

# The Hawk Eye



Harrison Elementary School's Newsletter

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## Harrison Helps Through Fundraising By Leo Giresi and Edward Zheng

This year at Harrison School, our Student Council is running many fundraisers to help the people in our community and beyond. The Student Council Hawks have been bumping up the number of fundraisers this year. By November 2nd, the Hawks had already conducted 4 fundraisers. The school will be holding more fundraisers later in the school year, so be ready to help out!

"The Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch" fundraiser was a booming success. For this fundraiser, Harrison raised \$2,400! The money went directly to people who are hungry and in need of food. A donation of \$5 helped deliver 50 nutritious lunches, \$10 kept a child fed for an entire month, \$25 brought fresh products to a family of 4 for 2 months, and \$50 helped deliver enough food for 500 healthy dinners. Think about how much we've raised. Don't you think that "Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch" was a huge success? We definitely do! **We have helped provide about 24,000 healthy dinners!**

By collecting pop tabs, you are helping kids and families at the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House is a place where families of sick children who need hospital care can stay for free while their loved one receives medical help. Pop tabs are the metal pieces that can be found on top of soup, soda, or other aluminum cans. Each class is asked to collect as many pop tabs as they can. At the end of each month, the pop tabs for each class are counted and the amount is recorded on a white board outside of each classroom door. Whichever class collects the most pop tabs at the end of each month will receive extra recess time and their class picture will be put on display. At the end of the year, all of the pop tabs will be sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch, NJ. If one million pop tabs are collected, Ronald McDonald will actually visit our school! After only one month, we already have about ten thousand collected. Keep it up, Harrison!

UNICEF is a world wide fundraiser to help the poor have clean food and water. UNICEF works to improve the lives of children, and to keep them clean, healthy,

On Halloween, students were given UNICEF boxes to collect money while trick or treating. The donations collected went to a good cause that helps those most in need.

Our final fundraiser, for now, is "Box Tops for Education." Box tops are small pictures that can be found on cereal boxes, candy boxes, and almost every other type of box in the grocery store. Each class collects box tops and sends them to our student council coordinators. They are then sent out to General Mills. The number of box tops collected determines the amount of money raised for the school. Each box top is worth 1/10 of a dollar, or 10 cents. Just a heads up, America's schools have earned over 719 million dollars, so as you can see, even one 10 cent box top makes a difference.

Keep up the great work Harrison, and be sure to look out for reminders from your teachers and student council representatives about our great fundraisers this year!

## **Super Power Assembly**

By Raquel Silva and Dasara Kurti

This year our school theme is all about being superheroes, and what better way to celebrate that than with an assembly? "Operation Superhero", a group of 4 actors who showed us how to find our inner superhero, gave us a special treat on October 28th. During their opera presentation, they told us their stories of how they each became superheroes! They also taught us the 5 elements of being a superhero: courage, hope, honesty, imagination, and friendship.

All 5 elements are values that lead to success at Harrison. We need courage to face our tests and quizzes or even to face our fears. We need hope to stay positive when we have struggles. We work to be honest to our friends, teachers, and ourselves everyday. We try to use our imaginations whenever we can. Lastly, we make long lasting friendships here at Harrison.

Finally, the performers turned us into our own unique superhero by asking us to think of a skill that we're good at. Any skill can be a superpower! It was really fun!

All of us students know that this assembly was special. Owen from Mrs. Mullen's 4th grade class said that the assembly taught him that if you put your mind to something and focus on the 5 elements of being a superhero, you can accomplish anything.

## Red Ribbon Week

By Madison Peloquin and Emma Kasson

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program that educates communities, families, and individuals. Red Ribbon Week promotes healthy lifestyle choices within schools, businesses, the media, families, and more. For Red Ribbon Week, communities host celebratory essay and poster contests, races, and parades. They also hand out red ribbons.

Red Ribbon Week was inspired by Kiki Camarena, a federal agent who dedicated his life to the anti-drug cause. He wanted kids to be aware of the negative impact that unhealthy choices can have on them. He encouraged them to lead healthy lives.

Harrison celebrated Red Ribbon Week by having different themes for each day throughout the week. On the first day of Red Ribbon Week, our theme was "Lei Off Drugs" and kids wore Hawaiian clothing. The second day was "Don't Get Mixed Up In Drugs" where we mixed and matched our clothing. On the third day, the theme was "I'm A Drug Free Jean-ius". It was also National Red Ribbon Day, so everyone wore a red shirt and jeans. On Thursday, our theme was "Too Bright for Drugs", which encouraged students to wear sunglasses and/or a hat to school. On the last day of the week, the theme was "Voting for my future to be drug free." Students wore the colors red, white, and blue.

When asked why Red Ribbon Week is important, Janelle Leigh in Mrs. West's class said we have Red Ribbon Week so "people can spread the anti-drug message." Leah Margolis in Mrs. Latino's class said Red Ribbon Week "shows kids how unhealthy choices can harm us."

We hope you enjoyed learning from your

## Harrison's Halloween Smash

By: Cade Hwang, Akhila Pisupati, and Oliko Tabatadze

Did you know that Halloween's original name is *All Hallow's Eve*? *What an interesting fact! Did YOU like our Halloween parade and sing-along? There can be only one word used to describe the holiday. That would obviously be spooktacular! The Halloween parade and sing-along are a special event every year. This is when everyone parades through the school and around the fields while their parents and other loved ones watch them show off their costumes and ROCK the pathway. The "Monster Mash" even plays over the loudspeaker.*

Once everyone gets to the blacktop, each grade sings their song. Kindergarten sings *Five Little Pumpkins*, first grade sings *Black Cat*, second grade sings *Halloween*, third grade sings *Skin and Bones*, fourth grade gets to sing *Wobblin' Goblin On The Broken Broom*, and last but not least, fifth grade sings *The Boogie Woogie Ghost*. After the sing along, all the students go to their classes and have parties. If you look down the hall and in the classrooms you would see vampires, cats, princesses, and all sorts of costumes. At the class parties, students eat snacks, watch movies and play games.

We interviewed Mrs. Matten to see what she liked about our Halloween celebration.

How many years have you been doing the sing-along at Harrison?

***"I have been doing the Halloween sing-along for 25 years!"***

What's your favorite song?

***"The Wobblin Goblin because my role on the keyboard is fun."***

What were you most excited for this year?

***"I liked the superpower part of our sing along!"***

Overall, this Halloween was one of the best ever. Lady Sun cooperated with us and let everyone have the parade and sing-along outside! We had a great time chillin' out on All Hallow's Eve.

## Superhero Central!

This issue's SUPER message comes from artist Caelle Agbayani.

Her beautiful artwork reminds us of the power of yet!

