

# Harvard Happenings

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September 12 2018

September 19th—2:00 Dismissal

September 26th—2:00 Dismissal

September 20th—Community Dinner 6:00 Christ the King

September 26th—2:00 Dismissal

September 28th—Health Screening

## Attendance

Attendance matters at Harvard. Students should be at school on time, and stay all day. Instruction begins in class at 9:00. If your student is not going to be at school please communicate with the office either by calling or sending a note with your student when he/she returns the following day. If your student is going to an appointment please always remember to return with a note from the dr. If we don't have communication from you, a phone call will be made home to excuse the absence. Attending school is the Law and we keep detailed tracking of each students attendance. If we find a pattern of missing school or continued tardies/early pick-ups we will reach out to families to discuss potential barriers. If there are barriers preventing you from getting your student to school/on time please let the office know.

## Safety and Security

School starts at 9:00 at Harvard. If students are not in class in their seat at 9:00 they are late. For the safety and security of Harvard's students and staff, parents and guardians are not allowed to walk their student to class once the bell rings. Please bring your student to the office for a tardy slip and if needed, a staff member will walk them to class. This pertains to pick-up as well. Please come to the office if you are picking your student up early & not to the classrooms. Thank you for your assistance.

## **Transportation Changes**

If you want your child to go home a different way than their daily plan, please communicate with the office before 3:00 to ensure the change gets to your student.

## **Dual Language**

We are now in our second year of our Dual Language program at Harvard Elementary. We have two classes of kindergarteners and two classes of first graders. Our Dual Language program provides students with the opportunity to become bilingual and bi-literate in Spanish and English by the time they leave Harvard in fifth grade. Our Dual Language students will be able to speak, read, and write in two languages! We hold all of our students to the expectation that they will achieve high levels of academic success. Our Dual Language program provides an additional way to increase the rigor of our students' learning. As we implement this program, we will also be focusing on cross-cultural and sociocultural competence throughout our school in order to best prepare our students for the next steps in their education and life. If you have any questions regarding our Dual Language program, please contact the office at 253-298-4100.

## **Community Eligibility Provision Program (CEP)**

We are pleased to announce that Harvard Elementary will once again be participating in the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program as part of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs.

In a CEP school, ALL enrolled students receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost during the 2018-2019 school year, regardless of family income.

Harvard will be sending home a Family Income Survey to complete. The information you provide impacts funding that each school receives from the federal and state government.

Please complete the survey and return to the main office.

Thank you.

## **One to World**

This fall, Franklin Pierce schools will launch One to World, an initiative aimed at ensuring that each student in the district has access to a computing device. One to World seeks to connect each learner with people, ideas and information from across the world.

During the month of September, students enrolled in elementary schools throughout the district will receive their computing device, learn how to care for equipment, and begin using the device to open up learning opportunities. Computers will remain at the school at the end of each school day in order to allow the IT department to provide ongoing maintenance and to reduce the possibility of loss or theft.

Computer literacy is an important element of 21st Century Learning. The One to World Initiative is designed to make sure that Franklin Pierce graduates are equipped to take on a wide variety of post-secondary opportunities.

Two forms will be going home with your students. An Acceptable Use Agreement & Responsible Use Agreement. Please complete these two forms and return to the main office.

Thank you.