

HARBOR HILL SCHOOL

“Celebrating Children”

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September and October have flown by in the blink of an eye! November is a busy month during which we are focusing on friendship. What makes a good friend? How are we showing others kindness and empathy? How can we respectfully and peacefully handle a conflict? This is especially important as we head in the season of Thanksgiving, or better yet, Friendsgiving.

It is in this spirit of Friendsgiving that we selected the Book of the Month, [A Sick Day for Amos McGee](#) by Philip C. Stead. The story centers around a zoo keeper who is a good friend to all the animals. When he gets sick and can't go to work, the animals come to visit and care for him. This is a sweet story about putting the needs of others before your own and taking care of each other.

Taking care of each other and giving back to our community is really important to us at Harbor Hill. On November 8, 2018, we held our second annual Veterans Day Musical Celebration. Veterans from our school community, along with their families, were honored and celebrated. The entire school community was in attendance in their red, white and blue and our guests of honor were treated to a special round of applause as they walked through the lined halls of Harbor Hill. Under the direction of Mrs. Nardo, our first and second graders graced us with their angelic voices lifted in patriotic song. And continuing in the spirit of giving, we are partnering with Heights, as well as schools across the district, in our annual Turkey drive to feed families in need.

Part of being a good friend means that we must accept others for who they are and celebrate the many diverse cultures in our school community. On November 7th, our school community celebrated Diwali. On Wednesday, 11/14 World Language Teachers from the Middle and High School will be presenting to all 5th Grade students. They will be introduced to the exciting opportunity to learn a second language as they enter 6th Grade. 5th grade parents will be emailed a language selection form that must be completed and returned.

Parent teacher conferences continue this month. We are so thankful that you share your beautiful, smart and funny children with us, and we can't wait to show off their work and tell you about all the wonderful things they are doing in school.

The Holiday Boutique will take place on November 27th and 28th and picture retake day is Friday, November 30.

We are thankful every day to be a part of this wonderful, warm and friendly community! 😊

