

# Harding Newsletter

January 2022

## Message from Mrs. Brunsvold

Jan Newsletter



## Calendar of Upcoming Events!

### January:

- 14th- 12:15 p.m. Early Dismissal
- 17th- **No School** for Students, Professional Development for Staff
- 20th- Harding Family Skate Night at Roller City 5:30-7:00 p.m.

### February:

- 10th- 1st Grade Music Program 6:00 p.m. in Gym
- 14th- Valentines Day Parties
- 18th- **No School** for Students, Professional Development for Staff
- 21st- **No School** for Students or Staff

### March:

- 14-18- Spring Break **No School**
- 29th- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 p.m.
- 31st- Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-7:30 p.m.

## Roller City Harding Family Skate Night

When

Thursday, Jan. 20th, 5:30-7pm

Where

600 2nd Street Northwest Mason City, IA

More information

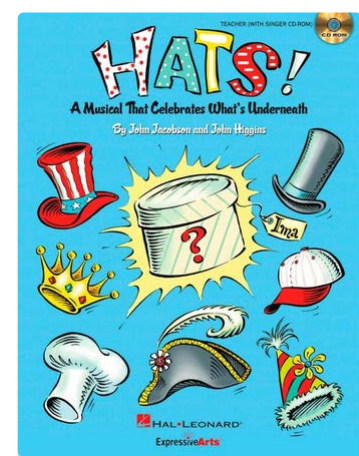
All Harding students and families are invited to attend! It will be **\$1 admittance per person**. All students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!



## 1st Grade Music Program

On Thursday, February 10, under the direction of Harding's music teacher Miss Day, our first graders present: **HATS!**

Grab your hat! It's time to party! Hats of all shapes and sizes take over the stage when a group of milliners help Hatless Hank find the perfect hat. A surprise awaits the audience when Ima Milliner appears in her own remarkable, stupendous, contagious hat of all hats! Discover that it's not the hat that makes a person special, but what's underneath.



## Weather Related Information

**Notification-** The Mason City Community School District will notify families of late starts/cancellations/early dismissals using the district's automated notification message system. You will receive a message by phone, email, and/or text message. Announcements about late starts, early

dismissals or cancellations are also shared on local radio and television stations' websites/ broadcasts. Parents may update demographic information (phone numbers, email address, etc.) and update your preferences on how to be contacted by calling the school office at 421-4406.



**School Delays-** Delays are typically done on a two-hour late start, students would begin class at 10:05 a.m. Bus pick-up times would be delayed two hours. There will be no morning 4-year-old preschool session on delay days. Early Dismissals– There will be no afternoon 4-year-old preschool program session on early dismissal days. Dismissal location for your student will follow the instructions indicated on the registration form completed at the beginning of the school year.



## Dress for Weather!

Winter is here and students need to dress warmly to play outdoors. They will go outside for recess unless it is colder than 0° or the combined temperature and wind chill is -10°. Please encourage your students to wear winter coats, boots, mittens or gloves, and a hat to school every day. Snow pants and boots are required to play in the field and on snow piles. Boots are required for the blacktop when it is covered in snow. Extra socks are always a good idea.

## Note from the Nurse

### Head Lice

Winter and colder weather are active times for head lice outbreaks as children have more close contact - often sharing coats, scarves, and hats with one another. Effective prevention and treatment can help you be prepared as students return to the classroom.



- Assume that head lice are always present in our community. **It is good practice to check school children regularly.** If one person in the house has head lice, everyone else should be checked. Only those infested should be treated. Lice are reddish-brown wingless insects. Nits (eggs) are grayish-white, oval-shaped, and glued at an angle to the hair shaft.
- Watch for signs of head lice, such as frequent head scratching. Anyone can get head lice... mainly by head-to-head contact, but also, less likely, from sharing hats, brushes, and headrests. Lice do not jump or fly.
- Consult your physician before applying or using lice treatment pesticides if you are not seeing improvement after two treatments, or if the person involved is pregnant, nursing, has allergies, asthma, pre-existing medical conditions, or has lice or nits in the eyebrows or eyelashes. **Follow**

**all directions carefully and repeat the treatment course if/ when indicated (usually 10-14 days).** Never use pesticides near the eyes.

- There is no scientific evidence that home remedies (i.e. mayonnaise, tea tree oil) are effective treatments.
- Manual removal is a safe alternative to the use of pesticide treatments and **a necessary component to any head lice treatment regimen.** This requires great diligence and patience. Separate hair in sections and remove all attached nits with a lice comb. Start at the nape of the neck and behind the ears and work up from there.
- Wash bedding and clothing in hot water and dry in a hot dryer for at least 30 minutes. Combs and brushes may be soaked in hot water for 15 minutes. Vacuum floors, rugs, upholstered furniture, mattresses, and car seats to remove lice or fallen hairs with attached nits.

For further questions, contact nurse Julie at 641-421-4406 or [jufritz@masoncityschools.org](mailto:jufritz@masoncityschools.org).

## **Recap of all the great things happening at Harding!!**



### **Canned Food Drive**

In November, our Harding Student Leaders organized a canned food drive to benefit the local Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank! We donated over 1892 pounds of food to the food bank and collected over 2,000 items!! Classrooms celebrated with popcorn parties!

### **PBIS Celebration- Turkey Bowling (November)**

Students at Harding work hard to show the Harding Way throughout their school day! They show staff and peers that they can be respectful, responsible and safe! When we fill around our paw print in the atrium we celebrate! This year we started a new tradition of turkey bowling! Students who always show the Harding Way were put into a drawing for a chance to bowl! Students cheered on their classmate as they attempted to bowl a strike! It was a fun morning for all!









## Toys for Tots

This year our Harding families and staff graciously donated 112 new, unwrapped toys to the Toys for Tots drive to help provide a brighter holiday season for those in need.



**Holiday Party Fun!**



**Waiting for the school bus!**




**Kindergarten Turkeys!**




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