

Important Dates

September

- 13 PTO Birthday Book Lunch (July & August birthdays)
- 16 Title 1 Parent Meeting at 5:00PM
- 16 Curriculum Night (K, 2nd, 4th) at 5:30PM
- 16 Curriculum Night (1st, 3rd, 5th) at 6:15PM
- 16-20 PTO Lending Library Drive
- 18 Vision & Hearing Screenings
- 20 High Five Friday 7:15am
- 20 PTO Birthday Book Lunch (September birthdays)
- 26 Early Release at 11:40AM (3K students DO NOT attend)
- 27 Interims Issued via Parent Portal (3rd - 5th graders only)
- 27 PTO Movie Matinee 3PM - 5PM

October

- 1 PTO Meeting at 7:30AM
- 3 Parent/Teacher Conferences (scheduled by the teacher)
- 4 Muffins in the Morning (formerly Moms Make a Difference & All Pro Dads) at 7:15AM

Visit our website at www.lexrich5.org/hwes to view our most current calendar of events.

The 2019-2020 school calendar can be downloaded from the [district's website](http://www.lexrich5.org) (www.lexrich5.org)

NORMAN'S NOTES

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had another great week of learning here at Harbison West Elementary School. Our students have finished up MAP testing this week so, we can start to focus on each student's academic needs to grow. Students that turned in their summer reading log were able to celebrate last Friday at the Summer Reading Luau. This is one way we encourage reading throughout the summer. On Monday, it was amazing to see so many grandparents attend our grandparents' luncheon. We had approximately 110 grandparents participate. I know at one point I was helping put down more tables and chairs to accommodate our families. During the luncheon, I was able to visit with some of our grandparents and they all shared the same message. They commented on how great our school is and they are glad to be a part of it. By the way, they also shared they enjoyed the food. This is a huge thank you to our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Solich. This is just one way Harbison West Elementary School builds community. We want to continue to build our community by inviting you to our Title 1 meeting next Monday, September 16th at 5:00pm followed by our curriculum night. Curriculum night for Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grade will start at 5:30pm and 1st, 3rd and 5th grade will begin at 6:15pm. I look forward to seeing you Monday!

Best Regards,
Randy Norman, Principal

Health Room News

Student health screenings are currently being conducted in Lexington/Richland District Five Schools. Our school's vision and hearing screenings will be next Wednesday, September 18th.

Screening schedules have been devised to keep classroom disruption to a minimum. **This is a carefully planned, one day event.** We request that **each parent/guardian make an extra effort to ensure their student is in attendance on the day of their designated screening.**

The school health screening program is provided to find children with untreated vision and hearing problems. Any such problems may make it hard for children to grow and learn.

If your child does not meet district guidelines for passing one of the screenings, we will let you know and ask that you have your child further evaluated by a physician or health care specialist. **School screenings are not intended to take place of an examination by your child's healthcare provider.** Continue to take your child for regularly scheduled visits with his/her health care provider.

Please have your child wear any PRESCRIBED GLASSES/CONTACTS/HEARING AIDS on screening day!

Screening Schedule:

Kindergarten - All students (vision & hearing)

1st grade - All students (vision & hearing)

3rd grade - All students (vision & hearing) - Dental screenings for 3rd graders will be at a later date

5th grade - All students (vision only) - Hearing for students new to District 5.

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PTO & SIC News

Upcoming Meetings:

October 1st: PTO Meeting at 7:30am
October 8th: SIC Meeting at 7:30am

Message from PTO:

We have had a wonderful start to the school year! Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the first PTO meeting. I am looking forward to a productive school year.

Coming up next week is the PTO Lending Library September 16-20. Please consider donating your **gently used** children's books. For every book donated, your child's name will be entered for a chance to win a \$20 gift card.

September 27th will be the first **Movie Matinee** of the school year. We will be showing *The Secret Life of Pets 2*. This event is for Kindergarten through 5th grade students only. New this year, your child will have the opportunity to purchase additional snacks at the movie!

Spirit Wear orders have been slightly delayed this month due to an abundance of last minute orders. I apologize for the delay and thank you for the support. We will get your items to you later this month!

A big thank you to those parents who have signed up to volunteer this year! I am in the process of gathering all the volunteer opportunities and will continue reaching out to you.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at hwespto@gmail.com.

~Ashleigh Wilder, PTO President 2019-2020

SIC Nomination form:

Last week we sent home a SIC nomination form in the Thursday folders. Just a friendly reminder that these forms are due on **THURSDAY, September 19th**. More information will be distributed in the coming weeks about the SIC elections.

Read Your Way to the Big Game!

The South Carolina Department of Education is partnering with University of South Carolina and Clemson University to get students excited about reading. The Read Your Way to the Big Game contest gives elementary students a chance to win a prize pack of tickets and pre-game sideline passes. Students who read six reading-level appropriate books will qualify for a chance to win. Visit SCREADS.org for more information and additional contest details. Informational Flyers were sent home in today's folders.



BIRTHDAY BOOK LUNCH

On Friday, September 13th we will celebrate the July & August birthdays at our birthday book lunch. We will celebrate September birthdays on Friday, September 20th.



The PTO provides each birthday child a mini cupcake and birthday bookmark. The library gives each birthday child a free book!

In addition, library books are available for sponsorship in honor of your child's special day. Each book donation adds to the HWES library collection and costs around \$12.00 (Cash or check only). Any books purchased at the birthday book lunch are donated to the school library in honor of your child, and your child gets to be the first person to check the book out.

If you are unable to attend, feel free to let your child invite a grandparent or another special adult to help celebrate!