FAQ: HISTORY HARVEST EVENTS

For Families & Community Members

What is the History Harvest?

The History Harvest is a community event designed to collect memories, artifacts, and reflections from Horace Mann, Roosevelt, and Madison Elementary Schools. Items and stories gathered will be preserved in a digital time capsule and may inspire artwork, displays, or commemorative elements in the new consolidated elementary school.

Why is the District doing this?

As our three elementary schools transition into one new building, we want to honor the legacy of each school. These events preserve the history, culture, and personal stories that shaped generations of students and families. This is an opportunity to celebrate the past while helping guide the future.



Who can participate?

Everyone is welcome:

- Former students and families
- Current students, families, and staff
- Alumni from any class year
- Neighborhood residents and school supporters

Do I need to bring anything?

No items are required, but participants are encouraged to bring:

- Photos
- Yearbooks
- Trophies, apparel, or memorabilia
- Student projects or artwork

We will photograph or scan items on-site and return them immediately. We do not keep physical items.



What if I don't have items, but still want to be involved?

We invite you to:

- Write a memory on the Memory Wall
- Record a short story in the Story Booth
- Share ideas at the Design update table
- Add your child's drawing to our Kid's Memory display
- Join a guided tour of the building

Your presence and voice are just as valuable as artifacts.

What happens to the items and stories collected?
All suitable materials will be added to a digital time capsule.
They will help document the history of the schools and may influence:

- historical displays,
- interior storytelling features,
- commemorative art,
- or other elements within the new elementary school.

Will the District keep my personal belongings?
No. Items are scanned or photographed so they can be digitally preserved and returned immediately.

Can children participate?
Yes! There will be a "My School Memory" art area where students can draw or share what they love most about their school. Their artwork will also be included in the digital archive.

Will there be information about the new school?
Yes. A Design Update table will include early renderings, floor plans, and inspiration imagery. Design and Construction Team members will be available to answer questions.

Why are you offering school tours?
Tours give staff, students, alumni, and community members a chance to walk the buildings one last time, celebrate their history, and say goodbye with gratitude.

Do I need to RSVP?
No RSVP is required. Come whenever it fits your schedule during posted event times.

How long does it take?
Most visitors spend 20–45 minutes, depending on how many activities they participate in.

Will this be emotional?
For many, yes — and that's okay. These buildings hold generations of stories.
The History Harvest is meant to feel warm, grateful, respectful, and hopeful.

How will the District continue to engage the community?
This event is one of several opportunities to stay informed and involved in the new elementary school process. Additional updates, touch points, and design visuals will be shared throughout planning and construction. Please reference the District's dedicated webpage for the project to stay up to date.
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HISTORY HARVEST EVENTS

- **HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY**
  January 15 | 5:30–7:00 PM
- **MADISON ELEMENTARY**
  January 22 | 5:30–7:00 PM
- **ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY**
  February 17 | 5:30–7:00 PM

All are welcome — current families, former students, staff, and community friends.