



HARMONY SCHOOL

HANDPRINTS

NOVEMBER 2024

November 2024

November Field Trips

Green and Purple Portable

11/21 | Columbia Fire Department Visit

Elementary

11/01 | Cooper Library

11/08 | Eudora Wildlife Safari

11/13 | Planetarium & State Museum

11/21 | Columbia Fire Department Visit

11/22 | Indigenous People Storytime

Save the Date!

11/01-11/22 | School Wide Clothing Swap

11/18-11/22 | Thank You Week

11/25-11/29 | Thanksgiving Break

12/14 | Richland County Winter Wonderland Event

12/15 | Charismatic Dance Recital

12/17 | Winter Concert

12/20 | PJ Day

12/23-01/06 | Winter Break

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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

11/01 Ilona | 11/08 Ceanna | 11/22 Colin



New Harmony School Apparel

We are thrilled to announce that our brand-new Harmony School apparel is now available! This year we will be selling crewnecks and spirit shirts showcasing what Harmony School is known for - inspiring curiosity, conservation and creativity. Please note: **Apparel orders are only placed once a year**, so be sure to think ahead about the sizes and quantities you'll need. You don't want to miss out!

All orders are due by **November 15, 2024**.

Order your Harmony School apparel here!

☐ October Recap ☐



went above and beyond to decorate their trunks

October was a month full of excitement, and we're so grateful to our Harmony families for making this month an even bigger success! Our Trunk or Treat was a hit! A BIG thank you to the parents and staff who

Our field trips to Cottle Farms were a fantastic way for students to experience the beauty of autumn firsthand. Each child had the chance to plant



and donate supplies. Our Halloween festivities continued with our in class Halloween parties, where there were treats, games and costumes! Thank you to everyone who donated and participated.

and pick their very own pumpkin, go on a hayride, and enjoy the seasonal atmosphere. Thank you to the parents and family members who were able to chaperone and join us for this adventure.



Harmony School's Clothing Swap - BRING SOME, TAKE SOME!

At Harmony School, we believe in working hard, playing hard, and taking care of each other. From playground adventures to art projects, every school day is filled with the energy of kids learning, exploring and making memories! But as much as we love to see children active and engaged, we know that their clothes go through a lot, and with each growth spurt, there's always a pile of outgrown clothes waiting for a new home.

During the month of November, bring any gently used clothes that your child has outgrown and pick up anything your family can use! Sorted bins will be placed on the porch during **drop-off** and **pick-up**.

November is for Gratitude - Celebrating "Thank You" Week!

November is here, and it's the perfect time to reflect on all the wonderful people and things we're grateful for. At Harmony School, we'll be celebrating a special "Thank You" week to recognize those who have helped us grow and supported us along the way.

11/18 - Gratitude Trees

11/19 - Celebrating our Families

11/20 - Thank You Notes to our Harmony School Friends and Teachers

11/21 - Thanking Community Helpers

11/22 - Caring for Our Environment

If you would like to celebrate "Thank You" week with us, we've attached Staff Favorites and Classroom Wishlists as one way to say thank you!

[Staff Favorites](#)

[Green Portable's Wishlist](#)

[Purple Portable's Wishlist](#)

[Elementary's Wishlist](#)

Weathering Hurricane Helene at Harmony School

In the wake of Hurricane Helene, Harmony School has experienced firsthand the power of nature and strength of our community. The floodwaters brought significant challenges to our campus, leaving lasting marks on our playground and school grounds. All the wood chips that covered our playground were washed away, a large tree fell on our fence, and a picnic table was swept away. Water rose halfway up the metal gate, creating an overwhelming scene of damage.

Yet, our incredible Harmony staff rose to the occasion with courage and compassion. As floodwaters climbed, teachers bravely carried children to safety through waist-deep water, ensuring every child was safe and accounted for. Even as the roads around the school closed, a teacher went above and beyond to make sure that the last child made it to their family. Harmony School board members spent many hours removing branches and debris and mending the fences!

Once Harmony School reopened, teachers arrived at school to care for our students, even when they themselves were facing personal struggles from Hurricane Helene. Their unwavering spirit and support allowed us to continue providing a safe, caring environment for our students while we navigated recovery efforts.



Community Partner: State Museum & Planetarium

The State Museum & Planetarium has been an invaluable partner to Harmony School, hosting our students for countless field trips that inspire curiosity and spark learning. Each visit offers a rich experience in both science and history, helping students see the world through new perspectives.

In October, we raised \$30.00 for the Breast Cancer Foundation | Susan G. Komen!

November's Charity



Epworth
Children's Home

The Epworth Children's Home's goal is to nurture and love children coming from stressful situations by providing education, counseling, medical care and love. They aim to break the destructive cycle of abuse and replace it with an opportunity for each child to live a life of self-respect, responsibility and productivity.
Bring your quarters on Friday!

Help Needed: Outdoor Shed for the Playground

We are currently looking for an outdoor shed to store play equipment and supplies on our playground. If anyone knows of a shed that's available or someone who may be giving one away, we would be so grateful to hear from you!

We're Hiring! Aftercare Position Available

We are looking for a talented, caring, and fun-loving individual to join our team as an Aftercare teacher! This part-time position is from 3:45 PM to 5:45 PM, perfect for someone who enjoys working with children in a warm and supportive environment. If you or someone you know is interested, please send a resume to Laura at l.west@harmonyschoolsc.org.



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