

# HARMONY SCHOOL HANDPRINTS

OCTOBER 2024

We are relieved to hear that our Harmony School families are safe after Hurricane Helene. Our thoughts are with everyone as we recover and move forward together. As always, the safety and well-being of our students and families are our top priorities, and we are committed to providing a supportive environment as we return to normalcy.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow, **Wednesday, October 2!**

## October Calendar

### October Field Trips

#### Elementary

**10/04** | Cooper Library

**10/18** | Edventure Science Lab

**10/25** | Cottle Farms

#### Green Portable

**10/24** | Cottle Farms

#### Purple Portable

**10/23** | Cottle Farms

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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

10/12 Ryan and Rylee | 10/14 Layla

10/18 Ms. Erin | 10/24 Ayana

10/25 Kari | 10/26 Lyra | 10/27 Kendrick

### Save the Date!

**10/07** | Fall Pictures: Green Portable & Elementary

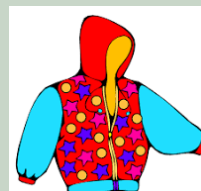
**10/08** | Fall Pictures: Purple Portable & Makeups

**10/11** | Teacher Workday  
SCHOOL CLOSED

**10/19** | Covenant Crossing Trunk or Treat

**10/31** | Halloween Parties

As fall approaches and the children spend some of their time outdoors, please keep this in mind when dressing your child in the mornings. Please ensure that your child's name is written on jackets, sweaters and any extra clothes kept at school. Having names on everything helps us keep track of personal belongings!



### Tie Dye Night

Tie-Dye Night was a success! We hope everyone had a great time and loves their creations! Thank for joining us in this fun event.



Remember to wear your tie-dye shirts each Friday, field trips, and during our Spring Show. We can't wait to see all the bright and colorful shirts throughout the year!

### Community Partner: Rob Wilson Photography

Rob Wilson has been a longtime friend and photographer for Harmony School. Check out his gallery and book him for your Fall family photos!

[Visit Rob Wilson Photography](#)

### Fall Pictures

Photos are from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM.  
Please make sure you arrive on time!

10/08 | Green Portable + Elementary  
10/09 | Purple Portable + Makeups

### Covenant Crossing's Trunk or Treat

We are excited to announce that for the first time Harmony School is partnering with Bethel Methodist Church and the Therapy Place for our annual **Trunk or Treat**. This family fun event has been a beloved tradition at Harmony with over 1,000 attendees last year!

We need your help! Please volunteer to host a trunk and make this an unforgettable experience for our children and the community.

[Host a Trunk!](#)



If you can't host a trunk, be sure to stop by on Saturday, **October 19** from **5-7 PM** to join the fun!

## Halloween Parties

Thursday, October 31

We invite your child to dress up in their favorite costume! All costumes must follow our costume guidelines:

- No scary or violent costumes
- Your child should be able to see and move freely

Please be reminded that we are not responsible for any damages that may occur to your child's costume while they play and work throughout the day.

If you would like to help host or donate to your child's classroom party, [click here to sign up!](#)

## Classroom Updates

### Elementary

Now that the students know how to navigate a work cycle with individualized work plans, we asked them to practice advancing through addition work at their own pace. Each student was able to show growth whether that was being less reliant on manipulatives or adding up to 4 digit numbers with regrouping.

Students have also been excited to learn how to tell time on an analog clock. Ask them to show you their new abilities.



Through exposure, students have become more comfortable with reading and writing. They understand that both are ways to communicate and are growing every day in their skills. We have been focusing on legibility and the conventions of a sentence for all and paragraph writing for our older students.

The students have loved learning about the Earth in our science unit. They have researched volcanoes and earthquakes, and continue to be eager to learn more about our beautiful planet. We continued our study of plants in this unit with a lesson from our Green Steps Mentor and a lesson with Ranger Stacey at Sesqui State Park. You will see the fruition of their learning when they complete the planting around campus soon.

Through our world cultures study of Asia, the students have explored China and India and were excited to get their passport stamps. We will be heading to Japan next and then Russia. If you have visited Japan or Russia, we'd love to have you talk with our students. Please reach out.



### Preschool

Our mornings begin with a Montessori work cycle, where students dive into writing, phonics, and math through hands-on manipulatives and games. Lately, the children have been captivated by both handwriting and mammals! While working through the Handwriting Without Tears letters, the students recently learned about the “Magic C” (C can keep going to make a circle, or an O or a Q, or it can form a G). They’ve fallen in love with the “Magic C Bunny,” a fun character I create with my hand and a piece of tissue paper. The children enjoy following the Magic C Bunny’s instructions to make different letters and love showing off their work.

This group of students is so inquisitive, and the highlight of our academic year so far has been our mammal unit. The children use their new scientific knowledge to determine which animals are mammals during playtime and sing songs about their furry friends during music. Mammals have become a favorite topic of study, with the children excitedly identifying every animal they see as a mammal or not a mammal—even imaginary creatures like Totoro! It’s been such an exciting blend of creativity, science, and fun!

In art, the students have been exploring the elements of Line and Shape, creating their own drawings based on these principles.

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## Brightwheel Tips & Tricks

It is essential that you check your child in using the QR code each morning and to check your child out each afternoon. You can edit the pin by clicking on the pencil.

Brightwheel messenger is a great way to keep your child's teacher informed of any absences, early/late pickups, or late drop-offs.

**Brightwheel Messaging**

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