

Important Dates

September

- 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 - 4:30PM

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 7AM
- 7 REGULAR SCHOOL
DAY - Weather Make-up Day for
Hurricane Dorian
- 8 SIC & Title I Follow-up Meeting at
7:30AM
- 9 Fall Picture Day
- 11 PTO Birthday Book Lunch (October
birthdays)
- 14-18 Fall Book Fair
- 16 Early Release at 11:40AM
(3K AND 4K students DO NOT attend)
- 18 PTO Trick or Treat Trail 5:30PM -
7:00PM

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. I had the opportunity to experience Project Au-Some for the very first time last week in Physical Education class. What a great program that builds empathy and collaboration between 5th-grade students and children with special needs. The students were able to experience activities together in the gym. It was awesome to see our 5th-grade students share their individual time to have fun and put huge smiles on little faces. They are true HEROES. We also had curriculum night where families dedicated their time to visit their child's teacher and learn about expectations and grade level curriculums. If you were not able to attend please reach out to your child's teacher to receive the proper information to help support your child. We ended the week with High Five Friday. The Richland County Sheriffs Department greeted our students as they entered the school building with enthusiasm and high fives to all students. A huge shout out to Richland County Sheriffs Department for putting smiles on our HEROES faces before their instructional day.

Best Regards,
Randy Norman, Principal

New Check-In/Check-Out System

Next time you visit Harbison West you will notice we have a new check-in/check-out system. This new system is called Ident-a-Kid and is being implemented district wide. This system issues badges (stickers) that **MUST** be worn while on the premises. Upon leaving, you will return to the front office to sign out in the system.

You will utilize this system for the following reasons:

- Visitors (lunch, big events, classroom events, field trips, etc.)
- Signing your student in as Tardy
- Signing your student IN or OUT for the day
- Volunteers (PTO, mentors, classroom helpers, etc.)


Be advised for any adult signing students in and/or out through the system, a photo will be taken to document the adult who signed them in/out.

This system will require a state issued ID to process visitor and volunteer sign-ins. Per our district handbook, visitors may be asked to come back at a different time if the teacher feels the visit will disrupt the learning environment.



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PTO & SIC News

Upcoming Meetings:

October 1st: PTO Meeting at 7:30am

October 8th: SIC & Title 1 Follow-up Meeting at 7:30am

Message from PTO:

Our first official month of school has been a great one for the PTO! It feels as though we have been celebrating students all month long; between our Summer Reading Luau on the 6th and our two birthday book lunches this month, we have gotten to know so many students!

We are excited to host the first Movie Matinee this Friday. Please remember pick up begins at 4:30pm in the carline. We will have additional snacks for sale at the movies this year. Only send your child with as much money as you are comfortable with them spending.

The lending library drive was a huge success! HWES families donated over 600 books! Thank you so much for your support! Congratulations to **Ashton S.** who won the \$20 gift card!

The PTO is excited to announce HWES' first annual *Trick or Treat Trail* on October 18th from 5:30PM - 7:00PM. This will be an inside trick or treating event for our students and their family. We expect this to be a very popular event and will need many volunteers to make it successful. If you can volunteer, please contact us.

If you are a parent with a business and would like to host a trick or treat table, please contact us at hwespto@gmail.com. We are also seeking donations of candy or small non-edible, allergy friendly items for trick or treaters. If you wish to contribute, please send your items in by October 15th.

~Ashleigh Wilder, PTO President 2019-2020

Upcoming Events:

- **September 27th** - Movie Matinee 3- 4:30pm
- **October 11th** - Birthday Book Lunch (October birthdays)
- **October 18th** - Trick or Treat Trail 5:30PM - 7PM

Library News

- ♦ **Library Visits:** Kids have been checking out books and reading like crazy! If students have overdue books, they are offered books from our selection of donated books. This allows students a chance to keep reading while looking for their lost books. Kindergarten through 2nd grade are checking out one book at a time and 3rd through 5th grade may check out two. Teachers may assign an extra book for research.
- ♦ **Read your way to the big game!** Read your way to the big game reading logs went home two weeks ago in Thursday folders. They are not due until October, so kids have plenty of time to read! Teachers will enter students' names into the drawing for tickets to the big Carolina vs. Clemson game!
- ♦ **Book Fair is coming in October!** Volunteers are needed for October 14th - 18th from 8AM - 3:30PM. We are also looking for nighttime volunteers on October 18th for some spooky storytelling related to SC History for our Trick or Treat Trail event. Please email mhardy-koverman@lexrich5.org to volunteer!

Ray Tanner Home Run

The St. Andrews/Irmo Optimist club is sponsoring this event at the Carolina Baseball Stadium (Ray Tanner Field). All participants will have a morning filled with field activities, fun run and free food. Each participant will also receive an event t-shirt. This event is for children in **3rd -5th grade**.

Transportation to the event will be provided by ICRC and will depart HWES at 7AM on October 5th. Applications have been sent home with students. If your child did not receive one or you need another copy, please contact Mr. Boyd at gaboyle@lexrich5.org.