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YES Young Do

We are so excited to welcome our visitors from Korea along with some of their host family children to Harmony. The children will be involved in our programming in January and February. Please help make them feel at home with us. Their parents are hoping they will learn to speak English the same way we do so please take time to help them in this task.

Some information about our new students:

In Korea these children go to regular school during the day and YES Young Do School every evening to learn English. When they come home at 10pm they must begin their homework. They go to school 6 days a week and have Sunday off to play sports and other things. Korean families value education so highly that they spend about 40% of their income on children's education.

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.

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

Thank you to all students and parents that attended the many Pay-it-Forward Events in December. We could not have done it without you. I hope the holidays gave those of you who were so dedicated a time to take a breath.

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.

January 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

Last year we were really good at having training sessions each month. We slipped in the fall, but are planning to put training seminars back in place. If anyone has topics or speakers that would assist in the training please contact Joanne

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 co-ordinate 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.

FUNDRAISING

Meat Raffles

We ran a very successful second Raffle on **Fridays for the month of December at Two Amigos**. It raised \$1200 in 4 weeks.

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 - Jan 31st

We have lost our number one contributor to the bake sale for the winter. She has flown the coop to warmer climates. So, please remember that we need you to help make this a successful venture and donate an item to the table. 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

Upcoming Events/Fundraisers

- Sticky Fingers Fundraiser - April 4th
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser - February
- Craft Sale at Harmony March 1st
- Possible March Break Camp - Call if interested in registering. Camp will run if there is interest.
- Bake sale Jan. 31st.

SARNIA Pay it Forward

WINTER Timetable

Date	Time	Location	Event / Contact Person
January 7		Harmony Centre	Classes Resume
January 12		Harmony Centre	Korean Student and Host Family Registrations
January 17	4:30-7	Puck A Round	Meat Raffle - Keith
January 17	12:00	Harmony	Executive meeting
January 18	7-10 pm	Harmony Centre	Café for Youth
January 19	10am-noon	Harmony Centre	Bully Buster Workshop
January 22		British Canadian Club	Meat Bingo
January 23	5:30-6:30	Harmony community room	Volunteer training
January 24	4:30-7	Puck A Round	Meat Raffle - Keith
January 25	7-10 pm	Harmony Centre	Café for Youth
January 26	10am-noon	Harmony Centre	Bully Buster Workshop
January 28	6:00-7:00	Harmony Community room	Committee meeting
January 29		British Canadian Club	Meat Bingo
January 31	4:30-7	Puck A Round	Meat Raffle - Keith
January 31	9:30-1	Shoppers	Bake Sale
January 31	12:00	Harmony	Executive Meeting
February			
February 1	7-10 pm	Harmony Centre	Café for Youth
February 2	10am-noon	Harmony Centre	Bully Buster Workshop
February 3	2-3	Point Edward arena	Harmony family skate
February 14	All day	Harmony closed	Closed for day
February 18	All Day	Harmony Centre	No Programs on this new holiday

(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)

 Platinum (over \$500)

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