficult to keep kids away from dogs and vice versa. Nowadays we have had to update our policies to allow service dogs and working dogs (such as the police use).

Please always check with the office if you wish to bring any animal on campus. We also urge you to consider those students who are allergic or just plain afraid and keep any animals away from the school entrance at drop-off or pick-up and discourage students from crowding around visiting animals. Even animals with a great temperament can get upset if 50 kids crowd around!

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

A big thank you to Math Night Volunteers

Math Night was a success with more than 150 students attending. Thank you to those who attended this fun and educational night. BINGO games were a big hit for both upper and lower grades.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, including teachers, parents and students (both from Harloe and AG High) for a successful evening. This event could not have been a success without your help! We really appreciate everyone's valuable time and effort.

Classroom special prize winners:

Saheb (5th grade)
Atoigue (2nd grade) and Sistik (1st grade) tied

Book character pumpkin decorating contest winners

Kinder, 1st, 2nd winner: Howie in Mr. Eastland's class with The Pigeon from Don't let the pigeon drive the bus.

3rd/4th winner: Brooklyn in Ms. Ruberto's class with Eva from the Owl Diaries

5th/6th winner: Ridglea (Ridglee) in Ms. Saheb's class with Maddilin Hatter from Ever After High

Group winner: Leonardo and Wyatt in Ms. Saheb's class with Wonder

Whole class winner: Ms. Ruberto's class with Tacky the penguin.

Volunteer Spotlight: Kristi Dibbern

Name and grade of children?

Aristen is a sixth grader in Mrs. Scudder and Mrs. Muhlhauser's class. Our daughter, Ashten, went through Harloe as well. She is currently working as a dental assistant and studying her prerequisites for dental hygiene school.



What do you do as a volunteer at Harloe?

This year I served as financial auditor for the PTO Board. I volunteered for Back to School Night, Math Night, Fall BBQ Coordinator, APEX Fun Run and Baked Goods Committee Chair until someone else wants the position. In years past, I have co-chaired Blues at the Barn, helped in the classroom, worked at the book fair, on the beautification committee, Teacher Appreciation Week, the Talent Show and organized the Goodwill trailer. I have held various positions on the PTO Board over the years. I try to be flexible and help out wherever there is a need.

What do you like best about Harloe?

November is a season of thankfulness! I am so thankful for Harloe. The teachers, staff and the volunteers I serve with are an amazing group of people!

What is one thing you'd love to see added or changed?

We have waited many years to see changes to the structures at Harloe. It is so important that the facility be upgraded. I am so excited that after 10 years here, upgrades will finally take place.

How do you spend your time outside of Harloe?

Most of my free time is spent outside. I love the Central Coast and all it has to offer outdoors. Exploring, paddle boarding, hiking and gardening are among our family's favorite activities. Our favorite place to be is at the beach, especially at sunset!

Why did you get involved in volunteering?

Volunteering is very important to me. I believe we are put in this world to make a difference. Each of us are given unique and special talents. Sharing our knowledge and talents with our children makes our community a better place. I love encouraging others to reach out and share what they have to offer. Harloe is an amazing school because SO many here care and give back to our community!

Upcoming Author Visit/Assembly

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Harloe is lucky to have award-winning children's book author, Ben Mikaelson, visit our school. He will host two assemblies for the student body. His many novels include *Touching Spirit Bear*, *Petey*, *Stranded*, *Red Midnight* and *Ghost of Spirit Bear*.

Most recently, Ben was recognized in *People Magazine* and on *Anderson Cooper 360 TV* show for the impact his novels have had dealing with bullying.

Ben is known for his in-depth research and the magical worlds he creates. His research has included flying to the North Pole, living with the homeless in Mexico and with the Masai in Africa, riding a horse across the United States from Minnesota to Oregon, boating the length of the Mississippi, driving overland from Montana to the tip of South America, over 1000 parachute jumps and racing sled dogs in Northern Minnesota.

For 27 years he raised a 700-pound black bear that he saved from a research facility.

If you would to purchase any autographed copies of Ben Mikaelson's books, a pre-sale form is available in the office or library. Books will be delivered the day of his visit.

Questions? See Mr. Ponomaroff or Mrs. Clark in the Library.

From the school nurse

Each fall your school nurse performs hearing screens on all 1st, 2nd and 5th grade students and students in specified programs.

Recent studies show that about 13-18% of children and teenagers have signs of noise induced hearing loss (NIHL). Parents can help children protect their hearing by teaching them that loud noises can damage hearing over time, it is permanent, and it is preventable. To protect your children's hearing, encourage them to: lower the volume, move away from the noise and wear hearing protectors, such as earplugs or earmuffs.

Lower the Volume. Set maximum volume limits on electronics. Sounds above 85 decibels put children at risk for NIHL. Manufacturers are not required to limit maximum sound output from music devices. Most mobile devices have outputs 100 times more intense than 85 decibels.

Move Away from The Noise. To reduce sound intensity and the impact of noise on hearing, increase the distance between you and the noise. Think of this while at concerts, loud restaurants, or near fireworks.

Wear Hearing Protectors. If you are a parent, carry headphones or earmuffs for your little ones when you can't escape sounds in movie theaters, sporting events, concerts and other loud environments. For questions or concerns about your child's hearing feel free to contact Harloe School Nurse Cheryl Caruso or your child's physician.

For more information:

<https://www.noisyplanet.nidcd.nih.gov/parents>