Harrison Elementary School

May/June, 2026

Dates to Remember

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The House of Amistad - May is Kindness Month
5/4 - 5/8 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
5/11- 5/15 - Hike & Bike Week
5/11 - 5/15 - Multicultural Week
5/14 - Harrison House Assembly - Wear House Shirts/Colors
5/15 - Wear Cultural Attire
5/18 - 22 - House Spirit Week - Wear the colors of each house
💖- Mon. 🤍 - Tues. 💚- Wed. 💙 - Thurs. 🖤 - Fri.
5/19 - Battle of the Books
5/20 - Fifth Grade Instrumental Concert - Lakewood Civic Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
5/20 - First Grade Field Trip
5/21 - Kindergarten *All About Math* Family Session - 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.
5/22 - First Grade Library Visit
5/22 - Last Day of Choir
5/26 - Kids in Motion/Fun Day
(PK- Blue, K- Purple, 1st - Red, 2nd - Yellow, 3rd - Blue, 4th - Green, 5th - Orange)
6/3 - Kindergarten Library Visit
6/3 - Fifth Grade Picnic
6/4 - Fifth Grade Celebration - 2:00 p.m.
6/4 - Last Day for Students
6/5 - Staff Last Day
6/12 - School Office Officially Closes for Summer Break

Looking Ahead:
- August 6th - School Office Reopens - Office Staff Only
- August 24th - Grades 1-5 Start School
- August 24th - Preschool Open House
- August 24th, 25th, & 26th - Kindergarten Screening Only
- August 25th - 1st day of Preschool
- August 27th - K-5 All in Attendance

Things To Know!

Harrison's Multicultural Week



During our last week of school, we will have the opportunity to learn about the many cultures represented in our building. We strive to continue to grow our knowledge and promote cultural understanding, appreciation, and inclusivity among students and staff. We welcome those in our building to showcase their cultural attire Friday, May 15th.

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HIKE & BIKE WEEK MAY 11-15

We encourage all elementary and PreK families to grab your walking shoes or bike helmets and enjoy a week of using active transportation to get to and from school!



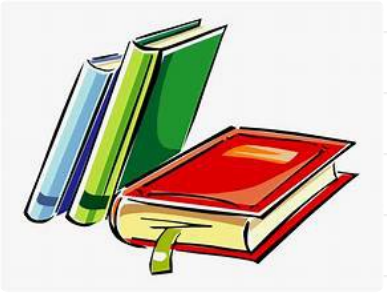
Congratulations & Well Wishes

Harrison Retirements!

We'd like to thank our staff members for their service in the field of education and their time at Harrison Elementary. Mrs. Kraus, first grade teacher will be retiring this school year. Mrs. Kraus has been with the Lakewood City School District for 32 years. Mrs. Bluhm, ISGI (small group

instructor), is also retiring. She has been with the district for 26 years. We thank them both for their service and appreciate their work in our district. We wish them well on their retirement journey.

Battle of the Books



Several of our 5th grade students have been reading, meeting, and discussing a set of books over several months in preparation for the **Battle of the Books District Competition**, which will take place on **Tuesday, May 19th**.
This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in meaningful academic fun, and they have truly worked hard in preparation for this event.
Thanks to technology, students in other grade levels will be able to view the competition, 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 Wednesday, 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 has been 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 21st at 9:45 a.m.**

Days for Specific Attire

5/14 - Where House Shirt for Assembly
5/15 - Cultural Attire
5/18 - 5/22 - Celebrate the Houses
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Crop King Visit to Harrison



Students show their guests how much they enjoy math.
To help celebrate Earth Day, we were very fortunate to have a speaker from Crop King in Lodi. Jason Jurey is the education consultant for the largest hydroponic farm in Ohio. Crop King distributes hydroponic supplies. They are also busy educating the public and coming up with innovations related to hydroponic growing. This was an awesome experience for our students K-5.

Social Emotional Learning

As we move into the final month of the school year, we are excited to continue building on the strong social-emotional foundation our students have developed throughout the year.
During April and May, the focus has and will continue to be on:

- **Responsible Decision Making**
- **Self-Care**
- **Problem Solving & Perseverance**

Our students have learned and practiced many important social-emotional skills this year, which support not only their personal growth but also their academic success. In these last months, we will concentrate on helping these skills "stick" by encouraging students to take care of themselves and persevere through challenges.
Students will explore:

- Setting healthy boundaries
- Thinking with optimism
- Practicing self-advocacy

These skills are essential as students continue to grow into confident, capable learners and individuals. We encourage you to support these efforts at home by talking with your child about how they handle challenges, take care of themselves, and make thoughtful decisions.
Parent Resources

Important Info 2026-2027

Open Enrollment Information

The open enrollment period for the 2026-2027 closed April 15, 2026. Notification of open enrollment status will be as follows: First-round notifications will occur the week of June 8. Kindergarten notification will be made the week of August 10. If you have any questions regarding open enrollment, call 216-529-4244.

Kindergarten Registration

Please be advised that new kindergarten age eligibility requirements for Ohio have been implemented. In late December, Governor DeWine signed House Bill 114, which changes the age eligibility requirement for children starting kindergarten in Ohio.
Children must be 5 years old on or before the first day of kindergarten to be eligible to enroll for the 2026–2027 school year. Lakewood City Schools' first day of school for kindergarten is August 27, 2026. This means that your child must be 5 years of age on or before that date to register for kindergarten. If you have any questions regarding kindergarten registration, call 216-529-4244.
Please consider participating in the KickStart to Kindergarten opportunity this summer if you have a child that will be starting kindergarten in the upcoming school year.



School Day Start & Ending Schedule

2026-2027 school year start and ending times, which are the same as this school year.

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)

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 12th. 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

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 3:15 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 before school starts or 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.



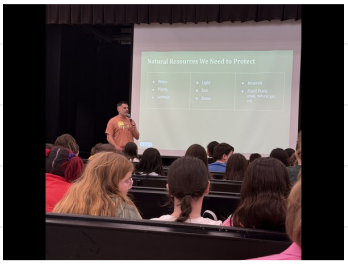
First grade All About Math

First grade students show their guests what they have learned in math this school year.



First grade family fun with math

Students show their guests how much they enjoy math.



Crop King Visit

Students in grades 3-5 engage in a learning experience with Jason Jurey from Crop King.



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!

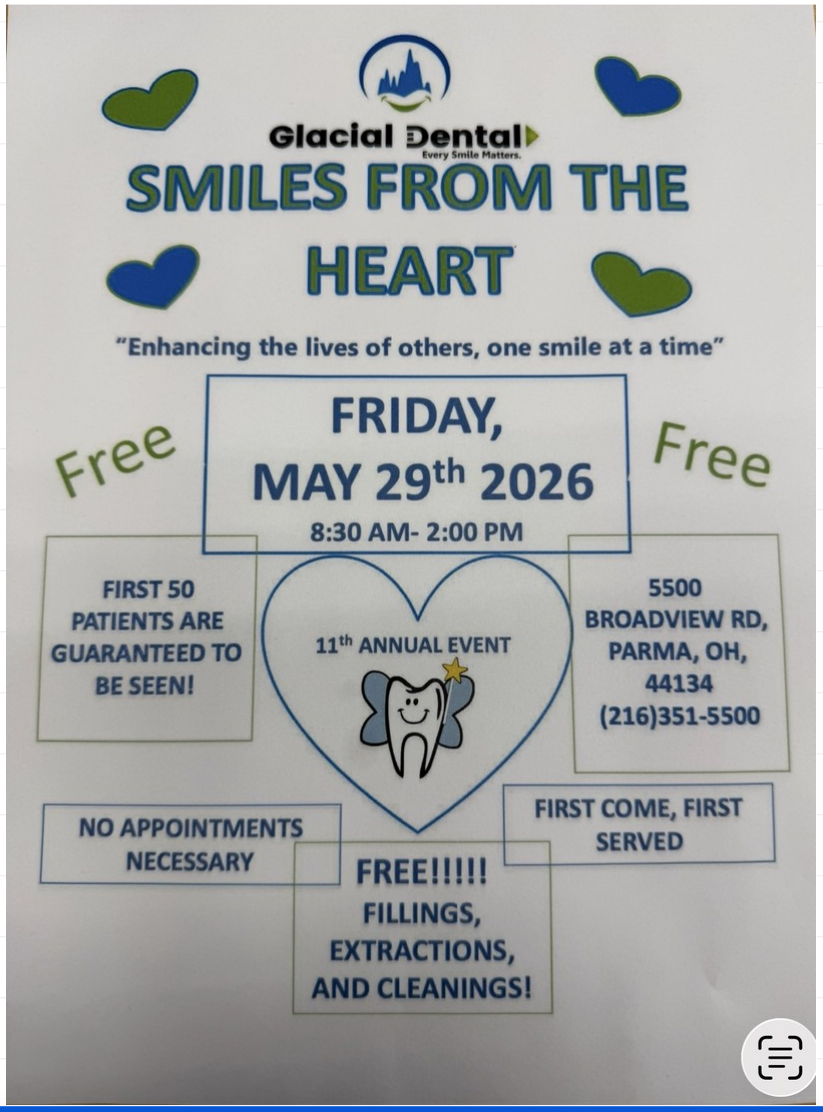
Congratulations 5th Grade Students!! We wish you the best in middle school!!

School Information

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