

# WELCOME!

## Harker Welcome Night



# Welcome!



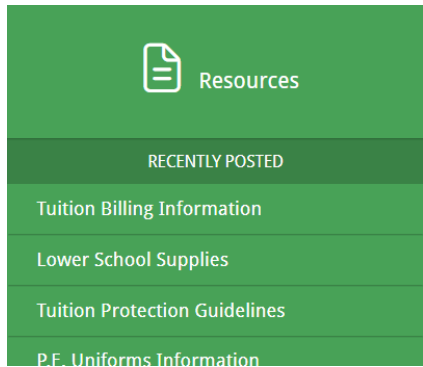
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*Lower School  
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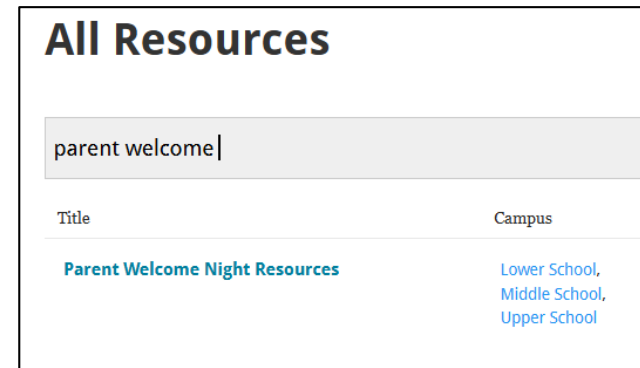
***Kristian Tiopo***  
*Admission Associate*

# Handouts & Tonight's Recording

No need to take notes or photograph our slides!



The recording of tonight's event will be posted on the Resources tile on the parent portal, under "meetings."



The handouts and these slides will be available on the Resources tile under "Parent Welcome Night Resources."



**Brian Yager**  
*Head of School*

**There's always a lot  
happening at Harker. Here  
are some highlights from  
just the last few months ...  
and an exciting look  
ahead!**

Ogres



Culture Fair



Earth Week Climate Fair



Eagle Buddies



Heart Health Day



Pi Day



Art Show



Computer Science Museum Field Trip













# Welcome to our Community



# Getting Ready for Fall: Summer Tips

- 1 Your Student
- 2 Our Community
- 3 Tools & Tips

# Tonight's Presenters



**Jennifer Gargano**  
*Assistant Head of  
School, Academic  
Affairs*



**Debra Cope**  
*Primary Division Head*



**Kristin Giammona '81**  
*Elementary Division  
Head*



**Kim Lobe**  
*Director of  
Advancement*



**Catherine Snider**  
*Assistant Director,  
Office of  
Communication*



**Jennifer Gargano**  
*Assistant Head of School, Academic Affairs*



# Your Student

# Customized Experience



# Optimized Learning

K-12 curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire as students move through the grades.

We customize your child's experience to optimize learning potential.

# Your Child's Courses: A Path to Success

- Encourage a growth mindset
- Honor progress, not perfection
- Honor your children and all Harker students
- Trust the process - shaped by experience, strengthened by partnership





**Debra Cope**  
*Primary Division Head*

# We are excited to welcome your children!



# How can I help prepare my child for kindergarten?



**Cognitive Development:**  
reading and math  
readiness

**Language Development:**  
active listening and  
following directions

**Physical Development:**  
fine motor, such as pencils  
and scissors

**Social/Emotional  
Development:**  
encouraging responsibility



# How can I help prepare my child for lower school?

- Have a positive attitude
- Avoid over-scheduling
- Make a good night's sleep a priority
- Supportive, nurturing teachers
- Open-door policy
- Be a good listener



# Welcoming New K-Grade 2 Students

- Lana Truong '10, K-2 counselor, will check in with the new students at lunch
- Teachers keep a close eye



Questions? Lana Truong  
[lane.truong@harker.org](mailto:lane.truong@harker.org)



**Kristin Giammona '81**  
*Elementary Division Head*

# Welcoming New Grade 3-5 Students

- August 19, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: New student welcome on campus
- Ambassador family answers questions over the summer
- Check-ins with counselor first few weeks of school

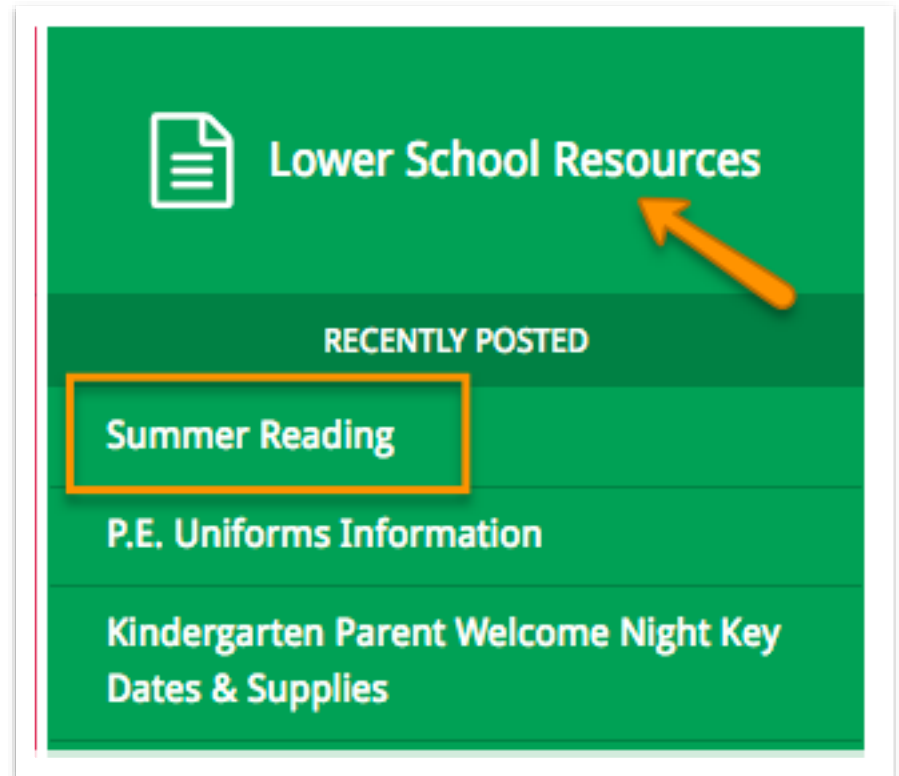


Questions? Ralene Wasielewski  
[ralene.wasielewski@harker.org](mailto:ralene.wasielewski@harker.org)

# Summer Reading

Summer reading, by grade level, will be available after May 1 in the portal.

Find it in the lower school Resources tool.



# Important Dates

Handy reference sheet for each grade level with all the important dates for you between now and the start of school.





**Kim Lobe**  
*Director of Advancement*



## Our Community

# Volunteer Programs

- Room Parents
- Grade Level Coordinators (GLCs)
- Parent Ambassadors
- Parent Development Council (PDC)
- Opportunities to volunteer

# Room Parents and Grade-Level Coordinators

- Field trip chaperones, classroom parties, Harker Day
- Library and parent volunteers for Eagle Store



Room parents coordinate homeroom volunteer activities. Grade-level coordinators organize parent coffees and social events.

# Parent Ambassadors

## Parent to Parent

- Get answers to your questions
- Your ambassador will contact you early June



# Parent Development Council

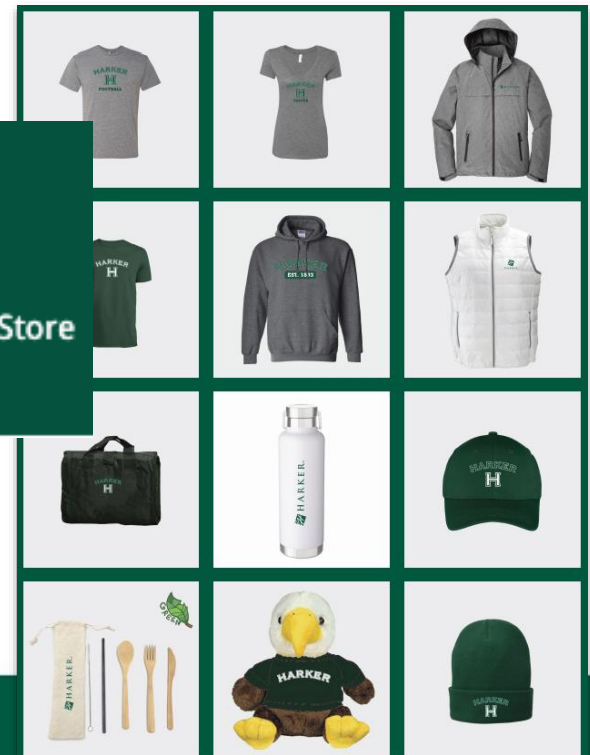
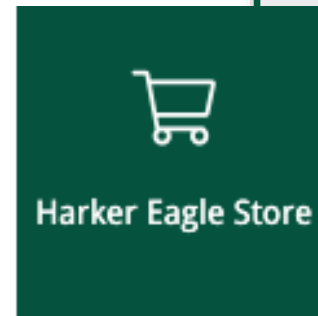
Parent volunteers help the advancement team raise annual giving dollars each year to support our operating budget.



# The Eagle Store

- Spirit wear
- Tommy Hilfiger link for school uniforms
- P.E. uniforms
- Accessories for adults and children
- Store on upper school campus; tile on portal

[eaglestore.harker.org](http://eaglestore.harker.org)



# Uniform Fitting Events

**Mon., April 27 - Fri., May 1**

**Mon., May 18 - Fri., May 29**

- Sign up for a 30-minute appointment
- Email sent to returning families on April 13; to new families, coming May 1.

**Fitting events are at the upper school campus.**

**[eaglestore@harker.org](mailto:eaglestore@harker.org)**



# Upcoming Events

**Fri., June 5 | 6-8 p.m.: TK-12 New Parent Reception**  
Upper School Campus



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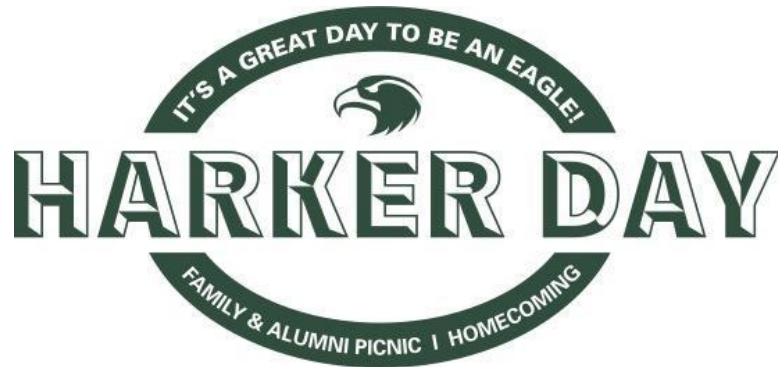
**Sat., July 18 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: TK-5**

**Playdate venue To Be Decided**

Ambassadors, Room Parents, GLCs, New Families



**Sat., Oct. 3 | 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Harker Day (76th annual picnic/homecoming)**





**Catherine Snider**  
*Assistant Director, Office of Communication*

# **3 Tools & Tips**

# Parent Communication Handout



This document has more tools and tips than we can cover tonight so keep it handy!

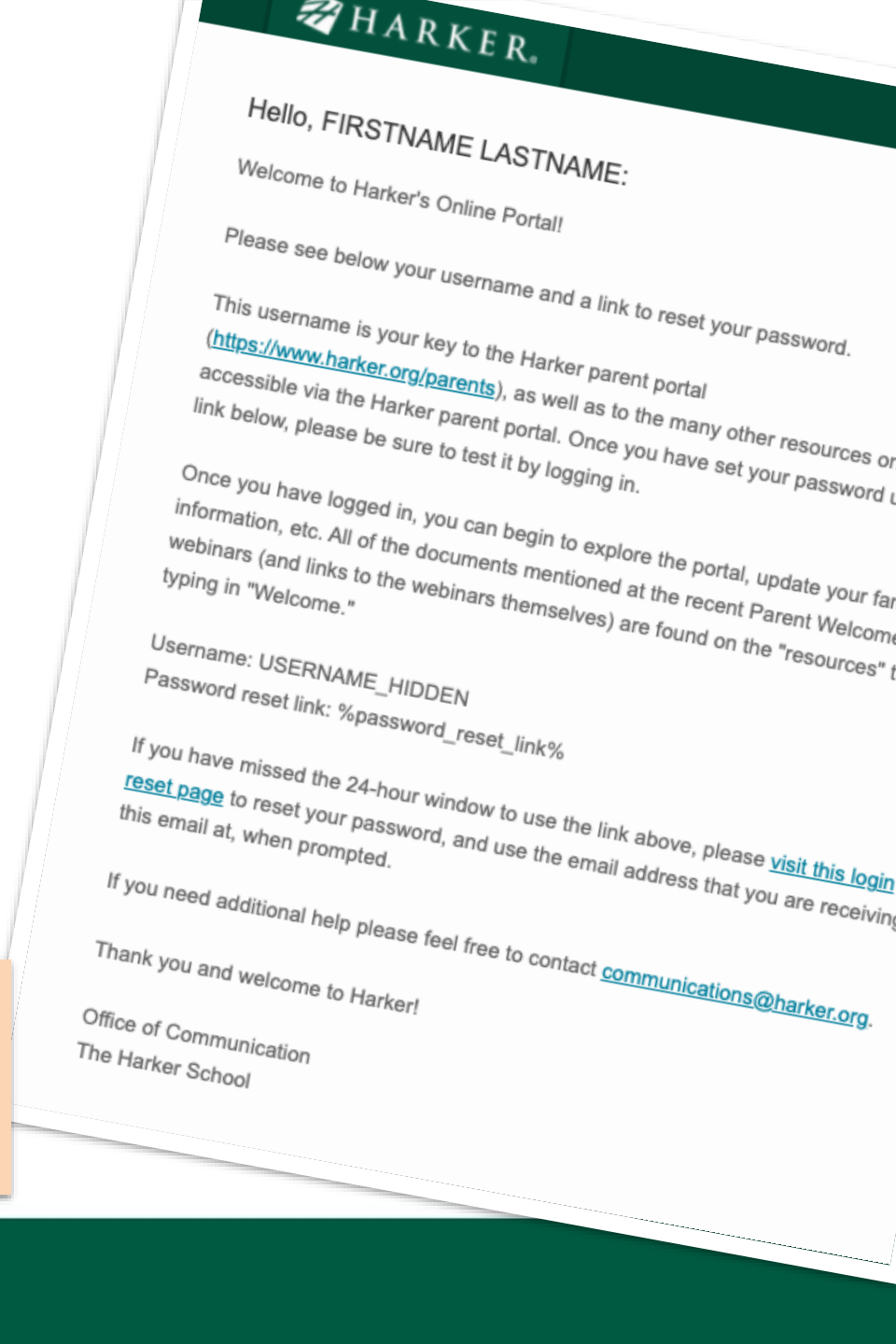
# New Families

On April 23 you received an email from ...

communications@harker.org

... with your username and password reset link.

**Tip:**  
Invite expires in  
24 hours



# In Case You Miss It :-)

## LOGIN

### FORGOT YOUR LOGIN?

Please enter your email address. Instructions for retrieving your username and password will be emailed to you.

Email:

your@personalemail.com



Submit

Cancel



### FORGOT YOUR LOGIN INFO?

- [Parents & Alumni](#)
- [Staff & Students](#)

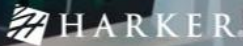
### NEED AN ALUMNI ACCOUNT OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

- [Request alumni email or account](#)

### PARENTS, STILL HAVING ACCOUNT ISSUES?





- [Submit Help Request Form](#)

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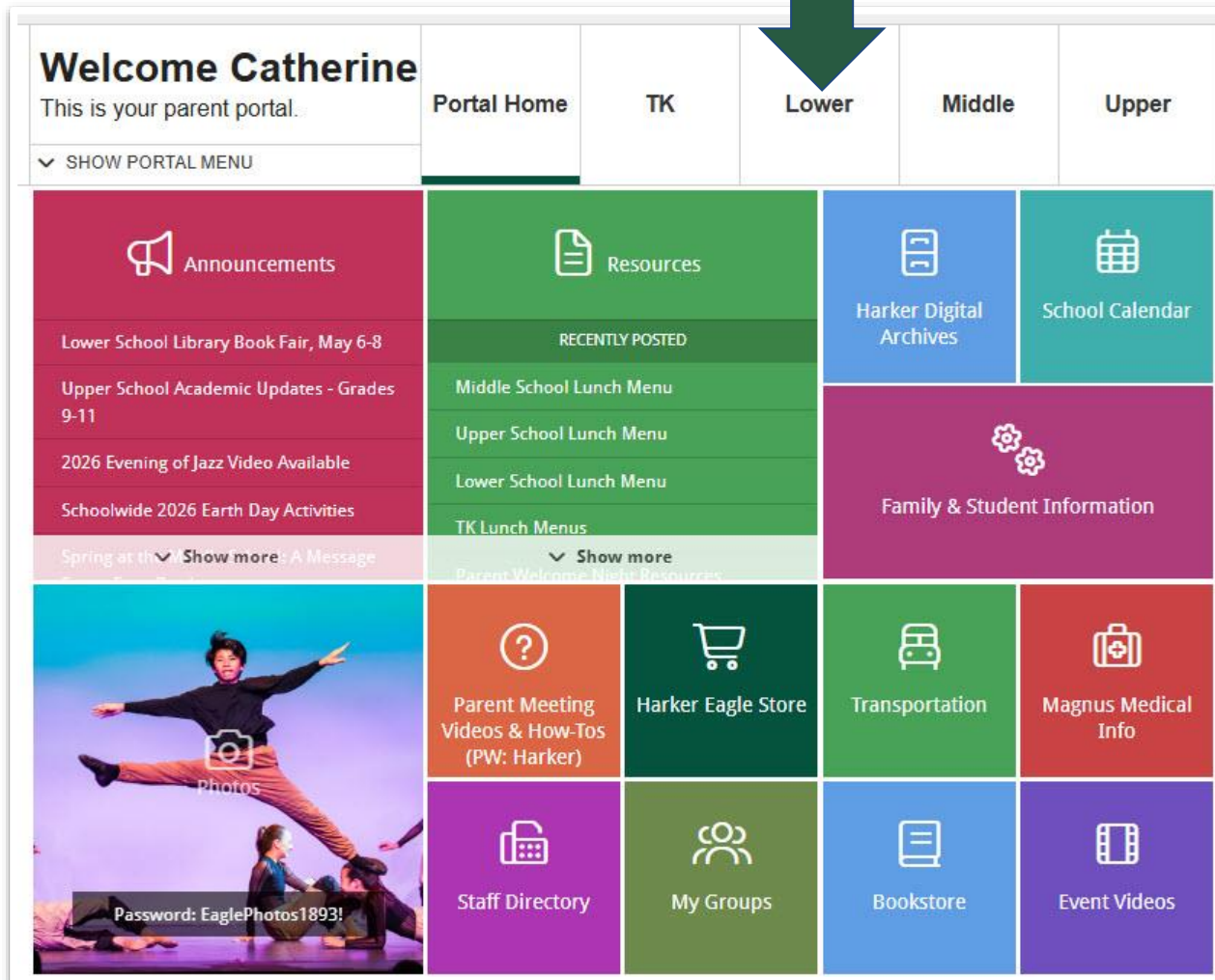
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# Parent Portal and Division Pages



The screenshot displays the Harker Parent Portal interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes a welcome message for Catherine, a 'SHOW PORTAL MENU' toggle, and tabs for 'Portal Home', 'TK', 'Lower' (highlighted with a large green arrow), 'Middle', and 'Upper'. The main content area is organized into a grid of colored tiles. The 'Lower' tab is active, showing a list of announcements on the left and a grid of resource tiles on the right. The announcements include 'Lower School Library Book Fair, May 6-8', 'Upper School Academic Updates - Grades 9-11', '2026 Evening of Jazz Video Available', and 'Schoolwide 2026 Earth Day Activities'. The resource tiles include 'Resources' (with a 'RECENTLY POSTED' section for lunch menus), 'Harker Digital Archives', 'School Calendar', 'Family & Student Information', 'Parent Meeting Videos & How-Tos (PW: Harker)', 'Harker Eagle Store', 'Transportation', 'Magnus Medical Info', 'Staff Directory', 'My Groups', 'Bookstore', and 'Event Videos'. A 'Photos' tile is also visible, featuring a student performing a jump and the password 'EaglePhotos1893!'.

**Welcome Catherine**  
This is your parent portal.

▼ SHOW PORTAL MENU

Portal Home TK **Lower** Middle Upper

**Announcements**

- Lower School Library Book Fair, May 6-8
- Upper School Academic Updates - Grades 9-11
- 2026 Evening of Jazz Video Available
- Schoolwide 2026 Earth Day Activities

Spring at the... ▼ Show more: A Message

**Resources**

RECENTLY POSTED

- Middle School Lunch Menu
- Upper School Lunch Menu
- Lower School Lunch Menu
- TK Lunch Menus

▼ Show more

**Harker Digital Archives**

**School Calendar**

**Family & Student Information**

**Photos**

Password: EaglePhotos1893!

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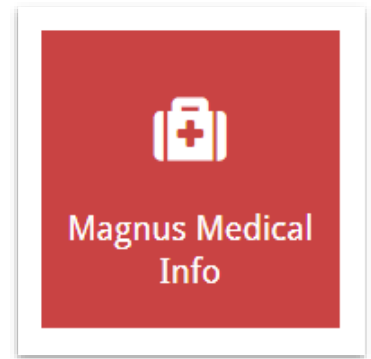
**Event Videos**

# Family & Student Information Tile

- Update contact info
- Access grade reports
- We require each parent to have a unique primary email address.

A screenshot of the Infinite Campus Message Center interface. The top navigation bar is green with the "Infinite Campus" logo on the left and a notification bell with "9+" and a user profile icon on the right. A dark sidebar on the left contains links: "Message Center", "Today", "Calendar", "Schedule", "Reports", and "More". The main content area is titled "Message Center" and features two tabs: "Announcements" (active) and "Inbox (40 new)". Under the "Announcements" tab, there is a message from the "Lower Division" dated "Thursday 08/01/2019". The message text reads: "To update your Household and Contact Information, please [click here](#). To access future Report Cards, please [click here](#). Return to the [Parent Portal](#) for everything else, including the [calendar](#), directories and historical grades. Questions? Email [communications@harker.org](mailto:communications@harker.org)".

# Health Information

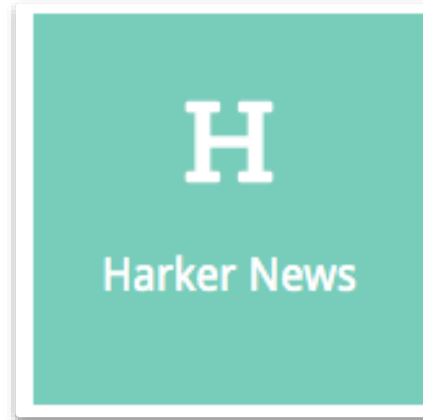


- Health info collected electronically through Magnus Health Record.
- You will receive an email from the nurse soon with detailed instructions. It's easy! 15 minutes per child.
- Child's grade will be correct for this year, and will update to next year's grade in June.

*Questions? Contact nurse: [debra.nott@harker.org](mailto:debra.nott@harker.org)*

**Health Info Due May 14**

# Summer (Optional) Homework :-)



Get News via Email

Email Address \*

First Name

Last Name

Email Format \* Indicates required

☐ html

☐ text

Subscribe



# Greatest Hits: Now through June

- Health Info
- Family & Student Info
- Back-to-School Hub
- BEST and athletics sign ups Mon., Aug. 3



**Launching  
Wed., June 10  
in the portal.**

# Questions?

[communications@harker.org](mailto:communications@harker.org)

A large, festive graphic featuring the word "WELCOME!" in a bold, white, 3D sans-serif font. The text is surrounded by a dense cloud of multi-colored confetti (red, blue, yellow, and pink) that appears to be falling or exploding around the letters. The background is white.

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## Q & A Time