

# HARMONY HILL HAPPENINGS

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## Happy New Year from Harmony Hill!



The Harmony Hill faculty and staff hope that all of our families had an enjoyable and safe holiday! 2012 will be an exciting as well as a challenging year for all stakeholders at all educational settings. Higher expectations are being passed on to all students at all levels for academic growth and success.

One of our greatest challenges this year will be the **newly revised NYS Assessments for grade 3-8** students. We now have a look at this year's NYS Assessment calendar for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. There are significant changes in the sched-

ule as well as increased testing times for all grade levels. **The English Language Arts (ELA)** assessments will be held over three days, April 17th, 18th and 19th. The ELA assessment times for 3rd grade students will increase from 150 total minutes to 175, 4th grade is moving from 160 total minutes to 175, and 5th grade is moving from 150 total minutes to 175. The math assessments will be held over three days as well, April 25th, 26th, and 27th. There are significant increases in testing times for all grades in **math** as well. 3rd grade students will increase from 100 total minutes to 170, 4th grade will move from 140 total minutes to 180, and 5th grade will move to 180 minutes, up from last year's 110 total minutes.

These are significant changes that will make it more challenging for students to meet proficiency. Rest assured that our teach-

ers and students are working very hard to make sure that everyone will perform at their highest ability when the assessments come in April.

All students are invited to participate in our school banking. **A reminder to all that Cap-Com will deposit \$10 in every student's account if they bring their report card in on banking days and say that they are proud of their work.** This is a very generous donation that will take place for every report card period this year! Free money is a very good thing these days! School banking takes place every Wednesday morning in our Commons from 8:30-8:50.

The Cohoes City School District will be recognizing **Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 16th.** All schools will be closed.

As always, if you have any questions, please stop in, call, or email me.

**Have a fantastic January!**

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### Reminders:

All students go outside on a daily basis (morning line up, recess and/or just for a breathe of fresh air) weather & temperature permitting.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with a coat, hats, mittens/gloves, boots and snow pants. Remember to label all clothing and check lost and found

### Appointments:

Please try to schedule any doctor/dental appointments before or after school hours.

Tardiness and/or early dismissals take away from instruction time.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

## Student News:

The Physical Education Students for the month are:

Elaine Savaria (K-Mrs. Slater)

Liam Lysogorski (1st—Ms. Quinlan)

Shea Bryant (2nd—Mrs. McCarty)

Desiree Mero (3rd—Mrs. Pilawski)

Ryan Pecak (4th—Mrs. Quinlan)

Lily Hughes (5th-Mrs. Birge)

Congratulations! You all make excellent choices, remembered our 3 "B's" and displayed sportsmanship during your physical education classes.



### *"Believe"*

The students of Harmony Hill recently wrote "Believe" letters to Santa. We delivered **340** letters to Macys on Saturday, December 10th. Macy's donated \$2.00 for each letter for a total from Harmony Hill Students of **\$680.00!**



### Bee Hive for Community Service

Many students from Harmony Hill have been performing community services both here at school and out in our local community. Children who performed hours of community service have their names placed in the "bee hive".

The following students have performed 10 or more hours of community service and were recently recognized with a certificate and a t-shirt; Destiny Delude, Troy Snyder, Kolby Doemel & Madelyn Johnson. Congratulations on a job well done!

# January 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Holiday Recess	2 Holiday Recess	3 Classes Resume	4 School Banking 8:25 am to 8:55 am	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 School Banking 8:25 am to 8:55 am	12	13 PTA Hawaiian Dance 6 pm—8 pm	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Birthday NO SCHOOL	17	18 School Banking 8:25 am to 8:55 am BOE Mtg 6pm	19	20	21
22	23 Sage Literacy Clinic 4:30 pm— 6 pm	24	25 School Banking 8:25 am to 8:55 am Sage Literacy Clinic 4:30 pm—6 pm	26	27 School Spirit Day	28
29	30 Sage Literacy Clinic 4:30 pm— 6 pm	31				