

Welcome to Harpool Middle School



Home of the Longhorns!

# Your Administrators.....



**Jeff Smith**  
Principal



**Summer Vasquez**  
Assistant Principal  
7th grade A-L  
8th grade



**Matt Willoughby**  
Assistant Principal  
6th grade  
7th grade M-Z



**Tammy Allen**  
AP Intern

# Your Counselors.....



Mrs. Turner  
Student Assistance  
Counselor

Ms. Price  
Grade Level  
Counselor  
7<sup>th</sup> grade A-L  
8<sup>th</sup> grade

Mrs. Thweatt  
Grade Level  
Counselor  
6<sup>th</sup> grade  
7<sup>th</sup> grade M-Z

# Resources for Success

- These are people you or your students can go to if you need extra help or assistance. The teachers are wonderful helpers, but sometimes you may need one of these other resources to provide extra support.



Officer Wilkinson  
Student Resource Officer  
(SRO)

# Verification vs Registration

## Registration:

Registration is for new students only. If your student is currently enrolled in DISD, they are already registered.

## Verification:

- Will occur during the summer via Info Snap (you will need a current email address)
- Go to Denton ISD homepage. Click the Parent tab and it will take you to the information page.
  - ***Verification is a two step process.***
    1. Complete the information as a RETURNING STUDENT (print verification page when completed)
    2. When you come up for schedule pick up, you will need to have a copy of your proof of residency, drivers license, and the verification sheet from Info Snap.



# Our School



# TIME

Classes start at 8:15 sharp!



8 periods a day & each are  
47 minutes long except  
3rd period which is 53  
minutes

School ends at 3:35!

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up  
is in the back of the school  
by the covered awning.



# Making the Transition to “Middle School”

## Team Concept



- \* What are Teams?

- \* Why are they a good idea?



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams

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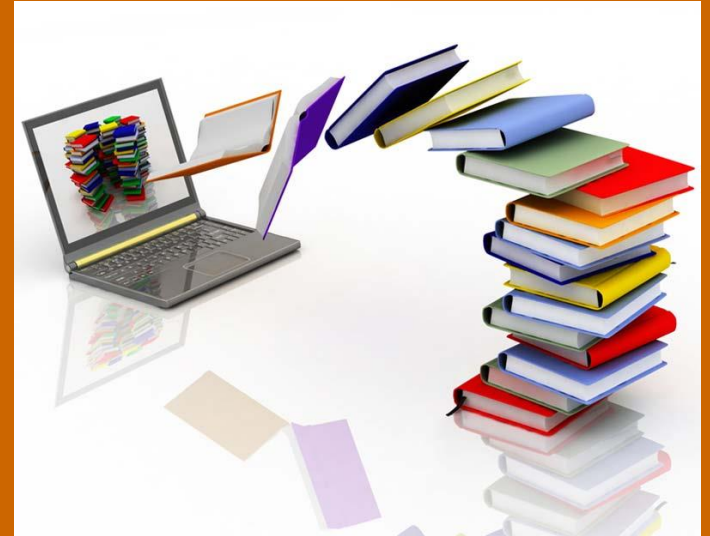


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# Did you know...?

- Each teacher has a website.
- Many teachers list their daily assignments and sometimes attach homework assignments.
- Go to [www.dentonisd.org](http://www.dentonisd.org)
- Choose Harpool at the top of the page.
- Choose the team and then the teacher
- This is a great tool to use if your student is absent! If it's not listed, be sure to have them ASK THEIR TEACHER!!!



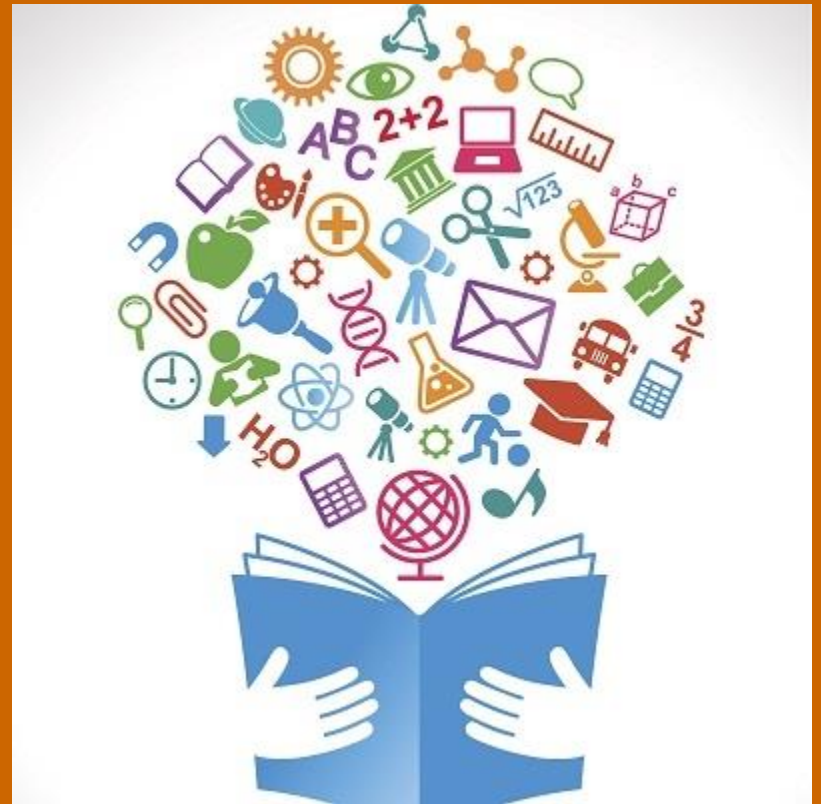
6<sup>th</sup> grade hallway....your color of the year is GREEN!



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Courses

# What your student has to take.

- English
- Reading/Expo
- Math
- Science
- Contemporary World Societies
- PE/Wellness
- Advisory
- **There are no honors classes at 6<sup>th</sup> grade level.**





# Physical Education

**Uniforms will only be sold online. Check out the Harpool website for more information starting in April.**

**There will be two opportunities to purchase uniforms – once during the spring and once during the summer. During the summer, dri-fit and mesh shorts are not available.**



**Remember, PE clothes must be appropriate length according to school dress code requirements.**

**Write student's name on uniforms.**

**Students must dress out everyday. Grade is based on 70% participation and 30% dressing out.**

# Elective Choices

What your student can choose to take.

- Beginning Band
- Choir (G=girls) & (B=boys)
- Beginning Strings or Continuing Orchestra
- Elective Wheel



# What is the Elective Wheel?

It is a combination of a fine arts class and a career/technology class

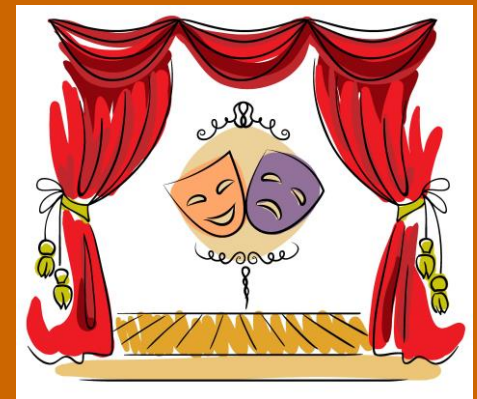
## There are two parts to the wheel:

### Part I

Students will be in ***one*** of the following courses for one semester:

\*Art

\*Theatre Arts



# Elective Wheel continued....



## Part II

Students will rotate through NINE weeks of the following:


- \*Technology Education
- \*Career Investigation



# Course Request Sheets

- Course Request Sheets will be coming home **THIS WEEK**.
- Please look over the elective courses and discuss with your child.
- They will need to be signed by you **AND** your child.
- Please return them as soon as possible to your child's elementary school (by February 20th).

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elementary \_\_\_\_\_



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Course Request Sheet**

**REQUIRED COURSES**

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Science 6                    40600	1
C. World Societies 6        50600	1
PE/WEELLNESS 6            80600	1
Advisory                      99010	1

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Signature

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_____ Continuing Cello/Viola	
_____ Beginning Strings (60630)	
_____ Choir 6                      girls                      60652	1
_____ Choir 6                      guys                      60651	1
_____ Elective Wheel*                      90000	1

\*For one semester the Elective Wheel students will rotate through each of the following courses for nine weeks each:

Technology Education  
 Career Investigation

AND

Elective wheel students must also pick one of the following which will last for one semester. Place a checkmark on the line of the class you prefer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Art 616103    \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre Arts 606603

# Big Changes Are Coming...

The only thing constant in life ....Is change.

- Emotional
  - I won't be able to find my classes.
  - I won't be with my friends.
- Disorganized
  - I'll have 8 classes to keep up with.
- Forgetful
  - I'll forget which class to go to next.
  - I won't be able to get my locker open.



# Social Media

- Positive vs Negative Effects
- Know what sites your students are using and check them regularly
- Know your students' log-ins and passwords
- Don't be afraid to read texts and check their accounts



# Social Media



- Snapchat, Musical.ly, and Instagram
  - Each app allows for direct messaging
  - May show your child's location to others
  - May have explicit content
  - May default their posts to being public
- Check the settings to reduce safety risks
- These apps are often used to bully
- If your student is having issues with social media — **delete the app!**



# Social Media



- Common Sense Media
  - Great site to learn more about apps and other content your student may be interested in
- Be informed!
- Influence of Social Media on Teens

# WEB

Where Everybody Belongs!



- WEB is a middle school transition program that welcomes 6th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience.
- From 8:30 – 10:00, counselors will host a parent meeting to discuss common middle school issues and concerns.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**8:00-12:00**

# Success in Middle School

Organization is VERY  
important!

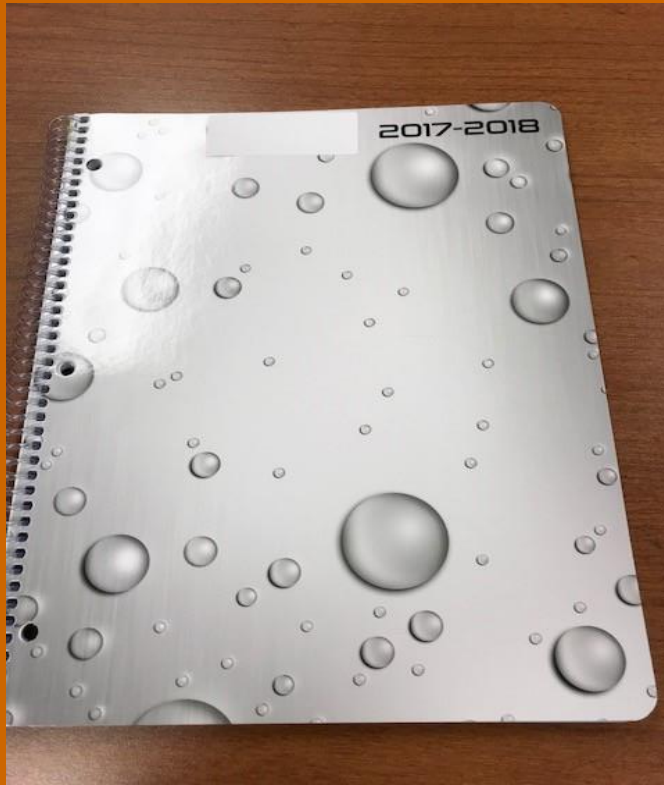
Community Forum: "Get Organized" with  
Lorraine Brock- professional organizer

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00  
Central Services Board Room  
(postcard reminders available!)



# The 6th Grade Agenda

## 2017-2018 Agenda



- 6th grade students are required to take their agenda everywhere.
- It is their hall pass and it helps to keep them organized.
- CHECK it every night AND discuss it with your child!
- Tickets are stapled to the back of the agenda.



# Do we get a locker?



- Everyone gets a hall locker with a combination lock on it.
- Students should NOT share their combination or locker with ANYONE!
- Students should cover their lock when putting in the combination.
- Students should keep lockers closed and locked when they aren't getting something out or putting something in. This helps to keep their stuff **SAFE!**

# Do we have to wear an ID?

- YES, you must have it with you at all times while at school.
- Students will get their picture made for their ID at schedule pickup or the first week of school.
- ID's are needed for lunch
- Students can leave it in their locker overnight so they don't leave it at home!



# Can we bring a cell phone to school?



- Students CAN bring one to school.
- From 8:15 am to 3:35 pm it is teacher discretion when it can be used – BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) – for classroom instruction.
- Cell phones are NOT allowed in the hallways (except before/after school), bathrooms, locker rooms, or cafeteria.
- If heard or seen, can be taken up and \$15 fee to get it back.
- We have phones at school for students to use 😊

We want to “Brand” you.....





# School Wide Discipline Policy

## Tickets.....

- Writing detention after losing the 6th ticket.
- Writing detention after losing the 12th ticket.
- Office referral on 13th (not ticket sheet as teacher has taken up)
- Office referral is issued if the ticket sheet is lost.

Once a student has lost all tickets and served two detentions, they will be referred to the office. If student behavior is severe, it could result in an office referral on the first offence.

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade		4th SIX WEEKS	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Longhorn Tickets	Reason:		Longhorn Tickets	Reason:
Math	_____		Math	_____
Advisory	_____		Advisory	_____
Inclusion	_____		Inclusion	_____
Elective	_____		Elective	_____
Date:	_____	Date:	_____	
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Math	_____		Math	_____
Advisory	_____		Advisory	_____
Inclusion	_____		Inclusion	_____
Elective	_____		Elective	_____
Date:	_____		Date:	_____

Parent Signature for loss of 6<sup>th</sup> ticket \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature for loss of last ticket \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Detention</b>	Date: _____	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Detention</b>	Date: _____
Reason: _____		Reason: _____	
Parent Signature: _____		Parent Signature: _____	



# DISCIPLINE



- We have a principal and two assistant principals. These administrators, along with all the teachers and staff, expect students to act appropriately at all times while here at school.
- Students will have more freedom than they had in elementary school, and along with the freedom comes more responsibility.

# Dress Code

- Skirts and shorts must be at least finger tip length- even on “Special Event Days”
- Shirts must be long enough to raise your arms and not show skin.
- Tank tops need to come to the shoulder.
- Pants need to be pulled up ...no sagging!
- No holes in jeans, shorts or skirts
- No flip –flops or athletic slides!
- No leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants!



# Attendance



- In middle school, all absent notes go to the Attendance Clerk's office which is located at the front of the office.
- Notes have to be turned in within 72 hours, or three days, after the absence or it will be considered unexcused. School excuses may now be submitted by email as a convenient option, [hmsnotes@dentonisd.org](mailto:hmsnotes@dentonisd.org).
- If you have any questions concerning attendance, please call the Attendance Clerk at: 369-1707.

# Attendance Policies

- What is an excused absence, per the state law?
- \*medical illness
- \*board approved extracurricular activities
- \*medical appointments
- \*death or serious illness of immediate family member (with documentation)
- \*religious holy days
- \*family emergencies (approved by admin)
- \*weather and road conditions that make traveling dangerous
- All other absences, unless excused by admin, will be unexcused. Failure to turn in notes within 72 hours will result in an unverified absence. Unexcused absences will most likely not be addressed unless they exceed **3 in 4 weeks** or **10 in 6 months**.



# Different from Elementary?



- \*Attendance is taken EVERY period—8 times a day.
- \*Harpool permits 6 parent notes per YEAR. All other absences will need medical documentation.
- \*As always, communication is KEY!



# 4-1 Grading vs Percent Grading

## Elementary Grading:

- Standards Based on a 4-1 Grading measure.
- Looking for Mastery of the Content

## Percent Grading:

- Standards Based on a 100-1 % Grading measure.
- Looking for Mastery of the Content

**For example, a 3 in elementary might be equivalent to a 70-85 in middle school. This is only an example and not meant to be exact. These numbers will slide on a scale depending on the assignment, content, etc.**

# HMS Grading Policy

\*MINOR grades - 40% of final grade  
(**Formative Assessment**—quizzes, daily work, independent practice, etc) Homework is assigned but not a grade. Ticket taken if not complete.

\*MAJOR grades - 60% of final grade  
(**Summative Assessment**—tests, essays, projects, etc)

A: 90 – 100

B: 80 – 89

C: 70 – 79

F: 69 and below



# Home Access Center (HAC - Main Screen)

Denton Independent School District

Home Attendance Classes Grades Student Support Registration

Week View **Calendar**

Monday February 13, 2017 - Friday February 17, 2017 Today View Full Schedule

Class	Current Average	Monday 02/13 Day: M	Tuesday 02/14 Day: T	Wednesday 02/15 Day: W	Thursday 02/16 Day: R	Friday 02/17 Day: F
<b>Science 6</b> (406002 - 6) Per: 1 <a href="#">Coovert, Emily</a>	<b>91.98</b>					
<b>Choir 6 Girls</b> (606522 - 1) Per: 2 <a href="#">Ice, Alinea</a>	<b>100.00</b>					
<b>English 6</b> (106002 - 7) Per: 3 <a href="#">Leatherwood, Aar</a>	<b>86.90</b>	<a href="#">Poetry Book</a> 90/100				
<b>Theater Arts 6</b> (606603 - 4) Per: 4 <a href="#">Jank, Eric</a>	<b>100.00</b>					
<b>Contemporary World Societies 6</b> (506002 - 6) Per: 5 <a href="#">Harrison, Chris</a>	<b>98.00</b>				<a href="#">WORLD RELIGIONS QUIZ</a>	
<b>Math 6</b> (306002 - 10) Per: 6 <a href="#">Khuat, Kait</a>	<b>88.60</b>					

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# Home Access Center (commonly referred to as HAC)

Browser tabs: Denton Independent, Denton ISD SSO, Form Content, My Drive - Google, 5th grade Voice, Grading - Google, New Tab, Classwork

Address bar: <https://denhac.dentonisd.org/HomeAccess/Classes/Classwork>

Navigation: Home, Attendance, Classes

## Assignment Information

Course: 306002-10 Math 6  
 Assignment: Unit 3B - Part Two Test  
 Category: Major Summative  
 Date Assigned: 02/01/2017  
 Date Due: 02/01/2017  
 Points: 100.00  
 Weight: 1.00  
 Score: 85.00  
 Extra Credit: No

The score received for this assignment will be applied in full to the following competencies:

**Competency**

compare two rules verbally, numerically, graphically, and symbolically in the form of  $y = ax$  or  $y = x + a$  in order to differentiate between additive and multiplicative relationships;  
 identify independent and dependent quantities from tables and graphs;  
 write an equation that represents the relationship between independent and dependent quantities from a table; and  
 represent a given situation using verbal descriptions, tables, graphs, and equations in the form  $y = kx$  or  $y = x + b$ .

Close

## Classwork Schedule

Date Due	Date Assigned	Assignment
01/17/2017	01/12/2017	<a href="#">Alphibio letter C</a>
01/06/2017	01/06/2017	<a href="#">HOOT ch 1 &amp; 2 quiz</a>
01/03/2017	01/03/2017	<a href="#">HOOT pre reading activity</a>

(Last Updated: 2/15/2017)

### 306002 - 10 Math 6

Date Due	Date Assigned	Assignment
02/10/2017	02/10/2017	<a href="#">Minor 3-4: Ratios &amp; Proportions</a>
02/01/2017	02/01/2017	<a href="#">Unit 3B - Part Two Test *</a>
01/27/2017	01/27/2017	<a href="#">Minor 3-3: Representing Relationships *</a>
01/19/2017	01/19/2017	<a href="#">Unit 3B Part One Test: Equations and Inequalities *</a>
01/11/2017	01/11/2017	<a href="#">Minor 3-2: Write/Solve Equations - Part 2 *</a>
01/06/2017	01/06/2017	<a href="#">Minor 3-1: Write/Solve Equations - Part 1 *</a>

(Last Updated: 2/9/2017)

### 406002 - 6 Science 6

Date Due	Date Assigned	Assignment	Category	Score	Total Points
02/07/2017	02/07/2017	<a href="#">Forces</a>	Minor Summative	86.00	100.00
01/24/2017	01/24/2017	<a href="#">Unit 4 Test *</a>	Major Summative	92.30	100.00
01/20/2017	01/20/2017	<a href="#">Energy Conversions Quiz *</a>	Minor Summative	80.00	100.00
01/13/2017	01/13/2017	<a href="#">Heat Travels Quiz *</a>	Minor Summative	100.0	100.00
01/06/2017	01/06/2017	<a href="#">Thermal Equilibrium Lab *</a>	Minor Summative	100.0	100.00

(Last Updated: 2/8/2017)

### 506002 - 8 Contemporary World Societies 6

9 wk average 98.00%

Date Due	Date Assigned	Assignment	Category	Score	Total Points
02/16/2017	02/16/2017	<a href="#">WORLD RELIGIONS QUIZ</a>	Minor Summative		100.00
02/07/2017	02/07/2017	<a href="#">Southwest Asia Vocabulary</a>	Minor Summative	90.00	100.00

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# Reassessment Policy

- Students have the opportunity to reassess within 10 days of receiving feedback
- All **MAJOR** summative grades below a 70 **MUST** be reassessed if the student is failing
- Students must complete all required components of the reassessment process:
  - \*all formative assessments related to work must be completed
  - \*student engages in additional learning opportunities as designated by teacher
  - \*teacher selects the time for reassessment



# Discipline



- Students receiving a **69 or below** on a major assessment will be **required** to reassess if they are failing. They will have to follow all teacher guidelines (tutorials, extra practice, etc.) to be able to reassess.
- Students who do not reassess within the given time frame (10 day maximum) will be assigned a discipline consequence.

# Harpool Middle School PTA

[www.facebook.com/Harpool-Middle-School-PTA-113914122039836/](http://www.facebook.com/Harpool-Middle-School-PTA-113914122039836/)

[www.dentonisd.org/Domain3914](http://www.dentonisd.org/Domain3914)

## **Upcoming meetings:**

**Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the cafeteria**

**Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the cafeteria**

# Harpool Middle School PTA Gifting Report 2017-2018

- Welcome Back Faculty Luncheon
- Assisted Harpool in coordinating cookie donations for the Howdy Dance
- Consistent Communication support of Harpool through social media
- Renaissance - A/B Honor Roll celebration held every 9 weeks
- Fundraisers - Longhorn Day, Little Caesar's Pizza Kits, Honda/Toyota of Denton Car Raffle, and Harpool Nerf Night on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Winter Dance
- Gala Basket donation for the Denton Public School Foundation Auction
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation
- The purchase of vinyl wraps/signage throughout Harpool Middle School
- 10 year Spring Celebration

# Harpool Middle School PTA

## **A message from the Harpool PTA Nominating Committee:**

Looking to be more involved next year? The Harpool PTA Nominating Committee is looking for individuals willing and wanting to serve in an officer position for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested in being contacted to find out more information, please complete a short questionnaire on our Facebook page. The elected officers will also be looking to fill some volunteer positions on the board so if you're more interested in those, there is a spot on the questionnaire to list your interests.

Harpool PTA has a great group of volunteers and we greatly appreciate the time dedicated to help us achieve our goals. The PTA is responsible for Longhorn Day, Winter Dance, Renaissance (honor roll) rewards, Reflections (local, state, and national art program), spirit wear, staff appreciation and more!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [HarpoolMiddlePTA@gmail.com](mailto:HarpoolMiddlePTA@gmail.com).

# Remember

- Don't worry too much.
- It's okay to be nervous.
- Solutions for Students
  - Practice using a combination lock.
  - Come to WEB day, August 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Get involved & make friends!
  - Ask questions.
  - Ask for help when you need it.
  - Bring supplies to class.
  - **Get organized and stay organized!**






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 Phone #( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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We are looking forward to  
seeing you next year at ....



**HARPOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL!**