

Harlan Elementary

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Dear Harlan Families,

Summer vacation is coming to an end and it is time for another wonderful school year at Harlan! Hopefully your summer has been filled with relaxation and fun for the whole family. While the staff at Harlan has enjoyed a relaxing summer, many of our teachers have spent time learning and planning for engaging activities for your children throughout the year.

Many of the teachers at Harlan used the summer to attend professional development sessions on topics such as: Math strategies and application, Science Kit implementation, Culturally Responsive Teaching, writing strategies and much more. These professional development opportunities as well as many different committees and grade level team meetings have energized the staff to get back to the classroom with the kids and put these best practices into action.

In the next two weeks, many of our classrooms will be outfitted with new flexible seating for our students. Last year, time was spent selecting furniture for classrooms that would best meet the needs of today's learners and we can't wait for the students to come back to see some of the new seating options. You will have a chance to see these as well at our upcoming Curriculum Night.

As the Harlan staff continues to prepare the building for another successful school year, we want to provide you with all the necessary information to start your child on the right track. While there is an abundance of information within this message, I urge you to visit the Harlan website for additional information. Specifically, we would like for you to read the Harlan Handbook (<https://tinyurl.com/harlanhandbook>) for information on day-to-day policies.

Additionally, I would like you to be aware of the following important events/points:

- **New Family Welcome, August 28th 6-7:30 p.m.**
This is an opportunity for seasoned Harlan families to meet families that are new to Harlan.
- **Tea and Tissue-Tuesday, September 4th 8:50 a.m.-9:30 a.m.**
Sometimes there are a few tears when you drop your child off for the first day of school. Whether they are tears of sadness, joy, or if you have no tears at all, we still want you to join us for tea, coffee, and breakfast treats.
- **Curriculum Night, Wednesday, September 12th**

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	4 th and 5 th Grade
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Unified Arts Teachers & Ancillary Staff
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Kindergarten and 1 st Grade
7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.	2 nd and 3 rd Grade

I am excited upcoming school year and can't wait to see all of the kids. I hope that you enjoy the remaining days of summer break and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
Alex Agius