

Harrison Elementary School

May/June, 2025

Dates to Remember

May 5th - 9th - Staff Appreciation Week!

May 5th - 9th - Multicultural Week

May 7th - Reflections Participant Program - Taft Conference Rooms 6:30 p.m.

May 5th & 6th - 4th & 5th Grade Math OST Part I & Part II

May 12-16th - Bike or Hike to School Week Lakewood Community

May 13th - District 5th Grade Battle of the Books at LPL(Harrison Champs 2024)

May 14th - 2nd/3rd Grade Gardeners - Cleveland Botanical Garden Experience

May 15th - 2nd Grade - Madison Library

May 20th - 5th Grade District Instrumental Concert - LHS at 7:00 p.m.

May 21st - Ohio City Farm & Westside Market

May 21st - Lip Sync Fun

May 22nd - 1st Grade - Madison Library

May 22nd - Jump Club Celebration

May 22nd - Kindergarten All About Math

May 23rd - Harrison PK Celebration

May 26th - No School - Memorial Day

May 27th - Kids in Motion/Fun Day

May 27th - 30th - Spirit Week

May 29th - Middle School Music at Harrison 9:15 a.m.

May 30th - 5th Grade Picnic - PM

May 30th - Kindergarten Picnic - AM

June 2nd - 5th Grade Promotion - 2:00 p.m. (Doors Open at 1:45 p.m.)

June 2nd - Last Day of School for Students - Enjoy Summer Break!

Things To Know!

Harrison's Multicultural Week

During our multicultural week, we will be focusing specifically on cultures represented in our building as we continue to grow our knowledge. promote cultural understanding, appreciation, and

inclusivity among students and staff. We will celebrate the diversity within our building and on Friday, May 9th we'd love to have our students showcase their cultural attire.

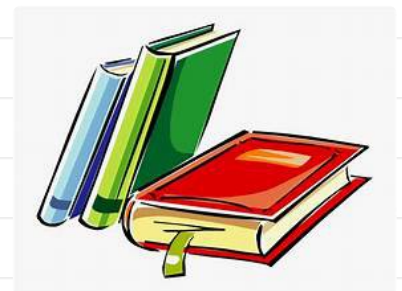


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Battle of the Books

Eleven of our 5th grade students have been reading, meeting, and discussing a set of books over several months throughout this school year in preparation for the Battle of the Books District Competition, which will take place Tuesday, May 13th . It is truly some great academic fun for the students as they have really worked hard for this event. Our other grade levels will be able to view the competition thanks to technology and we will be cheering them on back at Harrison.



Instrumental District Concert

5th Grade Instrumental students across the district will be featured in concert Tuesday, May 20th at Lakewood High School Civic Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. All student guests must be accompanied by



an adult.



Kindergarten All About Math!!

Over the course of the school year each grade level welcomes a guest to visit their math class. This a wonderful opportunity that provides some insight as to what math class is like, how the students engage with the curriculum, as well as learn about ways families can help at home. **We are excited for our kindergarten students to bring one guest to their math class Thursday, May 22nd at 9:45 a.m.**

Harrison Spirit Week May 27th-30th

Tuesday - Grade Level Color

(PK- Blue, K- Purple, 1st - Red, 2nd - Yellow, 3rd - White, 4th - Green, 5th - Orange)

Wednesday - Favorite Sports Team Day

Thursday - Mix Match Clothes Day

Friday - Spirit Day (School/District Shirt or Purple and Gold)

Social Emotional Lessons

Our students have learned and practiced many social emotional skills this year, strengthening the foundation for success in academics, too. In the last months of the school year, we'll concentrate on making the skills stick through taking care of ourselves and persevering through challenges. We'll explore setting healthy boundaries, thinking optimistically and self-advocacy as part of the process.

As the school year ends and summer approaches, here are some opportunities, resources, and books to help our students continue their Social and Emotional growth.

Summer Movement Opportunities in Lakewood for Families

- [Bike Lakewood](#): Organized bike rides for families.
- Yoga classes by Happy Me by Halle [Schedule Here](#)
- Family-Focused Yoga at the Pink Lotus [Class Schedule](#)

Mindfulness Videos

- Feeling Crabby? Try some [Crabby Breathing](#)
- [Video: It's Going To Be a Great Day!](#) Positive Affirmations and Stretching
- Read Aloud: [It's Great To Be Me](#)

Social Emotional Learning Summer Reads

- From Better Kids: [10 SEL Books for The Summer](#)

- From Read Brightly: [Picture Books to Promote Social and Emotional Learning](#)

Persevere with STEM

- Steam Powered Family: [Summer STEM Activities](#)

Just for Parents

- Although it's o.k. for kids to be bored, here is an article with creative things to do this summer.
[10 Tips For Handling Summer Boredom](#)
- [Flusterclux](#): Fix Anxiety with Lynn Lyons

Important Info 2025-2026

Kindergarten Registration is OPEN!

Registration is now open for all students who will be in kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information or to begin the process, [click here](#). Early registration helps us to better plan for the upcoming school year!

For incoming kindergarten students, please consider registering for Kick Start to Kindergarten!
[Click here!](#)



2025 KICKSTART TO KINDERGARTEN

FOR INCOMING
LAKEWOOD CITY SCHOOLS STUDENTS

SESSION 1
June 16-18 and 23-27 (no school June 19)
9:15*-11:45 am

SESSION 2
June 30-July 3 and July 7-10
9:15*-11:45 am

Horace Mann Elementary School
1215 West Clifton
\$40 per student

[Register through the Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Department \(under Youth Camps\)](#)

*Kick Start Students should not arrive before 9:05 as Elementary Summer School students will be entering the building.

School Day and Arrival Changes!

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the elementary day will be extended by 15 minutes to increase learning time. Before and after care services will adjust accordingly if you have signed up for for the service. Supervision and drop-off will begin at 8:45 AM. Morning arrival will follow this schedule:

- **8:25 – 8:35 AM** – Breakfast (entry permitted through gym/4 &5th grade dismissal doors for breakfast student ONLY)
- **8:45 – 8:55 AM** – General arrival; all students enter through the main doors and go directly to classrooms
- **8:50 AM** - Announcements will begin
- **8:55 AM** – Tardy bell rings, class begins
- **3:15 PM** – Dismissal (Car riders-Gym, Aftercare, Walkers through assigned doors)

This information is being shared early to give families time to plan. We appreciate your support in helping us ensure a smooth and safe start to the school day!. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Revised [2025-2026 Calendar](#) for Lakewood City Schools.

Class Assingments for Next School Year

Each year, we receive requests for specific teacher assignments and it is important to know how much thought is put into the assignments. It is recognized that this is a huge topic of interest for families.

Our goal is to create well-balanced classrooms where all students can thrive. In addition to considering individual student needs, we carefully evaluate class groupings as a whole--factoring in academic strengths, social emotional dynamics, and learning styles. This helps us ensure that every child is placed in an environment that supports their growth and success.

We are very fortunate to have an incredible team of highly qualified and dedicated educators at Harrison. While we do not take specific teacher requests, please know that our placement decisions are made with great care and with each child's best interest in mind. We appreciate your support and trust as we work to create the best possible learning experience for students.

Madison Library

Many of our students will have an opportunity to learn more about the summer offerings provided by the Madison Library over the next couple of weeks. Some will take visits to the library, while some classes will receive a visit from a library representative. It is our hope that students and families will tap into the Madison Library over the summer and throughout the school year as they are an amazing community resource. Adult accompaniment is encouraged and appreciated so that the library staff can focus on providing support with resources rather than supervision of guests.



Reminders

Moving??

You are responsible to notify the office when you move. This will facilitate you getting timely mailings. If you should move to another school district, it is necessary to sign the Records Release Form authorizing the school to forward academic records to the new school. Please contact the school office May 20th, if your child will not be returning to Harrison next school year due to a move.

Our school office will officially close June 10th. Please note that all chromebooks, must be returned or a \$200 fee will be assessed if you are moving. Withdrawals that occur over the summer will need to go through the Lakewood Board of Education. If you have submitted your new address, please note that you will be officially withdrawn at the close of this school year.

Returned Mail

If returned mail is received over the summer. You will need to update your residency information by providing proof of residency prior to your child being added to a class roster. This may be done once the school office reopens

Attendance

Ohio schools must report student absences as part of House Bill 410. Schools are required to develop Absence Intervention Plans for students who exceed absence limits outlined in the law. Families will receive auto generated letters as notifications from the district indicating the number of hours your child has missed in accordance with these laws. Absences exceeding 38 hours in a month, or 65 hours in a year will require medical documentation in order to be considered excused. Should you have an ongoing medical concern, please contact our office.

Excessive Absence is defined as (1) absent 38 or more hours in a month with or without an excuse or (2) absent 65 or more hours in a year with or without an excuse

Habitual Truancy is defined as (1) absent 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse, (2) absent 42 or more hours in one month without a legitimate excuse, or (3) absent 72 or more hours in one year without a legitimate excuse.

*Hours also include total number of minutes tardy to school and early dismissal.

Dress Code Reminder

Lakewood City Schools' Dress Code

As the weather turns warmer, please be reminded of the board approved dress code. The complete dress code can be found in our posted student handbook. Students may not wear:

1. Violent language or images. Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or the use of the same.
2. Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
3. Language or images that create a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
4. Visible underwear. Visible waistbands or straps on undergarments worn under other clothing are not a violation.
5. Sunglasses inside of the building
6. Crop Tops, Halter Tops, Spaghetti straps or bathing suits (except for aquatics)

7. Hats/Headwear that conceal the student's identity

8. Hoods in building

Arrival to School

Please know that dropping your students off and leaving them outside prior to 8:45 a.m. is not safe as they are unsupervised. Our breakfast doors currently open at 8:25 a.m. for students who are taking part in the breakfast program.

Arrival and Pick-up

Morning Arrival - The purpose of the curb drop-off in the morning is to provide a quick drop-off process for parents who may need to get right to work. If you are using this area, it is expected that your child is ready to quickly exit the vehicle and parents move along to exit the parking lot. If you know that you and your child require more time, please park your vehicle and assist your child with crossing the parking lot using the crosswalk.

Afternoon Dismissal - The end of the school day bell rings at 3:05 p.m. All students are exiting the building by this time. Car riders are held in the gym as we process the cars through the car rider line. Please do not leave your car unattended in the car rider line. This is meant to be a quick process for parents.

Late Pick-Up - If you are late picking up, you will have to come in the building and sign the late pick-up list. Supervision is very limited after dismissal so it is important that students are picked up in a timely manner.

Early Releases

Should you have to pick up your child early from school for an appointment, etc. You are welcome to send a note to let the teacher know, but you also need to contact the school office and make the office aware of the need for an early release. Students are called out of class from the office. The teacher will have the students prepared to leave the classroom when they receive the call.

Harrison Playground

Students are not permitted on the school playground immediately following school unless they are with an adult. Please note that Horizon Educational Center has a permit to use our school playground from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. Others can be asked to leave if they are causing a disruption to the permitted program and their use. Please do not use the playground as a means to occupy your child until you can pick them up.

Classroom Treats

Please discuss with the classroom teacher first to ensure that the teacher is aware and has time set aside to distribute a provided treat. Please be advised of the following:

Food allergies can be very serious but together we can manage them safely. Food allergy reactions are unpredictable. Even the smallest amount of a food allergen can cause a severe reaction. The only way to prevent a food allergy reaction is to avoid the problem food (allergen). All treats and snacks provided for a class must be store bought, individually packaged at purchase, and ingredients clearly listed (food label attached). Schools have the responsibility to protect the health and safety of all students. Treats that do not follow the above guidelines will be declined

and will not be shared with students. For more guidelines about classroom treats, please refer to our family handbook. Thank you for your cooperation.



1st grade All About Math
1st grade students show their guests the ropes in math class.



1st grade family fun with math
Students share what they have are working on in math class



STEM
4th grade students and their robots.



Harrison PTA

Our PTA has done some amazing things this school year from the Harrison Back to School Ice Cream Social, Trunk or Treat, and the Winter Wonderland Dance, to name a few. We are very thankful for the support given and the time invested to create wonderful experiences for our students and our staff. We thank our families and staff that have participated in the fundraisers, which help financially support some of the school events. If you are not a member of the Harrison PTA, please consider joining as more help is always needed!

Congratulations 5th Grade Students!! We wish you the best in middle school!!



School Information

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