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YES Young Do

We are so glad to be making new friends in Harmony. The YES Young Do students have been in programs now for a couple of weeks, and I see great new friendships forming.

I would like to thank Jaila for the generous donation made to Harmony.

Anti-Bullying Program

Anita Trussler is heading our anti-bullying program that begins running this month. Along with the program for the youth, we are putting together a group of people to help address and discuss the issues that are facing the kids and possible outcomes and help; a round table discussion forum. Please contact Anita if you are interested in signing up your child for programming, or you would like to participate in the round table discussion.

Job Swap

In February Harmony volunteers will be "swapping jobs" for a day with local businesses and companies. This is a new "fun-raiser" for us. The businesses will collect sponsors for them to come to Harmony for the day. We are looking for more businesses to get involved. They will get the opportunity to work with kids for a day and really see harmony from the inside out. If you know of someone, who might be interested in this event please contact Suzanne Durling, Fund-raising Coordinator.

Craft and Book Sale

Harmony is hosting a craft and book sale March 1st at the Harmony Centre in Sarnia. Tables are available for local crafters etc. for \$20.00. Please contact Suzanne if interested in hosting a table.

Program Cancellation Reminder

As Always

All Harmony functions that must be cancelled on short notice are announced on the FOX radio and our answering machine. Please listen in if the weather looks like our plans may have to change. We do not want anyone to take unnecessary risks due to the weather.

New Holiday means Harmony will be closed February 18th for Family Day

Pay it Forward Events

Each year when we start our programs we remind everyone that for each hour of programming they receive, they owe one hour of community service. Over the holidays, the turn out for concerts was not what we would have liked to have had. It is the responsibility of all Harmony students to support the Public Events Harmony participates in. This is where much of our fundraising dollars comes from.

Please remember you agreed to Pay-it-forward when you joined. Harmony is NOT free, and there are many youth that owe hours. Parents and youth must be prepared to be held accountable. Program suspensions will be handed out until hours are paid in full. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne. If you would like to arrange payment prior to program suspension, please contact Joanne directly.

CAFÉ is running

Come out and join the fun. Café is now Friday nights. 7-10 pm for all ages.

Our Co-Op students have lots of fun planned for you.

Speakers Forum

On June 8th, Harmony has booked the SSEC for a one day event. We will be hosting special guests that will speak on their career story, how they got where they are today. The title of this event is; "Believe...." So far we have two guests confirmed

to attend; Lars Sloan, a movie producer who specializes in special effects. He designs and performs special effects in such movies like, "The Guardian", "Apollo 13", "premonition", "The Locusts", and "powder" to name a few. The other confirmed guest is Michael Pincas. Michael designed Google.....wow!!! Later this month we will be gathering a team together to help put this great event together. If you are interested please contact Suzanne Durling.

February is Volunteer month

This month Harmony is on a major volunteer recruitment campaign. With our growth we need more volunteers. I would like everyone to make an effort to ask someone to volunteer today. Most people want to help, but just need to be asked. So, ask. I am looking for a new volunteer to be our volunteer coordinator. If you are interested please call me directly. Consider changing the life of a child today.

Driver Permission Forms

For those of you offering to drive, please ensure that you have completed a driver form. See the front desk.

Volunteer Training

This month we will be hosting our volunteer training on February 9th from 9-10 a.m. **ALL** volunteers, youth and adults are requested to attend.

Harmony Convention

We will be hosting a three day convention at the Sarnia centre the last week of August 2008. This will be for all Harmony Centres to attend. I am looking for a team of people that would like to help coordinate the conference. Both will be fun, contact Joanne if interested.

Board of Directors

In January we will be taking nominations for our 2008-2009 board of directors. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Joanne.

Our AGM is scheduled for February 25th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. Currently, we have these wonderful people that have allowed their name to be put forth for our new board of directors.

Kathy Goodacre; Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary; Michele Bourne

Treasurer

Directors; Sharon and Butch Trumble

Jim Jordon, Rick Bourque

Paul Gagne, Greg Royce

I would like to thank Sharon Bottomley for all her hard work and effort, as she will be stepping down from the Board of Directors, and the Treasurer position. Sharon has done a remarkable job and we wish her all the best.

FUNDRAISING

Meat Raffles

Harmony will continue to run meat raffles each **Thursday at Puck A Round** from 5-7 pm. We are looking for your support and volunteerism on this. We need 2 volunteers per week. Contact Keith. Please support this fundraiser and come out for a few minutes on your way home from work and just maybe you will win the main course. Tickets are 50cents each and you may win a package worth \$15.

Aunt Sarah's Bars Please help fundraise by picking up a box of these amazing bars to sell. The practically sell themselves. Those of you that have sold boxes please return the payment as soon as possible. See the administration desk.

Meat Bingos

We are also looking for assistance on Wednesdays at the British Canadian Club for Meat Bingos too. This is a bit later of an evening. Please contact Mr. Paul if you are available to help. If you can't help come and support us and play a round.

Bake Sale – February 28th The bake sale is held on Senior day at Shoppers Drug Mart on Mitton Street. So please package your goodies in small i.e. ½ dozen or single servings. This way the seniors are not overwhelmed by the size and we will sell out quickly. Baked goods can be dropped off on Wednesday at the Centre or on Thursday at the store as soon as Shoppers opens.

Pampered Chef & Sticky Fingers & Doug's Dough

We will be running these three fund-raisers over the next couple of months. Last year when kids were raising money for their trips they sold lots, this year, our sales have been way down. Please parents remember that we rely on these fund-raisers to pay the heat, hydro etc. Please let's all help and make these successful.

SARNIA Pay it Forward

Timetable

Date	Time	Location	Event / Contact Person
February			
February 1	7-10 pm	Harmony Centre	Café for Youth
February 1-14		Pampered Chef Fundraiser	
February 2	10am-noon	Harmony Centre	Bully Buster Workshop
February 3	2-3	Point Edward arena	Harmony family skate
February 5	10:00 a.m.	Harmony Centre	Executive Meeting
February 7	2:10-3:10	STOMP program Walpole Elementary School	Anti-Bullying/Anita Trussler
February 9	9-10 .m.	Harmony Centre	Volunteer Training
February 11	6:30	West-Lorne Open Forum, Joanne Klauke-LaBelle speaking	Community forum on opening Harmony in West-Lorne
February 12	10:00	Harmony Centre	Executive Meeting
February 14	2:10-3:1-	Walpole Island Elementary	Stomp Out Bullying
February 14	All day	Valentines day	
February 14	All Day	Pampered Chef Orders Due	
February 18	11-1	SSEC	Family Skate (All other programs cancelled, only this special one for the Family Day)
February 19	10:00	Harmony Centre	Executive Meeting
February 20	5-7	Stoke's By the Bay	Harmony partners for Biz after 5
February 21	2:10-3:10	Walpole Island Elementary	STOMP out bullying
February 22	To be announced	Evangelical Church (East St.)	YES Finale
February 24	1:00	Harmony Centre	Board Meeting
February 25	6:00	Harmony Centre	AGM
February 26	10:00	Harmony Centre	Executive Meeting
February 28	9:00 a.m.	Shopper's Drug Mart	Bake Sale
February 28	2:10-3:10	Walpole Island Elementary	Stomp out Bullying
February 29	5 & 7 p.m.	Stoke's By the Bay	Pasta Dinner Fund-raiser
March			
March 1	9:00-2:00	Harmony Centre	Craft/Book Sale
March 6	2:10-3:10	Walpole Island Elementary	STOMP out Bullying
March 10-14	All Day	Harmony Centre	March Break Programs only
March 20-24	All Day	Closed for Easter	
March 27	9:00-12:00	Shopper's Drug Mart	Bake Sale
March 27	5 & 7	Stoke's By the Bay	Pasta Dinner Fund-raiser
March 27	3:00-4:00	Kettle Point Health Centre	STOMP out Bullying
March 29	9-10 a.m.	Harmony Centre	Volunteer Training
April			
April 4	6:00 p.m.	Imperial Centre for the Performing Arts	Chamber Awards
April 3	3:00-4:00	Kettle Point Health Centre	Stomp out Bullying
April 6	11:00	North Caradoc Church	Concert
April 10	3:00-4:00	Kettle Point Health Centre	Stomp out Bullying

April 17	3:00-4:00	Kettle Point Health Centre	Stomp out Bullying
April 19	To be announced	To be announced	IODE Concert
April 23	All Day	Harmony Centre	Sticky Fingers Orders Due
April 24	3:00-4:00	Kettle Point Health Centre	Stomp out Bullying
April 24	9:00-12:00	Shopper's Drug Mart	Bake Sale
April 26	9:00-11:00	To be announced	Healthy Fair concert/lunch
April 28	To be announced	Sarnia Golf and Curling club	Joanne speaking Can Am Kiwanis convention
May			
May 1	3:00-4:00	Kettle Point Health Centre	Stomp out bullying
May 5	All day	Music Monday	
May 7	All programs	Harmony	Mother's Day Tea
May 8	3:00-4:00	Kettle Point Healthy Centre	Stomp out Bullying
May 11	All Day	Mother's Day	
May 16-19	Closed	May Long Weekend	
May 29	9:00-12:00	Shopper's Drug Mart	Bake Sale
June			
June 7	6:00 p.m.	SSEC	"Believe...." Forum (Fundraiser)
June 15	All day	Father's Day	
June 21	6:00 p.m.	Polish Hall	Harmony's Annual Banquet and Recital
June 26	9:00-12:00	Shopper's Drug Mart	Bake Sale
July			
July 1	All Day	Canada Day	
July 3-6		Dallas Trip	
July 7-18th	9-3 daily	Dow People Place	Harmony Day Camp
July 21-Aug. 1	9-3 daily	Dow People Place	Harmony Day Camp
July 9-13	All Day	Centennial Park	Bayfest
July 17-20	All Day	Centennial Park	Ribfest
Aug 3-9	Over-night	Scout Camp	Harmony Over-night Camp

(Note: Always check with the Centre for admissions and omissions that may come about during the month)

Buy-a-Brick and Leave a Legacy Commemoration Program

Please help us buy our building. We are trying to save enough funds to buy our building. You can help by buying a brick. (Plaques will be attached to bricks throughout the inside of the building) Our goal \$40,000

Please fill in the form below and return with your donation.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Inscription: _____

Donation Amount: Bronze (\$100)
 Silver (\$250)
 Gold (\$500)