

# HARBOR HILL SCHOOL

“Celebrating Children”

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## Harbor Hill News November 2017

We would like to thank our October PFA event committees for all their hard work this past month. In the beginning of October, students were able to shop for books during the Book Fair in the new Multi-Purpose Room. We had a wonderful Bingo Night with our first, second and third graders. Then, students felt the Roslyn Spirit with a wonderful Spirit Week. Next, the students thought about how to make healthy choices with Red Ribbon Week. Lastly students were able to think about the needs of others as they sent in over 400 bottles of water for H<sub>2</sub>O for Puerto Rico. Now, as the leaves are finally changing and cool weather is in the forecast, we have some exciting information to share with you for the month of November.

First, our Book of the Month is Big Red Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan. The author and illustrator brilliantly show students how to be empathetic when it is not always easy to make kind choices. As a result of the main character showing empathy towards her sister, not only does she improve their relationship but the book also teaches students how using empathy can help solve problems.

On Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the PFA will be hosting a Dessert with the Principal. Ms. Karina Báez, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Elementary Education, will be sharing with us information regarding literacy instruction in our schools.

We are very excited about our first ever **Harbor Hill Veteran's Day Celebration**. On **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**, our first and second grade students will sing patriotic songs for all the students at Harbor Hill as well as Veterans from our community. Please send your child(ren) to school wearing **red**, **white**, and/or **blue**.

**On Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> there will be Parent-Teacher Conferences.** Students will be dismissed at **10:45am** on these days. If your child has a different dismissal plan on our early dismissal days, please be sure to send a note in the backpack that morning. During your parent-teacher conference, please stop by the lost and found. We already have many lost jackets and sweatshirts. It is very helpful if you write your child's name in their jackets so that we can return the lost item to the children.

In addition, on **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** the children will be dismissed 15 minutes early, at **2:20pm**, as we conduct an emergency evacuation drill and on **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** the children will be dismissed at **10:45am** for a staff Superintendent's Conference Day.

Lastly, we will be participating in the Heights Turkey Drive. The PFA will be sending home information regarding this wonderful philanthropic event.

We hope you and your children enjoy all the events planned for November and we wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!