



HARRISON ELEMENTARY

South Lane School District 45J3

Greetings Harrison Families,

It is an honor and joy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! We hope you had a relaxing and fun summer break. To our returning Bobcats, we missed you! To our new Bobcats, we can't wait to meet you! Harrison is truly a special place where our mission is ***"Learning together, Reaching for better, Every Bobcat, Every day!"***

As the administration, we take immense pride in serving this remarkable learning community and carrying forward the tradition of the welcoming and inclusive Harrison legacy. Our theme this year, ***"TEAM - Together ★ Every Bobcat ★ Achieves ★ More,"*** emphasizes our commitment to teamwork. Our skilled staff work collectively to guide students, fostering growth and perseverance throughout the year. We know the essential role parents play in this team. Your involvement and support make a big difference in your student's achievement. We are dedicated to making sure every Bobcat has a great learning experience, and that means working together with both students and parents. Let's team up for success!

In preparation for the year, we'd love to hear what makes you proud to be a Bobcat, what you're excited for this year, and see what you've been up to over the summer. Please consider submitting a photo or reflection here at <http://bit.ly/summersharing2023>. With your permission, we'll highlight your Bobcat's experience on our social media, in our weekly announcements and within our halls.

We're excited to welcome all Bobcats to our **"Back to School BBQ"** event this year just before school starts on **Tuesday, September 5th from 4:00-5:30!** We're combining this BBQ with a Meet the Teacher opportunity so we kick off the year celebrating and connecting as a TEAM! Come enjoy a BBQ dinner, get a cool treat from our Parent Club, grab a book from SMART reading, learn recess rules from our new PE teachers, hear about YMCA after school opportunities, and more. From 4:00-4:45 pm, students in grades 1-5 will have time to visit their classrooms and teachers. Kinders can join in all the festivities, check out their Kinder Pod, and meet new friends on the playground.

The rest of this Back to School Welcome Packet includes the most pertinent information in preparing for your child's return. Please read it closely and return the forms enclosed. As always if you have any questions, please reach out! We'd love to hear from you!

With excitement,

Jaimee Massie
Principal



Kirstin Sadiq
Assistant Principal

Back to School Welcome Packet 2023-2024

Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

Class Lists Posted at Entry Doors: Wed, 8/30 @ 8 am
Back to School BBQ (& Meet the Teacher): Tues, 9/5 @ 4-5:30 pm
First Day Grades 1-5 (Last Name A-K): Wed, 9/6 (early dismissal @12:30)
First Day Grades 1-5 (Last Name L-Z): Thurs, 9/7 (early dismissal @12:30)
Kinder Family Classroom Visit: Fri, 9/8 @ 10:30-11:30 am
First Day Kindergarten: Mon, 9/11 (early dismissal @ 12:30 until 9/29)
Parent Club Meeting: Thurs, 9/14 @ 8:30-9:30 am in Harrison Library
Fall Picture Day: Thurs, 9/28 (volunteers needed)

PLEASE RETURN

- ☐ Go Home Plan
- ☐ Supply Fee \$25
- ☐ Universal Permission Form
- ☐ Family/Student Handbook
Signature Page
- ☐ Volunteer Form (optional)

Class Lists:

Classroom placements will be displayed on our front entry windows by 8:00 am on August 30th. Our teachers can't wait to connect with you either at our Back to School BBQ event, the first day of school, or via email & REMIND!

Staggered Start Schedule for Grades 1-5

At the beginning of the school year half of the students attend on Wednesday, September 6th and the other half will attend on Thursday, September 7th. **Both September 6th and 7th will be "Early Release" days at 12:30 pm.** All students in grades 1-5 will come to school on Friday, September 8th release at 2:30.

Last names A-K start Wednesday, September 6th & **Last names L-Z** start Thursday, September 7th

If your student attends school in one of our programs such as the Owls Nest, Hawks Nest, Preschool Promise or Eagles Nest (Lane ESD Lifeskill), they may have an alternate schedule and their teacher will contact you. There is no supervision for students prior to 7:45 am. Breakfast in our cafeteria is available to students from 7:45-8:05 am.

Kindergarten Staggered Start Schedule

During the week of September 6th - 8th, families will schedule a one-on-one family visit directly with one of our teachers and attend the Family Classroom Visit on Friday, **September 8th** at 10:30 - 11:30 am. Kinders will start school on **Monday, September 11th** and attend school on a shortened schedule through September 29th with a daily schedule from 8:10 am - 12:30 pm. On **Monday, October 2nd** they'll join our regular school hours for the rest of the year.

Go Home Plan - How will your child get home from school?

A **Go Home Plan** form is enclosed with this letter. **Your child's Go Home Plan is essential!** It details how your student is getting home and the authorized adults who can pick them up. You can bring this to our Back to School BBQ event on September 5th or on the first day of school.

Supply Fee

Please plan to provide your \$25 school supply fee to your student's classroom teacher or the front office during the first week of school. \$20 of that supply fee will be used for specific supplies in the classroom, while \$5 of that fee will be used for field trips. You can deliver this to your child's teacher or our front office. Thank you!

Attendance

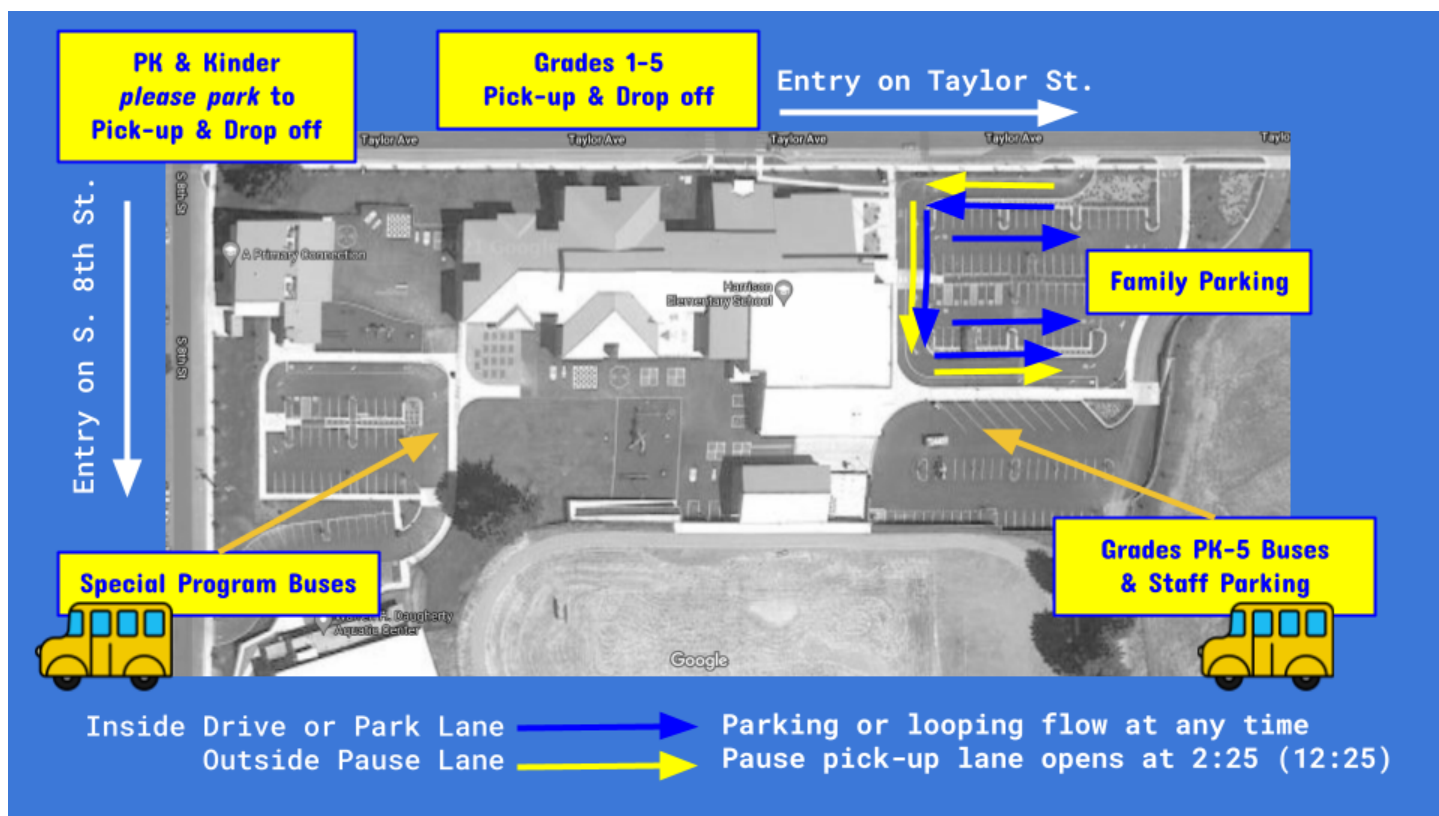
School attendance is the strongest predictor of academic success. Because of the importance of regular attendance, there are stringent state guidelines requiring all students to attend school regularly and on time. Did you know?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.

Remember: EVERY DAY MATTERS! If you need help with your students routines or access to resources please reach out to our Community Care Specialist. They can be reached by phone at 541-767-5155 (office).

Universal Permission Forms

We have enclosed a **universal permission slip**. Please complete the form and return to your student's teacher on the first day of school.



Arrival

Solid Start at 8:15: This school year South Lane is implementing a strong and consistent start at 8:15 am across all elementary schools. Students not in their classrooms by 8:15 am will be considered tardy (unless related to SLSD transportation delays). Please help your child feel prepared by arriving by at least 8:05 am.

Busses & Vehicle Drop-off for Grades 1st-5th: Please drop your student off at the farthest gym entry, which opens at 7:45. Please remember to stay in your car and continue to pull forward around the peninsula during drop off. Front doors open at 8:05, if you wish to walk your child to class. Please park and use the crosswalk. For safety reasons we do not allow families to enter with students through the gym entry or attend morning choices with them.

Morning Choices for Grades 1st-5th: We serve breakfast in the cafeteria from 7:45-8:05. At 7:55 we open other options (some are weather dependent). Students can choose from the library, playground, board games/socializing in a section of the cafeteria. Students are only allowed to move from breakfast to one choice and must stay in their selected choice until the 8:05 bell. We'd love students to join earlier and eat in our cafeteria but we will also offer a grab and go breakfast for students arriving closer to our start time of 8:15.

Kinder & Special Programs Drop-off: These students will be dropped off at the "pool parking lot" at the back of the school. Staff will be ready to meet students at 8:00. Breakfast will be served for Kinder in the classroom as students arrive. For safety, please attend to the cones and signs indicating where to pull forward as buses for our special programs also drop off and pick up in this parking lot. The bus loading area, which includes the entire curb, must be kept clear at all times during the school day. There is no loading and unloading at the curb. Please park and walk your child to the gate. The kinder gate closes at 8:10, after that time please bring your child to the front of the school.

Dismissal

Parking or walking to pick up Grades 1st-5th: Please meet your student by the rocks or stand on the island across from the crosswalk. A teacher will make eye contact & send them to you.

Driving to pick up Grades 1st-5th: Please arrive **AT or AFTER 2:30** (12:30 on Wednesdays). Our teachers won't be out before this time. We'll stay outside until 2:45 (12:45 on Wednesdays) to meet families. Pull forward when cars are moving. When an adult walks up to your vehicle, please **tell the adult the grade and name of your student** and we will use radios to assist getting them quickly. **If needed park on the street or circle the block** when waiting for the pick-up line to move as we cannot block traffic on Taylor. Police & emergency services are expecting this.

Kinder, Preschool & Special Programs Drop-off: These students will be picked up at the "pool parking lot" at the back of the school. Older siblings will join their kinder Bobcats & come out this way as well.

Family & Student Handbook

Our Harrison Family & Student Handbook details our schools policies and procedures. It can be found on our Harrison school website at <https://www.slane.k12.or.us/Harrison> under Parent Resources. A physical copy can be obtained in or requested from the office at any time. Enclosed in this packet is a signature page for students & guardians to sign acknowledging both have read and understand these policies. Please plan to return this by Friday, September 15th. If you have questions about these policies feel free to reach out to Principal Massie.

Communication

Joining REMIND is the best way to stay up to date and connect with Harrison happenings. REMIND is the main way our district & school communicates weekly updates, weather or transportation delays, and much more! Classroom teachers use REMIND to send and receive communication specific to their class and your child. Having the REMIND app on our mobile device is the smoothest way to connect. **It's easy to join!** Just text @harrisoncg to 81010 Classroom teachers will send the code to join your student's class.

Our Harrison school website links many forms and resources, as well as highlights some of our ongoing work. We use our Harrison Facebook page (@harrisonelementarycg) as an additional pathway to current or urgent information as well as to celebrate the excellent and joyful work of our Bobcats. We update our electronic reader board often to give quick reminders to families.

Website: www.slane.k12.or.us/Harrison

Facebook: @harrisonelementarycg

Food Services

South Lane Food Services is very excited to see each of you back in our cafeterias. As always, we love to feed you all of the scratch made items, a colorful and fresh garden bar and of course your convenient favorites. We have your traditional choices as well as new items that we hope you try and love.

ALL STUDENTS: South Lane School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge, each day of the 2023-2024 school year. No further action is required of you. However, households must fill-out an application for potential future PEBT benefits. Menus are available online as well as printed copies available at your school's front office. *Free/Reduced Applications:* <https://family.titank12.com/> (paper copy available at the district office).

Parent Club

As we say hello to a new year, Harrison Parent Club invites you to join in! The Parent Club welcomes any adult with an interest in supporting our school. We hold monthly meetings, as well as fundraisers and appreciation events. The funds we raise enriches the school experience for ALL BOBCATS. We provide support through funding positive behavior rewards, sponsoring Music and Art classes and enrichment, and providing support through many other activities. We would love to have you help us make a difference!

Our mission statement: ***Harrison Parent Club is dedicated to supporting the students, their families, and the staff of Harrison Elementary School through volunteering, organizing, and fundraising in an effort to enrich lives, learning experiences, and our school community.***

SAVE THE DATE: Parent Club Meeting Thursday, September 14th from 8:30 – 9:30 am
We'll look at our budget, learn about school-wide goals, and plan for a great year!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/harrisonparentclub/>

Email: harrisonparentclub@gmail.com

Paypal Link: Donations are welcome throughout the year!

Harrison Parent Club is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt charitable organization EIN 85-242131



💖💖 Volunteers Needed 💖💖

Harrison's community thrives when families are involved. Please consider volunteering. We have many events throughout the year such as Family Fun Night, Bingo, Jogathon, field trips, monthly Popcorn helpers, Room Parent, class helpers, health screenings, picture day, Garden Club, SMART Readers, Girls on the Run, and more! Connect with our Parent Club, the office or your Bobcat's teacher to get the forms & find what works best for you! All volunteers must fill out a volunteer application and complete a background check. These only need to be completed every two years.

Questions?

Please call our office 541-942-3389 for assistance. Our offices are open weekdays from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. If you need to contact transportation, please call 541-942-2803.