

HARMONY SCHOOL
HANDPRINTS
JUNE 2024



First Day of School Year, Wednesday June 5th. No School 6/3 & 6/4

Summer is Here!

Harmony School is dedicated to ensuring a caring and enriching experience for every child, with our staff committed to fostering growth and friendship in a supportive environment. From theme days to special outings, there's plenty in store to keep your child engaged and entertained all summer long!

On the 1st day of school, please make sure to bring the following items as we want to ensure that all children have what they need for a comfortable and enjoyable experience:

Lunch Bag, Water Bottle, Change of Clothes. If under 3.5, also Pull-Ups and/or Nap Mat. **Everything must be labeled with your child's name.**

Highlights of Summer Schedule

8:30 AM - 10:15 AM: Outside unstructured & structured activities

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM: Inside activities such as art, music, theatre, & weekly themed events

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Lunch & recess

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Nap or Inside unstructured & structured activities

Take a peek at our June calendar!

Early Drop Off

We are excited to pilot an early drop off before care option to our Harmony families. Adding this option allows you to begin dropping off at 6:30 AM for a monthly tuition of \$80. Students will be allowed to eat breakfast and have a relaxing start to their morning inside before going to the playground at 7:30 AM. We will launch this early drop off before care option starting August 7th, 2024. Click the following link to sign up and reserve your spot!

Early Drop Off Contract

Summer PB&J Drive - Food Bank

During the summer, the need for food donations is at its highest, with many food banks reporting a 30% increase in demand compared to the rest of the year due to children not getting their meals at school. This summer we're aiming to gather 100 jars of jam/jelly and 100 jars of peanut butter; if we reach our goal, we'll celebrate with a school-wide pizza

party!

Also, Friday's quarters will be donated to the food bank along with the jars.

Learning Through Service

Teaching children a sense of community at a young age can help instill important values of generosity and compassion. At Harmony, we want our students to see how they can make a difference in the community in which they live. Each Friday, Harmony sets aside time to teach about the importance of philanthropy. We talk with them about ways to give back to the community, while also bringing quarters to donate to the charity of the month. We celebrate giving back with popsicles or cookies each Friday! We kindly ask you to sign up to bring popsicles or cookies for these celebrations.

[Popsicle/Cookie Sign Up Sheet](#)

Brightwheel Tips & Tricks

Checking In & Out

It's essential to check your child in and out every day for their safety and accurate attendance tracking. Please review the following document for detailed instructions.

[Check In/Out Guide](#)

Approved Pickups

For your child's safety, we only allow approved individuals to pick them up. It's important to send an invite to these individuals to join Brightwheel so they can check your child in and out.

[Adding Approved Pickups](#)

Editing Your Profile and Changing Your Code

It's important to fill out your Brightwheel profile with current phone numbers and emails for effective communication. If you'd like to change your Brightwheel code, please follow the steps outlined in the document.

[Editing Your Profile](#)

Who's On Campus?

Harmony School Staff consists of excellent, well-trained teachers dedicated to nurturing your children and helping them reach their fullest potential!



Laura West



Chelsea Vargas

Executive Director

Going onto 3 years as director of Harmony School, when Laura is not working hard to make sure the school is running smoothly, she's busy making sure her fur-baby Leia isn't getting into trouble!



Kristin Sumter

Kristin has been a teacher for what feels like a million years and still can't get enough! When she's not molding young minds in the classroom, she's spending time with her daughter, Mariah.



Bonnie Watson

Bonnie's favorite things about being a teacher is getting to witness a child sound out their first word and read their first book. Fun fact: Bonnie's cat, Ingrid, taught her how to read.



Tonita Hartsfield

Office Administrator

Chelsea's Harmony workiversary is coming soon after moving from Miami with her fiancé, who's stationed at Shaw AFB. Chelsea's favorite things are redbull, her dog Zero, all things Disney, cows and the color pink!



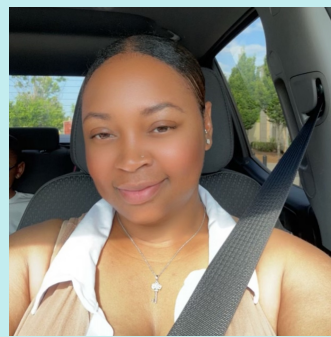
Erin Triber

Erin brings her unique blend of compassion and encouragement to Harmony students. Her favorite hobbies are camping, cycling, hiking, gardening, yoga, and wrangling her 8 children - 2 boys, a cat named Ren and 5 hens.



Angie Varela

With a touch of Colombian warmth, Angie is ready to help Harmony students soar to new heights! When she's not at Harmony, she enjoys exploring South Carolina with her husband.



Kim Oliver



Claire Becraft

Claire brings fun to Harmony whether she's planning PE activities for Elementary or subbing! In her free time, she rescues cats, takes care of her children, Silas and Zoe, and her aging parents.



Shay Brown

Shay is our freshly-minted music maestro with a heart full of songs! She brings her love for singing and her passion for teaching as she floats into each classroom to lend a hand.

Tonita loves to inspire children to learn through love, encouragement, and FUN, When not at Harmony, you might find Tonita busy taking care of her plant babies and eating sushi.

Kim brings her expert mothering talents that she's perfected with her own 3 children to Harmony. You might even spot her daughter, Nevaeh, around campus. Kim and family enjoy going shopping and vacationing in Orlando, Florida!

Aftercare Teachers



Tomika

Tomika is our aftercare supervisor with over a decade of experience working with small children!



Len

Bringing out her inner theatre kid, Len helps children explore their imagination in aftercare and when subbing!



Kiki

While pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education, Kiki enjoys playing with the kids when she's subbing or in aftercare!

BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUTS

Happy Birthday to the following staff and students with June birthdays! May your special day be filled with joy, laughter, and wonderful memories. ☐☐

6/18 Addison | 6/19 Miles | 6/20 Ms. Claire
6/20 Harvie | 6/23 Grayson | 6/30 Amber | 6/30 Kate | 6/30 Henry

Theatre Skit

Over the summer, kindergarten prep and elementary children explore their imaginations through various theatre activities. Come see them put what they've learned into action at our mini theatre skits.

Thursday, June 27th
Kindergarten Prep - 2:00 PM in green portable
Elementary - 2:30 PM

June Themed Weeks

June 5 - 7: Glow Week
Thursday: Wear Neon

June 10 - 14: Under the Sea Week
Thursday: Wear Water/Water creature themed

June 17 - 21: Fictional Literacy Characters Week
Thursday: Dress Up like Your Favorite Book Character

June 24 - 28: Animation Week
Thursday: Dress Up like Your Favorite Cartoon Character

June Field Trips

Riverbanks Zoo

Green Portable: 6/11 | Elementary: 6/13 | Purple Portable: 6/14

Elementary - Palmetto Falls: 6/26

4D Theatre at the South Carolina State Museum

Green Portable: 6/24 | Purple Portable: 6/25 | Elementary: 6/28



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