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Advocates *focus*

Harmony Advocates Austin - Sharing truthful and encouraging information with our parents, teachers, and supporters!

The first semester of the 2011 - 2012 school year is on the books. We had tremendous success spreading the word about Harmony Public Schools. Thanks to Harmony Advocates, we are building public awareness!

Connecting Harmony to community leaders!

Harmony Public Schools - Austin was honored this semester with visits from many local elected officials and community leaders. In September, we had the privilege of providing a school tour to Cedar Park Mayor, Bob Lemon. In October, Rep. Mark Strama gave an inspirational speech which captivated Harmony students. In November, Rep. Paul Workman came to inspire Harmony students as well. He spoke on the importance of staying in school and learning to learn. We also had a visit that month from Rep. Eddie Rodriguez. Rep. Rodriguez heard from committed parents who had the opportunity to tell their personal stories of Harmony and their choice in educa-

tion. Additionally, we met with Pflugerville Mayor, Jeff Coleman, who said he was very impressed by the caliber of discipline and command of presents he witnessed in the students at Harmony. Representative Charles Schwertner's District Director, Leah Alexander, also visited Harmony Public Schools. Ms. Alexander was more than delighted in the school and the Harmony charter as a whole. Lastly, in December we had the honor of welcoming Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo. The luncheon showcased our gratitude for Chief Acevedo's continued support of Harmony Public Schools in Austin and we were grateful to have him as our guest.



Giving Back!

Harmony Science Academy - North Austin students spent the evening volunteering at the Pflugerville Fire Department open house in North Austin on October 13th. The students helped welcome the community, entertained the smaller visitors and helped out in any way they could. The fire department was thrilled to have such respectful, well mannered kids on hand to greet their neighbors.



Reaching out to neighborhoods and public services!

Harmony Public Schools - Austin in the local community giving back.

In addition to volunteering at the Pflugerville Fire Department this year, Harmony students paid a visit to the Pflugerville city council. At the city council meeting, Harmony students presented Mayor Jeff Coleman with a special student prepared art piece featuring the city logo. Both students and council members were delighted with the visit. Harmony students also honored the Cedar Park Mayor and council members with student artwork.

Mayor Bob Lemon was thrilled to see Harmony students again and introduced them to the council members.

At the state capitol, Harmony Advocates met with Senator Ogden and Senator Wentworth's staff. We also met with Senator Watson at the University of Texas. These were fantastic opportunities for us to speak on behalf of Harmony Public Schools not only in Austin, but around the state. As advocates, we were able to further educate their offices on the success and growth of our schools. Aside from many state capitol visits, Harmony students were also invited to visit the William-

Rep. Paul Workman greets Harmony students at Harmony School of Excellence.

son County Court House and Cedar Park Police Department. Harmony students enjoyed seeing local public service and government in action.

Harmony Advocates met with Austin Council Members Mike Martinez and Chris Riley as well as Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole. It was an honor to speak on behalf of all the progress Harmony has made in the city of Austin. Additionally, the office of Rep. Larry Gonzales was very welcoming at their Round Rock location. Rep. Gonzales staffers expressed their continued support and encouraged our schools to keep up the great work.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT:
Growing Number of Support Letters



There has recently been a growing number of support letters for Harmony Public Schools. We are quite proud of getting the support of elected officials, community stakeholders and other distinguished Texans. Please see some of those support letters by visiting www.harmonytx.org/news



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