

# Harada



# Happenings



*"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" - Dr. Seuss*

## Welcome Back Dragons!

The beginning of each new school year is full of nervousness and excitement as students move up into new grade levels, anticipate their new teachers, and ready themselves for the upcoming year. I am certain that this school year will prove to be another amazing one for all!

I anticipate a smooth transition into the new school year. For the last THREE years, Harada has been named a CA Honor Roll School by the Educational Results Partnership for demon-

strating consistently high levels academic achievement. This great work will continue as we maintain our focus on the academic needs of our students by analyzing and using data to make decisions that continue to drive our achievement forward.

We will also be attending to the social-emotional needs of our students as we practice the RAILS and continue our PBIS implementation.

Our school will continue to keep the safety of our

students and staff at the forefront of what we do. As a reminder, we will remain a closed campus and all visitors will be required to check into the office with their ID using the RAPTOR system.

Mrs. Weaver and I are excited to get to know all of our new Dragons while we continue to grow our relationships with all of our returning Dragons!

If you have any questions or concerns, our doors are always open!

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## Attendance Matters

Please make sure you are aware of the district policy on school attendance!!!

### WHY?

Every day of school missed increases the chances that your child will not read or master math facts at the same level as their peers.

The district will no longer receive funding for excused absences, tardies, or early-outs, directly impacting our students through larger class sizes and reduced extra-curricular opportunities.

Attendance rates are now used in conjunction with school site test scores to determine a school's

overall ranking.

### WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS?

Notices will now be sent home for any combination of attendance events including absence, early out, truancy, late-excused, tardy, and uncredited independent study. Notices will be sent home as follows:

- 1st Notice: 7 attendance events
- 2nd Notice: 10 attendance events
- 3rd Notice: 15 attendance events

### HOW DO I INFORM THE OFFICE?

- Email the office at [harada.attendance@cnsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:harada.attendance@cnsd.k12.ca.us)
- Call the office at 951.739.6820
- Send your child to the office with a note



### Watch D.O.G.S.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is a father involvement initiative which seeks to increase male involvement in schools. Studies have shown that a positive adult male role model at school has a unique positive impact on the educational success of a child.

Having Watch D.O.G.S. on our campus provides our students access to positive male models, allows fathers and father-figures to spend meaningful time with students in the school setting, and creates a strong home-school connection to better meet the educational goals of our students.

Watch D.O.G.S. that volunteer at our school site will wear a Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt, identifying them to the students and the staff. They will assist with student arrival in the drop-off loop as they greet and welcome students to school for the day. Watch D.O.G.S. will also help with the morning announcements during which they introduce themselves to the school and give a shout out to their children.



Watch D.O.G.S. then volunteer in two different classrooms for one hour each.

The rest of the time at school is spent on the playground facilitating various playground games and activities.

This year we will be using Sign-Up Genius to make signing up for the dates you want easier. Please visit [https://tinyurl.com/](https://tinyurl.com/WatchDogHarada)

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### PBIS Rewards

PBIS Rewards is a schoolwide PBIS management system that helps schools continuously recognize students for meeting the behavior expectations the school has set. This multi-platform system allows teachers and staff to immediately acknowledge positive student behavior by giving RAILS Rewards when students demonstrate Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership, or Safety. Students are then able to redeem their RAILS

Rewards for a variety of items and experiences from either their teacher's classroom store or the school's Dragon Den. This year, we will be extending the positive behavior reinforcement to the home through the PBIS Rewards Parent App. Parents will be able to view student point totals, number of referrals, items purchased with points, and upcoming events for which points can be used. Be on the lookout for more information on how to access the

PBIS Rewards Parent App from your child's teacher.



### Join PTA: Support Our School!

Join the Harada Elementary PTA Today! Membership envelopes will be coming home soon.



While we will be doing our big PTA Membership Drive this summer, it is never too late to join the PTA. Just by joining you are showing your support for the events and programs the PTA

provides to the students of Harada Elementary all year long.

The Harada PTA has generously sponsored our Elementary Art Stars program for the last several years. This is an art program that comes to the school and gives three assemblies and three in-class art lessons in every class during the school year.

PTA has been instrumental in bringing back field trips and sponsored the Fall Festival we all enjoyed last school year. This year, PTA is planning Family Art Nights, Family Movie Nights, Book Fair, the Reflections art contest, and many other fun and special

events.

Joining the PTA does not require you to volunteer your time to the PTA, it only shows your support of the group. It does provide your child with discounted or free entrance to many PTA events.

If you would like to help out, PTA is always looking for parents interested in getting involved a little or a lot. Contact the PTA president Shauna Walton at:

[HaradaPTAPres@yahoo.com](mailto:HaradaPTAPres@yahoo.com)

### What is PBIS?

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a systems-based, multi-tiered framework for establishing the social culture and behavioral supports needed for children in a school to achieve both behavioral and academic success.

PBIS features include behavior prevention, defining and teaching positive social expectations, acknowledging positive behavior, designing consistent consequences for problem behavior, and an ongoing collection and use of data for decision-making.

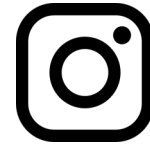
The behavioral expectations at Harada are the RAILS—respect, accountability, integrity, leadership, and safety. During the first 10 days of school, students will participate in specifically designed lessons in which they will learn about each of these behaviors and what the expected behavior is in each of the different areas on campus.

Ask your child how they practice the RAILS at school.



### Stay Connected !

- Harada has a Facebook and Instagram page that is updated several times a week with photos of learners and class activities. Search for Harada Elementary School, like and follow our page, and you will be able to get a glimpse into the greatness that happens on our campus everyday.



- Parent Connect is the best way for you to keep up to date with your students' assignments and grades. You can also update emergency contact information at your will through Parent Connect.

# TRAFFIC

Traffic is always a concern with safety being our number one priority. While traffic is doing well on our campus, some bad habits have developed on the streets around the school. The underlined sections below are some of the bad habits that are causing concerns:

- The only entrance to our parking lot and loading zone is on Merry Meadows and the exit is on Oakdale. You must wait in line along the curb on Merry Meadows to enter the parking lot. The police do not allow left turns into our school during high traffic times. People waiting to turn left block the flow of traffic.
- The lane next to the curb along Merry Meadows is a no stopping/no parking zone. It is posted that way so that it can serve as the line to get into the school parking lot. Do not park and wait for your students to meet you there. You must move forward with the line as it proceeds into the lot. You may load your students there, just do not stop and wait. This slows our line and causes unsafe conditions as cars have to enter traffic lanes to go around you.
- **Do not drop or pick up kids in the middle of the street!** We have had several near misses with students who were dropped in the middle of the street and then were almost hit by cars parked or in our line as they began to move.
- **Do not make U-turns on streets around the school.** This slows the flow of traffic and causes safety issues with the large amount of traffic and pedestrians near the school.
- Consider dropping off and meeting your older students at a certain location a few blocks from school. This is a great way to beat the lines and a little exercise is always good for your kids.
- Pull all the way forward in the loading areas so that we can maximize the amount of cars loading and unloading at one time.
- Please make sure that you and your children use designated crosswalks and crossing guards on the streets around the school.