

The Hawk Eye

Harrison Elementary School's Newsletter
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Harrison Votes

By Jamie Heskett and Frankie Pellegrino

It's that time of year again when we hold Student Council elections. In case you were wondering, student council is a group of students that help out with events at the school. There are 2 Student Council representatives, or reps., in each class. The class takes a vote to determine who will represent them.

Miss Sorrentino is the Student Council advisor. She has been running Student Council for 10 years! This year, Mrs. Giannopoulos will be working with her. We asked Miss Sorrentino why she liked Student Council so much. She said, "I like it so much because I get the chance to meet other students. I also enjoy it because I can help the children see ways we can make a positive difference in our school and community."

Another question we asked was if it is difficult to get all the meetings and events organized. She told us, "It can be challenging at times because the members are active in other Harrison activities such as Safety Patrol, Nurse's Helper, and Media Helper." The last question we asked her was what she likes most about working with new reps each year. She responded, "I enjoy hearing their ideas for showing school spirit and ways to make the school a better place."

Student Council is a big responsibility and a big opportunity to make Harrison the best school it can be. Congratulations to all the new representatives and the Executive Board. We'd like to give the students who didn't win this year a little advice. Do not give up on your dreams of being a representative. There's always another chance next year! We wish you luck!

A Beautiful Change

By Grace Hu and Jenna Ly

The new media center has been a very special addition to Harrison. Mrs. Caulfield is especially pleased with the final results. We asked her if it came out the way she imagined and she responded, "I think it came out prettier than I imagined. I don't know if prettier is the right word though."

Compared to the old library, which is now the Spanish room, this library defines amazing. With the high vaulted ceilings, and the gorgeous windows, this library definitely takes the cake. The old media center was obviously not as spacious as what we have now. When the offer came up to have the new media center, Mrs. Caulfield was hesitant in the beginning. She believed the one she had was large enough, but now Mrs. Caulfield is grateful for the vast room. "I'd have to say my favorite part of the library is the big windows and my purple chair," she remarked.

But, of course there's always room for improvement. Mrs. Caulfield told us, "I wouldn't change anything about the library itself, because it's beautiful, but I'd probably say the location. It seems like a separate building. I wish it was closer to the classrooms, maybe in the middle of the school." Still, we do now have a separate computer room! You should know we're a very lucky school to be able to have such a beautiful and updated library. The construction workers put a lot of effort and dedication into this lovely building. Always remember that, and be thankful for this stunning library!



Time to Rally

By Luke Cohen and John Ferrante

On September 25th, at 1:45pm, we had our annual Pep Rally in the new gym. This year's theme is to be "mindful" by thinking before we act and being kind to others. Being mindful also means to not worry about everything by calming down our brains.

After Mrs. Caulfield talked to us, the cheerleaders came out. The kids were on their feet screaming because kids always look forward to this part of the pep rally. Mrs. Mullen was one of the cheerleaders and she said, "Today was my favorite day of school because the energy that we get from the children when we cheer makes me happy and proud."

Then some students did skits that taught us how to be kind and mindful at recess, at lunch, in the hallway and in the classroom. Mrs. Mullen, the director of the skits, revealed, "The hardest part was trying to make sure the students understood the themes and messages in the skit." Timmy Kelly, a 5th grader, was an actor pretending to be a bully. He said, "It was fun rehearsing and pretending to be someone else because you don't really get to act a lot in school and I liked it." He also told us, "For the skit we were able to make our own lines and ideas about what we wanted to do."

Finally, Mrs. Zavaglia's class showed a video where we practiced how to stop, take a moment and clear our minds. Overall the Pep rally was amazing like it is every year! Don't forget to stop, breathe, think, decide and act, and most importantly, BE MINDFUL!



Kindness Corner

This week's message of kindness comes from artist Kathleen Zhang. Read the comic to see how these characters stop, breathe, think, decide and act.

