



# HARRITT FLYER

Harritt Elementary  
2112 Linwood St NW  
Salem, OR 97304

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your attendance at our recent parent/teacher conferences. Our teachers held approximately 400 parent/teacher conferences over the two days. We thank you for your support and interest in your student's education. If you were able to attend the fall conferences, you were provided with a rare opportunity to meet individually with your child's teacher and you should have received a copy of your child's progress report. This year you will notice a significant change in the Elementary Progress Report (EPR) as we shift to a proficiency-based grading system. Students' grades will reflect their proficiency towards end-of-year grade-level standards. In addition, the grading scale has changed to a 1-4 scale from the previous 1-6 scale. Both of these changes will result in grades that are significantly lower than in the previous years. Teachers have worked hard to prepare for this shift. A score of a 1 or 2 is to be expected and is not necessarily an area of concern as teachers base the score on end-of-year grade-level standards. Please be assured that our guiding light continues to be: What is best for the kids? Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about this change. Thank you for trusting all of us with your children each day. Your kids are simply amazing!

Paul Myers, Principal

### State Testing

Information from the Oregon Department of Education about parents' right to opt students out of state testing is available for pick-up from the school office starting January 1, 2015. The information includes the state's official notice and opt-out form. Please contact principal, Paul Myers, if you have any questions about the opt-out process, or about state tests given in our school.

For up-to-date information on school closures and delays watch local television stations or go to the Salem-Keizer Webpage at:

<http://www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/content/emergency-school-closures-and-delays>



### CHANGE: Student Pick-up and Drop-off

We have a safety concern on how we are pick-up and dropping off our students. We started our new procedure for drop-off right before break. With your help this new procedure will speed up the wait you have for picking up and dropping off your students. Please look for more information coming to you about this change.



### Time Before School

Please do NOT drop students off before **8:40 AM**. We ask that students arriving before breakfast or Jump Start wait underneath the porch area in front of the school as well as follow the school rules, be safe, respectful and responsible. Once it is **8:40 AM**, students may enter through the cafeteria outer door to have breakfast or participate for Jump Start.

### Harritt Students Selected for Honor Choir!

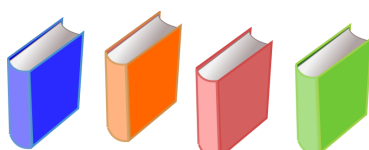
The following Harritt students were selected to perform in the West Salem High School area Honor Choir this year:



Alexis Large Cooley	Kyla Smith	Whitney Leonard
Lucia Orozco	Kate A. Ochoa	Kaitlyn Pedlar
Jaxson Silmaro	Saramiah Jenkins	

### Winter Book Exchange

Every student picks one free book to keep. Students are able to receive more than one free book by exchanging gently loved ones. Drop off books to be exchanged before school on December 15-17. Students will receive their free book December 18th during their recess.



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### December 15

4th/5th Music Program

6:30 PM

#### December 16

4th/5th Orchestra Concert

@ West

6:30 PM

#### December 19

Last Holiday Shop Drop

\$4 for students

\$10 for families

All proceeds are going to P.E

3:00-6:00 PM

#### December 21-Jan 1

Winter Break—No School



### Healthy Lunches

Please send healthy lunches with your child if they prefer not to have breakfast or lunch at school.

It is important for it to include proteins, fruits and vegetables.



### BOXTOP COLLECTION MONTH

January is Boxtop Collection Month! Each class will be collecting Boxtops during the month of January. The class with the most Boxtops collected will receive a special prize in the month of February. So start collecting your boxtops and bring them to class after the winter



### Jacket Reminder

Now that the weather has changed, we ask that students are dressed accordingly to the weather. Please remind your student to bring a jacket or sweater as well as appropriate shoes to school.