

# Welcome to the Primary Division!



## Grades 1 and 2 Orientation

# Debra Cope

Primary Division Head



# Agenda:

- Head of School Welcome
- Academics
- BEST (Bucknall Enrichment Supervision Team)
- Health Information
- Harker Portal
- Advancement

# Brian Yager

Head of School











# Jennifer Gargano

Assistant Head of School, Academics





# Course Customization



## 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 each student's learning potential.

# How to Help Your Child Succeed

- Encourage a growth mindset
  - Each student has unique talents and interests
- Honor all Harker students
  - Honor your child (and their peers) for who they are and where they are in their development.
  - Honor student privacy
  - Keep in mind: Comparison is the thief of joy.
- Trust the process
  - We consider the larger, long-term picture. Please do, as well.

*Thank  
You!*

# Parent Education Opportunities

- Common Ground Speaker Series
  - In-Person dates coming soon.
  - Recordings of past sessions can be found in the portal under the Counseling/LIFE tile.
- ISACS Parents Series of one-hour webinars
  - September 25th: School Skills with Lisa Damour.
  - October 28th: The Great Rewiring of Childhood with Jonathan Haidt.
  - January 13th: Elevating Discipline with the Brain in Mind with Tina Payne Bryson.
  - And more . . .



Registration information available on the Harker Calendar.



# Andrea Ledford

Director, Bucknall Enrichment &  
Supervision Team (BEST)



# Walid Fahmy

Dean of Students



# Uniforms



- Friday Free Dress: approx. twice a month
- Full Dress Uniform: field trips and special occasions/assemblies
- Check calendar on parent portal and eWeekly.

Take a minute at home to review the uniform guidelines; let me know if you have any questions!

# Lost & Found Reminders

- **Label** ALL items with first and last name.
- Lost & Found is collected in each play area.
- Clearly labeled items are returned to students once a week.
- Please check items that come home. You may find it belongs to someone else.
- Unlabeled items move to uniform exchange after a month.



# Harker SPIRIT Day

- Every Tuesday - Oct. 4
- Wear Favorite Harker Gear
  - Shirt
  - Hoodie
  - Harker Sport Jersey
  - Any Harker-Branded Attire
- Free Dress Bottoms



## ***GO EAGLES, GO!***

# Bucknall Traffic

- Safety first
- Follow directions of security team and BEST staff
- Drive slowly
- Our neighborhood: please practice kindness, patience, and consideration
- Pick up and drop off at youngest child's loading zone.

**K, Gr. 4 & 5**

Front Loading Zone  
*Bucknall Road*



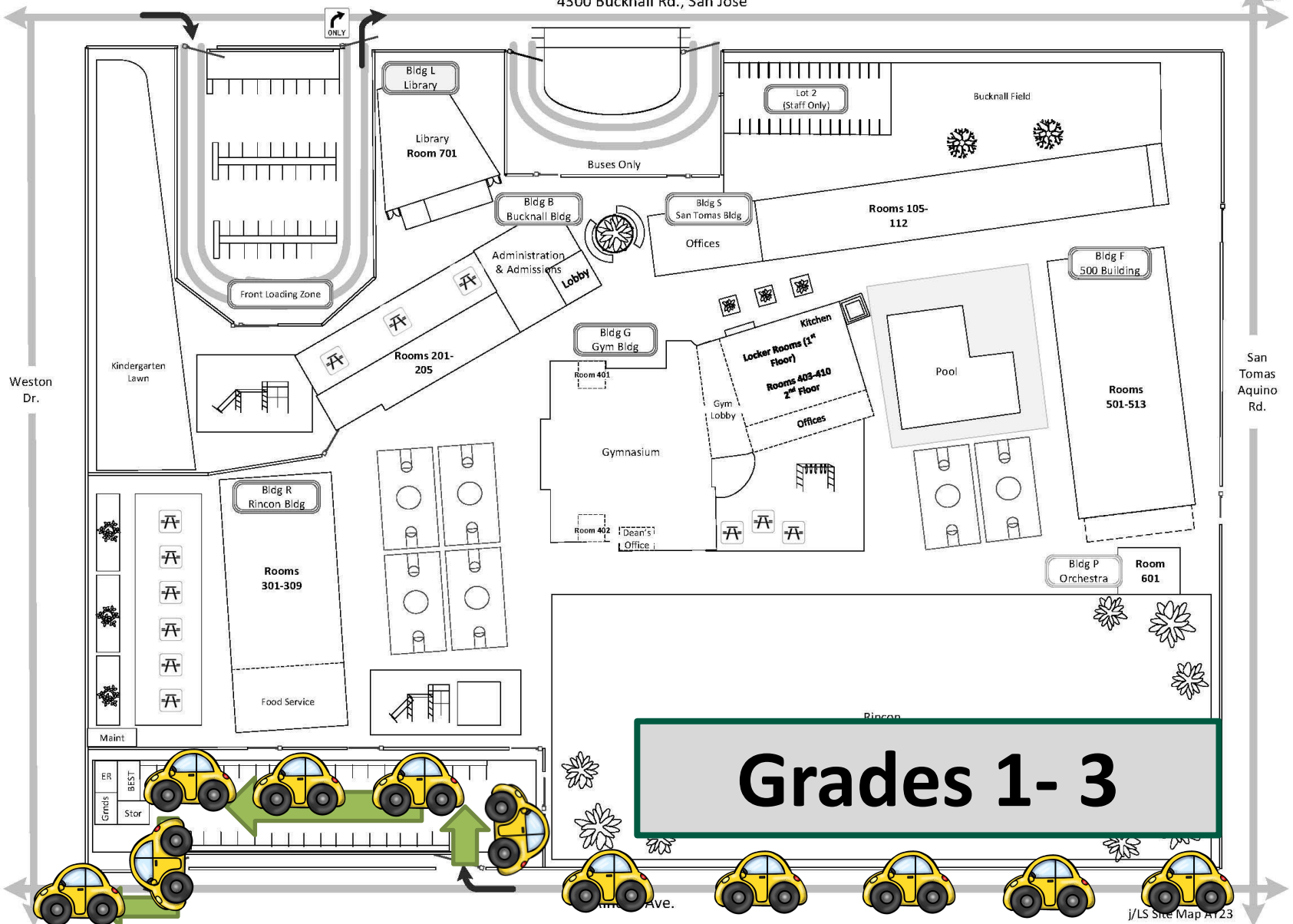
**Gr. 1, 2 & 3**

Back Loading Zone  
*Rincon Avenue*

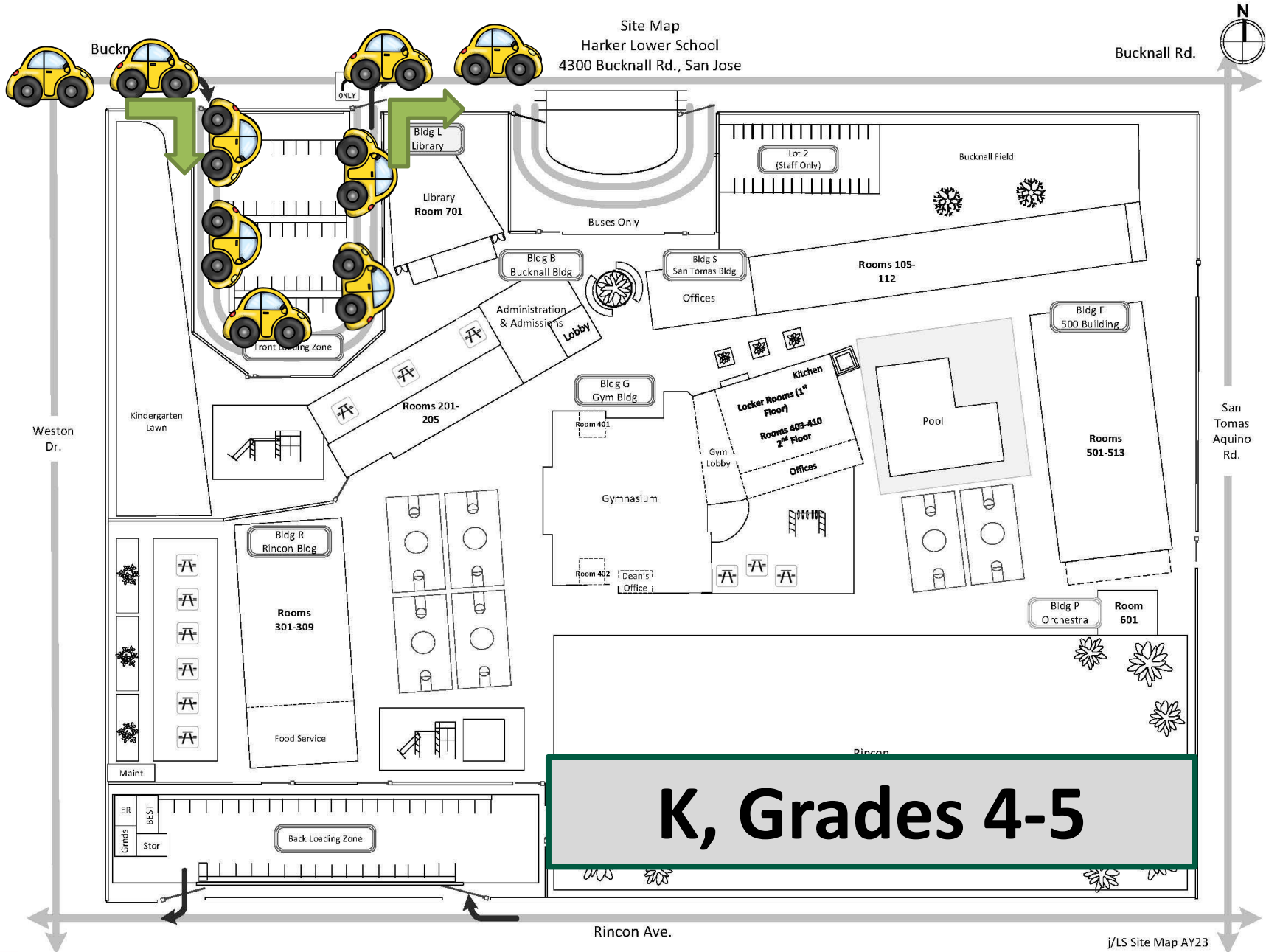
Bucknall Rd.

Site Map  
Harker Lower School  
4300 Bucknall Rd., San Jose

Bucknall Rd.







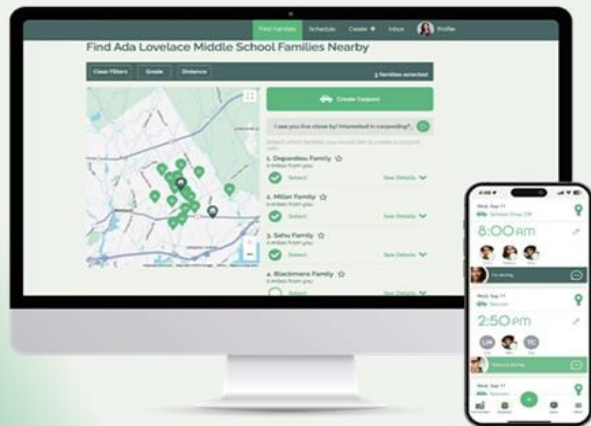




## Carpool to Harker with GoKid!

### Connect with Harker families who live near you

The Harker School has partnered with **GoKid** to offer parents an easy way to find and organize car pools. With **GoKid**, parents can connect with nearby school families, set up carpools to school and after-school activities, and manage carpools in real-time - all on the web or on the **GoKid app**. **GoKid** helps save parents time and gas, reduce traffic, and supports the school's sustainability efforts.



Coming to families this summer!

### Preview a Walkthrough



### How It Works

- **Getting Started** – You will receive an invitation email over the summer to create a GoKid account linked to The Harker School.
- **Find Families** – Use the school map to find nearby families and start up a chat about carpooling.
- **Create Carpools** – Easily create and manage car pools with school families.
- **Track & Manage** – Follow your child's car pool in real-time for added peace of mind.

**Excited Partnership** – We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with **GoKid**, a leading carpooling platform for schools.

**Easy Access** – Parents should have already received a welcome email directly from GoKid with login details.

- If you haven't received one, please contact **Brianna Alday (brianna.alday@harker.org)** for assistance.

**More Information** – The flyer is available in the **Parent Portal** under the **Transportation** tile, which also includes a helpful **introductory video** walkthrough.

**Convenient Features** – With GoKid, families can:

- Find and connect with nearby Harker families.
- Organize and manage carpools to school and after-school activities.
- Track carpool progress in real time for peace of mind.

**Sustainability Focus** – This program is part of Harker's broader commitment to sustainability:

- Reduces traffic congestion on and around campus.
- Saves families time and gas.
- Supports our school's environmental initiatives.

# General Tips for Loading Zones

- **Safety and Efficiency!**
- Drive up slowly along curb.
- Parents, please stay in car.
  - BEST staff members will approach and welcome you.
- Students walk along fence.
- Use **youngest** student's loading zone.



# Drop-Off: Morning Loading Zone

- Morning Loading Zones: **1 lane ONLY**
- Have your child ready to go: backpacks packed, shoes on, kisses shared, etc.
- BEST is there to assist getting your child and their belongings out of the car quickly and efficiently.



Your support is appreciated!

# Morning Loading Zone

- K-3 are assisted in getting out of the car.
- Grades 4-5 (front loading zone) can unload themselves as long as they are in loading zone, along the curb.
- Parking: Make sure child is accompanied until safely on campus, on a sidewalk. Always use the crosswalk - it models safety to our children.



# Pickup: After-School Loading Zones

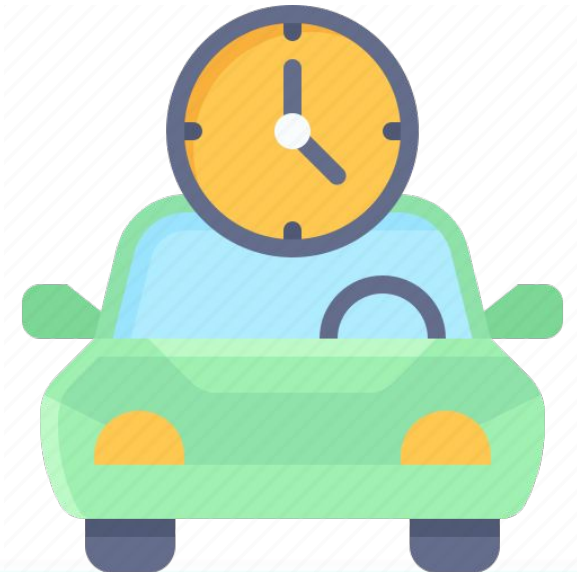
- **Important:** Have your placard with you or a photo of it on your phone (BEST hack).



- When you arrive, loading zone attendant will scan the QR code.
- BEST staff supervising the children will work on getting your child to the loading zone promptly
  - In a class? Please park!

# Pickup: Schedule Ahead

- Text **408.215.7756** and follow the prompts to notify us about your ETA
- Start the process before your car arrives on campus; your child is more likely to be ready to go!
- Please try this service, as it provides efficiency in the LZ's.



# Pickup Times

- Loading zones begin at the end of the school day (3:25 p.m. or 3:10 p.m. on Wednesdays).
  - Front Loading Zone closes at 5:30 p.m.
  - Back Loading Zone, on Rincon Ave., closes at 6 p.m. (when supervision ends)

If you need to pick up your child at dismissal, it is better to schedule an early pick-up with the office.

# Pickup: Final Tips

- Communicate your plans/pickup time with your child ahead of time.
- Be aware of your child's after-school schedule.
- Don't forget those placards & yellow lanyards!

**Thank you for your patience!**



# The BEST Team

- Excited to care for and guide the students throughout the day!
  - Morning, Recess, Lunch, After School



**Rebecca Gallegos**  
**"Ms. Gallegos"**  
Administrative  
Assistant



**Caitlin Bengel**  
**"Ms. Caite"**  
Kindergarten  
Division Lead



**Brett Miller**  
**"Mr. Brett"**  
Grades 1-3  
Division Lead



**Navleen Kaur**  
**"Ms. Nav"**  
Grades 4-5  
Division Lead

# After-School Class Updates



- Please let us know if your child will miss their class
- After 3pm call our BEST phone at **(408) 639-0389**
- Adds, Drops, & Questions - email  
**LSBESTreg@harker.org**
- Classes with fees: charges will post to student accounts after 2nd class.
  - Cancellation requests must be in BEFORE the second class meeting or you will be responsible for the associated fees.



# Debra Nott

## Director of Health Services



# NO More COVID-19 Protocol!

COVID is now treated like any other respiratory illness

**Fever present:** Stay home until fever free for 24 hours without taking medication (Advil, Motrin or Tylenol)

**No fever:** Return to school when

- Symptoms are mild and resolving
- Student is able to participate in learning
- Not coughing too much

## [The Harker School] New Treatment Note for Joseph Diffenderfer



**The Harker School <service@magnushealthportal.com>**

Lisa Diffenderfer

Friday, August 9, 2019 at 12:54 PM

[Show Details](#)

**Click on this link.**

Joseph Diffenderfer has a new treatment note that has been shared with you.

To view please log in to your account by clicking the link below

<http://resources.harker.org/link/magnus-student-medical-records/>



# Accessing Health Info

## LOGIN

Please provide your username and password to log in:

Username

lisad



Password

.....



Login

# Welcome Catherine.

This is your parent portal.

✓ SHOW PORTAL MENU

Portal Home

TK

Lower

Middle

Upper



Videos Now Available: Orchestra  
Concerts, Signing Ceremony,  
Grandparents' Day, Choral Concert and  
More

Ogre Awards and Just Dance Videos Now  
Available

Change in COVID-19 Isolation Policy  
✓ Show more



RECENTLY POSTED

Lower/Middle School Athletic Handbook

Upper School Athletic Handbook

Lower School Student/Parent Handbook

TK Parent Handbook

✓ Show more  
Middle School Student/Parent Handbook



Back-to-School Hub 2024



Hover your cursor over your name and then click on Communications.



Welcome, [Lisa Diffenderfer](#)

Front Desk



[Communications](#)



[Change Credentials](#)



[Logout](#)





Welcome, [Lisa Diffenderfer](#) ▾



[Need Help?](#)



## Communications

[Go to Front Desk](#)



Print



Delete

### All Messages

|                          |               |  |        |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Debra Nott    | Debra Nott Shared a Treatment Note with you about Joseph Diffenderfer    | Aug 9  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Debbie Fields | Debbie Fields Shared a Treatment Note with you about Joseph Diffenderfer | Jul 26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Debra Nott    | Debra Nott Shared a Treatment Note with you about Joseph Diffenderfer    | Mar 26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Alanna Conrad | Alanna Conrad Shared a Treatment Note with you about Drew Diffenderfer   | Aug 31 |



Welcome, [Lisa Diffenderfer](#) ▾



[Need Help?](#)



## Communications

[Go to Front Desk](#)



Print



Delete

### All Messages



Debra Nott

Debra Nott Shared a Treatment Note with you about Joseph Diffenderfer

Aug 9

Reason For Visit : Headache

Assessment : Temp 98.2. No signs of illness. No injury to the head.

Medication Administration : Tylenol -320mg

Treatment : Water

Other Treatment Given :

Other :

Disposition/Outcome : Returned to class

When did this happen? : Friday 08/09/2019 12:53 PM (5 mins)



# Nurse's Phone Numbers



Office: 408.553.0562

Cell: 408.891.9683




# Lisa Diffenderfer

Learning, Innovation & Design Director, TK-12








# Update Your Contact Info

The Harker School

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|---|---|---|---|--|-------|
| <div><b>Welcome, Lisa.</b><br/>This is your parent portal.</div> <div>SHOW PORTAL MENU</div>  | Portal Home   | Preschool   | Lower   | Middle   | Upper |
| <div> <b>Announcements</b></div> <div>Upper school fall sports mandatory meeting</div> <div>The Grade 6 Musicale and LS Dance Concert now available on Harker VOD .</div> <div>Senior Showcase and MS spring musical now on Harker VOD</div> <div>Sports report <a href="#">Show more</a> 19</div> | <div> <b>Resources</b></div> <div>RECENTLY POSTED</div> <div>Lower School Free/Special Dress Days</div> <div>Parent Volunteer Reimbursement Form</div> <div>Middle School Student Clubs</div> <div>Middle School Software Request Form</div> <div><a href="#">Show more</a><br/>Chamber Choir Audition Information &amp;</div> | <div> <b>School Calendar</b></div> | <div> <b>Magnus Medical Info</b></div> | <div> <b>Family &amp; Student Information</b></div> |       |

# Update Your Contact Info

## Upper Division

Monday 10/07/2019

### Student Directory

Update your family settings in the Student Directory [here](#)

To update your household and contact information, [please click here.](#)

To access current year Report Cards and Gradebook Detail Reports, please [click here.](#)


Return to the [Parent Portal](#) for the school [calendar](#).

Questions? Email: [FamilyInfo@harker.org](mailto:FamilyInfo@harker.org)









# Caregiver/Student Tech Help Site

The Harker School

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|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| <div><b>Welcome, Lisa.</b><br/>This is your parent portal.</div> <div>SHOW PORTAL MENU</div>   | Portal Home  | TK   | <div>#1</div> <div>Lower</div>   | Middle  | Upper  |
| <div> Lower School Announcements</div> <div>Head of School: Start of School Update</div> <div>Dynamics and Concert Choir feat. Harmonics, "Telephone Hour" performance available</div> <div>Fall Textbook Purchasing - July 12</div> <div>Introducing the Harker Cooking Show!</div> <div>Show more</div> | <div>#2</div> <div> Lower School Resources</div> <div>RECENTLY POSTED</div> <div>Lower School Caregiver and Student Help Site</div> <div>Vacations, Holidays &amp; Key Dates 21-22</div> <div>Bucknall Classroom Map</div> <div>Lower School</div> <div>Show more</div> | <div> Schoology</div> | <div> Lower School Calendar</div> | <div> Lower School Staff Directory</div> | <div> Harker News: Lower School</div> |

# Caregiver/Student Tech Help Site

## Lower School Resources

#1 Type "help site"

help site

| Title ▲<br>#2                                | Campus ▲     | Tags ▲                            | Updated ▼  | Download ▲ |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Lower School Caregiver and Student Help Site | Lower School | How-Tos, Schoology, Seesaw, Links | 08/12/2021 |            |

# Caregiver/Student Tech Help Site: K-2

Caregiver & Student Help

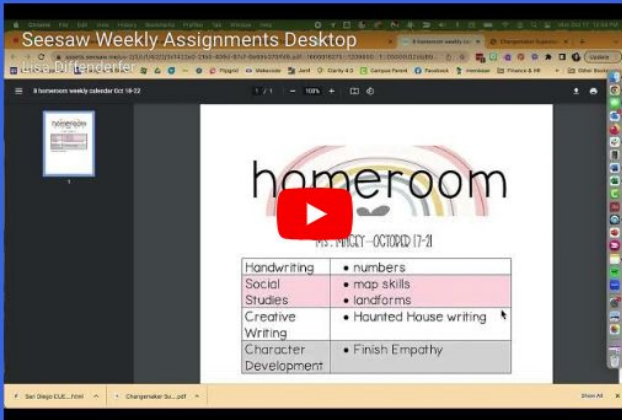
Home K-2 Students 3-5 Students

## K-2 Students

### Seesaw Learning App

Please use the **NEW Seesaw Learning App** in a web browser or on your mobile device to view teachers' weekly agendas, receive teacher announcements, and view special projects your child has completed in the app.

#### Seesaw in a Web Browser



The screenshot shows a desktop browser window titled "Seesaw Weekly Assignments Desktop". The main content area displays a "homeroom" header with a rainbow graphic and a red play button icon. Below the header is a table of assignments:

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Handwriting           | • numbers               |
| Social Studies        | • map skills            |
| • landforms           |                         |
| Creative Writing      | • Haunted House writing |
| Character Development | • Finish Empathy        |

#### Seesaw on a Mobile App



The screenshot shows the Seesaw mobile app interface. The title "Seesaw Weekly Assignments\_Mobile" is at the top, followed by the name "Lisa Diffenderfer". The main content area is dark with a red play button icon. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with icons for home, assignments, and a close button (X).

# Kim Lobe

Director of Advancement



# The Advancement Team



Supporting and enhancing:

- school community
- school pride
- support for students and teachers





# Our Patagonia Partnership!



**Birch White**

Outerwear



## Nano Puff®

Warm, windproof and water-resistant, our Nano Puff® styles are made with 100% postconsumer recycled content.

They're insulated with lightweight and highly compressible 60-g Primaloft® Gold Insulation Eco and wrapped in a 100% recycled polyester shell and lining. Made in a Fair Trade Certified® factory. Imported.

**Men's Nano Puff Jacket**  
\$299.00 / \$425.00 / \$55.00L / Regular fit / 327 g (11.9 oz)  
LMRE BLK FGE TPCN  
Legon Black Forge Tawny Pine  
Blue Grey Green

**Men's Nano Puff Hoody**  
\$299.00 / \$425.00 / \$55.00L / Regular fit / 363 g (12.8 oz)  
FGE BLK  
Grey Black

**Men's Nano Puff Vest**  
\$199.00 / \$425.00 / \$55.00L / Regular fit / 227 g (8 oz)  
TPCN FGE BLK  
Tawny Pine Forge Black  
Green Grey

**Women's Nano Puff Jacket**  
\$299.00 / \$425.00 / \$55.00L / Regular fit / 284 g (10 oz)  
BCW BLK LMRE TML  
Black Black Legon Thermal  
White Blue Blue

**Women's Nano Puff Hoody**  
\$299.00 / \$425.00 / \$55.00L / Regular fit / 306 g (10.8 oz)  
LMRE BLK  
Legon Black  
Blue

**Women's Nano Puff Vest**  
\$199.00 / \$425.00 / \$55.00L / Regular fit / 207 g (7.3 oz)  
TML BLK BCW  
Thermal Black Black  
Blue White

# 2024-25 Annual Fund

## \$5 Million Dollars!





# Matching Gifts!

**\$1.2  
Million  
Dollars!**



When We  
Connect  
we  
THRIVE

An illustration of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, reaching towards each other. The hands are colored with a gradient from blue at the wrist to purple and pink at the fingers. They are positioned between the words 'Connect' and 'we'.



# Community and Volunteers:

## Your Room Parents

- Coordinate classroom activities that need volunteers
- Support the GLCs for grade level parties
- Support homeroom teachers

### **Grade 1**

Atoosa Zeinali, Brent  
Scopinich, Rua Narayanan,  
Claudia Reyes Gonzalez

### **Grade 2**

Phong Nguyenlem, Jessica  
Thaik, Jean Choi, Subham  
Gupta

# Community and Volunteers:

## Your Grade Level Coordinators

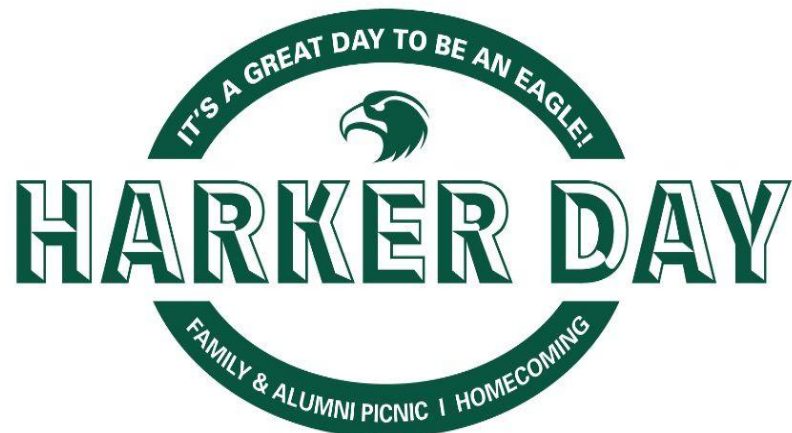
- Plan grade-level coffees
- Off-campus activities to bring the parent community together
- Support room parents and classroom teachers

### **Grade 1**

Magic Li, Shahrooz Amidi

### **Grade 2**

Richard Thaik, Rachel Zhao, Eric Zhang



*Save the Date!*

**Sat., Oct. 4, 2025**

- Homecoming
- Performing Arts Shows
- Volleyball & Water polo
- Kid Zone
- Sports Clinics
- 75th Family & Alumni Picnic
- Food trucks
- Alumni Parent Connect
- Student club activities
- Alumni reunion events

**[www.harker.org/about/events/harker-day](http://www.harker.org/about/events/harker-day)**



# Fundraising:

## Supporting our Students and Teachers

### Annual Giving Update

(June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026)

- Harker would not be the school it is today were it not for our culture and long-standing tradition of Philanthropy.
- Please give/volunteer/participate in proportion to your ability to do so.
- Your generosity helps provide The Margin of Excellence we are known for: academics, extra-curriculars, facilities, and long-term financial security from endowed programs.



# Supporting the Annual Fund

## 2025-26 Grade 1 & 2 PDC Members

Brent Scopinishm

Magic Li

James Schwab

Lifan Xu

Manisha Navada

Alek Wang

Aleksandar Ivanovic

Claire Coyle

Rachael Zhao

Mara Roane

Sathya Bakaraju

Sonali Gold

Tianyang Ma

Yutong Yi

# HARKER® Annual Giving

**Honor Roll of Donors:**  
Early September

**Annual Fund mailing:**  
Late September

**Pledge Week / Phone-a-thon:**  
Week of Oct. 7



# Harker's Strategic Plan

Joe engages our strategic ecosystem of students, parents, alumni, alumni parents and creates interest, involvement and support for our strategic plan initiatives.



**Joe Rosenthal**  
*Executive  
Director of  
Strategic  
Initiatives*

# Debra Cope

Primary Division Head



# Lana Truong '10

Academic Counselor





# Homeroom Locations

## Grade 1:

Caldwell: Room 205

Proctor: Room 301

Weaver Room 302

Cantu: Room 307

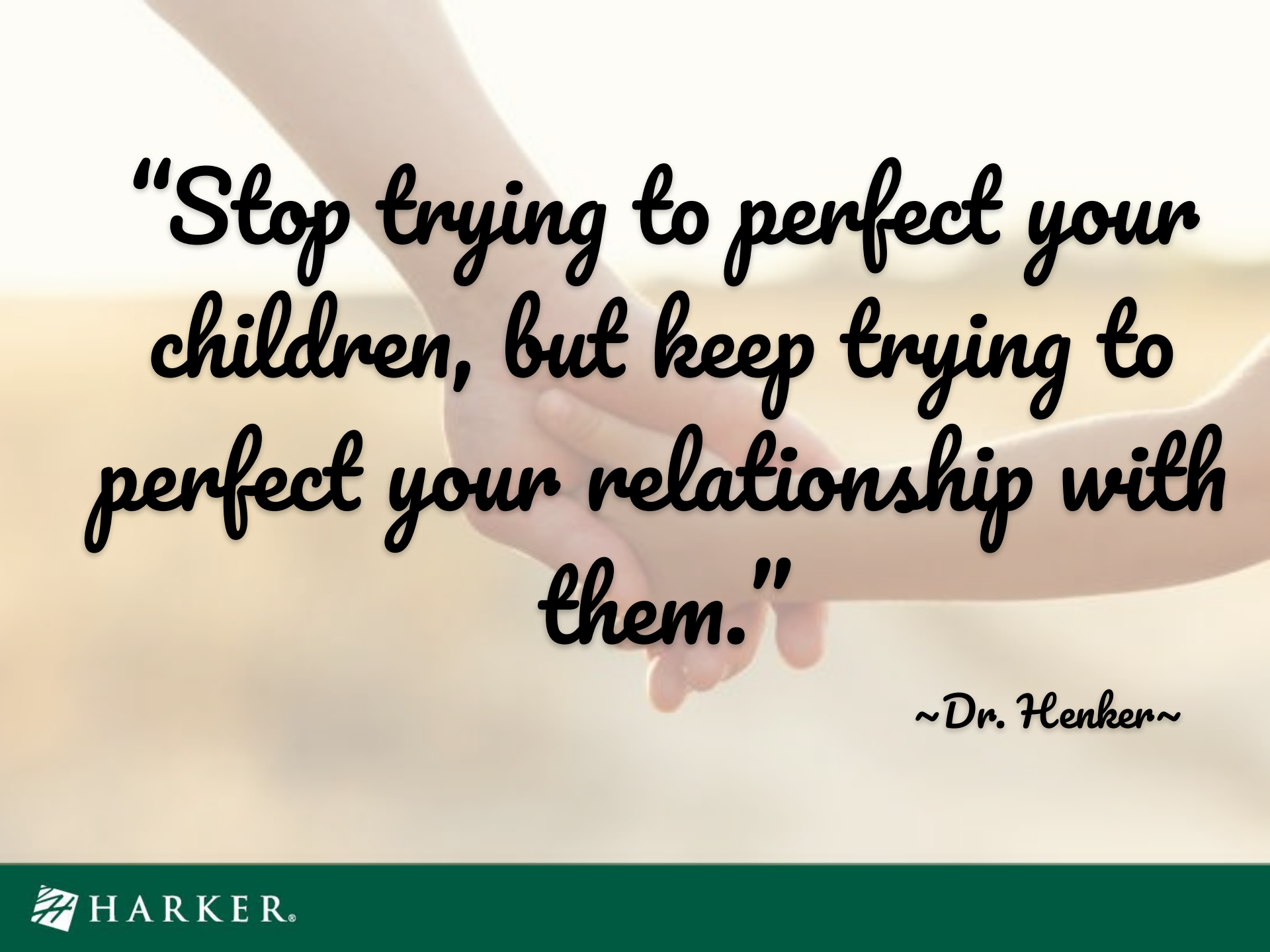
## Grade 2:

Bo: Room 303

Mehta: Room 304

Macey: Room 309

Yang: Room 309



*"Stop trying to perfect your children, but keep trying to perfect your relationship with them."*

*~Dr. Henker~*

