

Harris Elementary

"Whatever It Takes!"

Home of the Hawks



July 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to Harris Elementary School!

The entire staff at Harris welcomes you and we look forward to working with everyone to provide the best education for your children. We are proud of our high-quality programs as well as our energetic and dedicated teaching staff. We are also proud of our fabulous students who devote their time, effort, and attention to acquiring new knowledge and skills.

Parents and guardians are a huge part of the overall success at Harris Elementary. Parent involvement increases overall student success and enriches the school community and environment. Many parents volunteer in the classrooms regularly and provide valued one to one attention to students; thus, improving student opportunity to produce quality work and achieve learning goals. Parents **enrich** the educational experiences of our students through their participation and involvement at school.

Our daily work together includes creating a safe and supportive environment in which all learners can pursue academic and social learning experiences, employ their talents and strengths, and reach to fulfill their unique potentials. We seek to spark a love of learning so that all of our young learners begin to realize that they can employ their education to nourish their curiosity, accomplish their goals, solve problems, and create new goals throughout their lives. We seek to develop student confidence and competence in their abilities to make valuable contributions as citizens in the school community.

We invite you to visit our school and see all students learning! Please contact our school office or your child's teacher if you are interested in visiting our campus. The phone number is (480) 545-7060 and email addresses are listed on the Harris Elementary website:

<http://harris.gilbertschools.net/>

I look forward to meeting you and sharing information about the excellent educational programs at Harris Elementary School!

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Roth
Principal



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Important items to note:

Parent Pick Up and Drop Off is at the FRONT of the school. Please see enclosed map for more information. Be patient during drop off times before and after school. Please also remember that all traffic is required to enter and exit appropriately according to Mesa Police Department. All traffic must enter via the North driveway and exit via the South driveway at the front of the school. Please note that you may only turn right when exiting the driveway at the end of the school day.

*****If you choose to park and drop off your student(s), then you must escort students across the parking lot as there will not be a staff member available to do so.*****

Bus Drop off and loading areas are at the back of the school. No cars may enter a bus-loading zone. All student traffic will be directed to the front of the school.

Infinite Campus (you can log in via the Harris web site, under "Parent Zone") is the key to communication for ALL students and parents at Harris. Whether you want to know who your child's teacher is, learn about your child's academic progress, send an email to your teacher, or to receive notice of school-sponsored events you must register to Infinite Campus to be informed and aware!

The District student handbook is available at <http://harris.gilbertschools.net/> under "Family Resources". Please refer to this for a variety of information including but not limited to the student dress code. The handbook will assist in answering many of your questions and even save you time and money by referring to it prior to your back to school shopping.

Breakfast is served daily to ALL students in their classrooms at no cost. Students will be escorted to their classrooms at 7:55am to accomplish this task. Students that arrive after this time will get breakfast in the office on the way to their classrooms.

Parents are welcome to have lunch with their child in the cafeteria daily. Please refer to the lunch schedule posted on line. Sorry, no adults are allowed on the playground for recess due to safety concerns for ALL children.

ALL visitors must sign in at the front office and receive a visitor's badge prior to entering campus

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Important Upcoming Dates:

July 29 @ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

-OPEN HOUSE (Meet the Teacher Night) for Preschool and Kindergarten students ONLY

July 30 @ 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

-OPEN HOUSE (Meet the Teacher Night) for Grades 1-6 and SPICE students ONLY

August 1 @ 8:10 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

-First Day of School

-Playground opens at 7:45 a.m.

-Bell rings at 7:55 a.m. and students are in class by 8:00 a.m. with their breakfast

-Remember that we are a closed campus.

-Only children allowed on the playground beginning Monday, August 5.

-Sorry, adults are not permitted on the playground due to safety concerns for all of our children.

*****Please note NEW school hours of 8:10 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) & 8:10 a.m. to 1:55 p.m. (Wednesdays). *****