

## NORMAN'S NOTES



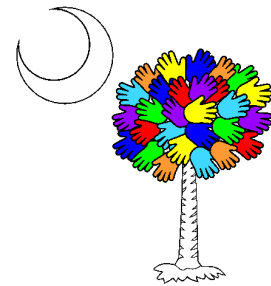
Hello Harbison West Families,

Good evening. I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. I can say that we are maintaining our daily safety procedures and routines with minimal disruption considering the pandemic. This provides our heroes the opportunity to learn and grow daily. Thank you for working together as a HWES community to protect the ones we love and cherish. One of our SIC goals last year was to provide a shade canopy for the upper playground. I am excited to share that the process of putting a 40x60 canopy over some playground equipment has started. This canopy will provide our heroes the opportunity to play on the equipment during the hot South Carolina days. We know the importance of physical activity during recess. We will also be getting a digital marquee at the front of the school to share information to our families. We know the importance of communication. We are currently in the planning stages to implement a buzzer/intercom system to allow people into the front office. HWES will be a pilot school for the district for this system. We know the importance of safety and security for our students and staff. We will make sure to communicate with you the details of the new security system and what your responsibilities will be as a parent. Be on the lookout for our new upgrades and additions. Have a wonderful weekend.

Love, Provide & Protect  
Mr. Norman

### **October Dates:**

October 13th - Early Release 11:40AM  
October 21st - End of 1st Nine Weeks  
October 29th - No school for students



**Harbison West**  
Elementary School

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October

**11** CogAT Testing - 2nd Grade

**12** CogAT Testing - 2nd & 4th Grades

**13** Early Release at **11:40am** (3K & 4K students DO NOT attend)

**14** CogAT Testing - 2nd & 4th Grades

**21** End of 1st nine weeks

**29** Teacher Workday - **NO SCHOOL** for students

### November

**1** Fall Break Holiday - ALL schools & offices **CLOSED**

**2** Report Cards Go Home

**11** Early Release at **11:40am** (3K & 4K students DO NOT attend)

**12** Fall Picture Day - Makeup

**15-19** American Education Week

**24-26** Thanksgiving Break - ALL schools & offices **CLOSED**

### Quick Links:

Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/HarbisonWestElem>

Twitter  
<https://twitter.com/HarbisonWestEl>

Website  
<https://www.lexrich5.org/hwes>

## FROM THE NURSE:

Parents,

We kindly ask you to contact the school nurse (803-476-3809) about all positive Covid-19 tests and close contacts. This includes positives within the household and a student being within 3 feet of a positive case for a cumulative of 15 minutes outside the home.

If your student experiences shortness of breath, a new or worsening cough, or loss of taste/smell in absence of a known condition like asthma, we recommend you to follow up with their physician for a Covid-19 test or differential diagnosis. In addition, if your child is experiencing multiple symptoms such as fever, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stuffy/runny nose, chills/body aches or fatigue, we likewise need you to follow up with a physician and ask that you contact the school to notify us of the symptoms. As always, students with a temperature over 100°F, vomiting or diarrhea, should remain home for 24 hours after symptoms have ended.

Thank you for helping to keep our Heroes safe & healthy!



A message from the  
**SCHOOL NURSE**

## STUDENT QUICK PAY ACCOUNT

Please make every effort to set up an account for your child in the district's Student Quick Pay (Rycor) system if you have not already done so. This secure system is the method of payment for student fees, yearbooks, t-shirts, overdue library books, lost textbooks, field trips, etc. You will be able to use the same account through middle and high school as long as your student remains in School District 5. To sign up, click this <http://www.studentquickpay.com/lexrich5> or scan the QR code below.



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## PTO NEWS

Hello HWES Heroes!

The PTO is looking for new committee members! We are forming a social media committee and grant committee.

- Social media committee responsibilities are to create and/or maintain social media presence for the PTO on appropriate platforms, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok. The social media committee will be responsible for creating regularly scheduled posts, posting pictures from the school, and responding to comments on social media.
- Grant committee responsibilities are to follow up on grant deliverables and report grant progress to the PTO and the grant institution.

Please email me at [hwespto@gmail.com](mailto:hwespto@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on either committee.

**\*\*FUNDRAISERS ARE COMING!!\*\*** Be on the lookout for information about spirit wear in the next few days! We will also have a winter themed fundraiser in November. In January we're going to bring back every car rider parents favorite fundraiser, car line fast passes! Our fundraisers provide important classroom materials and experiences for our Heroes.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 26th at 4:30pm. It will be virtual. A link will be published before the meeting.

Thank you so much for all that you do!

In your service,

Stewart Davis, PTO President, 2021-2022

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## COGAT TESTING

The CogAT aptitude test will be administered to grades 2 and 4.

Please be sure your child is well-rested and eats a hearty breakfast on these days. Testing will take place during morning hours, therefore, it is important that your child is present and on time these days. Testing will take place using the student's Chromebook. Please be sure they bring a fully charged Chromebook each day of testing. If a student is absent they will have to complete the test on the makeup day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Fischer, Assistant Principal at 803-476-3811 or [sfischer@lexrich5.org](mailto:sfischer@lexrich5.org)

**Grade 2 Administration Dates:** October 11th, 12th & 14th

**Grade 4 Administration Dates:** October 12th & 14th