

# Paw Prints

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Harrington  
Middle School



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## Harrington Girls Basketball

### Highlights of a Great Season

The Lady Cougars finished their season as co-champions with a record of 11-1. The team came together in a cohesive and unified manner to deliver a crushing blow to DeMasi Middle School, (62-42) Sandi G. lead the team with 30 points! In the end, Harrington and DeMasi ended up co-champions in the league.

Led by coaches, Mr. Hoover and Mrs. Curtis, this year's team played some excellent basketball and made Harrington proud.. Good luck and many thanks to the eighth-graders Casey C., Sandi G., Katherine P., and Tessa P. You will be missed. Great job to all of the team for an excellent season.

## Spring Chorus Concert

### March 27th at 7pm

The Harrington Choir and A Cappella, lead by vocal director, Mrs. Teall, will be performing their Spring Concert on Thursday, March 27th, at 7 p.m. in the Harrington Auditorium. These two talented groups will be performing a piece from the Broadway phenomenon, *Dear Evan Hansen*. This performance will be accompanied by a student created music video which was spearheaded by Harrington student, Nick V.

An upbeat piece by Earth, Wind, and Fire along with song in Latin will also be performed. Look for special solo performances from many of your talented classmates.

Everyone is welcome to come out for this fabulous evening of talent. Just remember that all students must be accompanied by a parent at the evening performance.



# Teacher Spotlight

By Danalli B., Jason G. , and Bailey B.

This month we decided to interview Mrs. Patrick for the March edition of Paw Prints! She teaches 8th grade Everest Social Studies and is one of our best teachers here.

Mrs. Patrick realized that she wanted to be a teacher her senior year in high school. Although her mom wasn't totally supportive of the idea of teaching, her dad was her inspiration. She has been teaching for 20 years and has been at Harrington since 2004. She loves the people she works with and middle school kids, especially her 9th period class.

Mrs. Patrick enjoys Notre Dame football, hanging out with her dogs, shopping, and binging on Netflix shows like *The Crown*. Her guilty pleasure would be watching bad reality TV.

If Mrs. Patrick could live anywhere in the world, she would live in a big city like San Francisco or Chicago. She has already visited Ireland and hopes to someday travel to Italy or London because she would love to explore more of Europe.

## **Fun Facts, with ya boi Sweet & Spicy Oatmeal!**

We all love leprechauns, don't we? Little green, ginger-haired fairies stashing a pot full of gold at the end of a rainbow. But whatever happened to their pesky red-clad cousins, the clurichauns? Unlike everybody's favorite gold hoarding dwarf, clurichauns are known to be all over the place- but you'll probably find them most often while they're riding animals (dogs or sheep) at night or when they're guzzling and protectecting all the booze in wine cellars. I can only imagine the hangovers. Ouch. What's even more surprising, however, is that some folklorists (that's an actual word) believe clurichauns are just leprechauns after they've had a long day of work and got tipsy after drinking at the local bar. Quite a transition, if I say so myself. I wonder if they put a little something in their Lucky Charms?

## **St. Patrick's Day: America vs. Ireland**

By Anthony D.

How do most people celebrate St. Patrick's Day here in America? Well, people here usually wear green. In fact if you don't wear green you risk the chance of getting pinched. Many people suddenly become Irish out of nowhere. It's great fun. But have you ever been to Ireland where the day is originated? In Ireland they do throw parades, but they don't throw parades so green that they look like your OCD neighbor's lawn. In America when we have parades they are usually kid-friendly events. However, in Ireland around 70% of St. Patrick's day events involve alcoholic beverages. So if you're in Ireland and planning to go to a St. Patrick's parade stay away from the bar. Finally "the not wearing green and getting pinched" thing is a fun game in America. But in Ireland if you pinch the wrong person then you will learn every bad word really fast. Those Irishmen know their curse words. Whether you celebrate the day with an abundance of green, pretend you're Irish for the day or stroll in a parade, have a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

## SPRING

By Brooke Korngut

Another day,  
Same wind,  
Wind that bumps into me,  
Adorned with its unsightly frosted cloak  
But the wind now dresses its paintbrush  
In a rubied hue.  
Sheds its rudeness,  
Now gifts me with warmth-clad hugs.  
Chrysanthemums of barbed petals  
Demanded by vicious currents,  
Are replaced by velvet tulips  
Requested in soft whispers  
By the gentle breeze.  
Just as the flowers that study the everlasting sea of newborn emeralds.  
Satin ribbons of lustrous gold  
Dangle from their mighty harborer-  
Where has she been all this time?-  
Weave tapestries across elderly skies wealthy with turquoise  
There is a gorgeous welcoming laying among the threads.  
It is the homecoming of endearing warmth,  
We swing into it,  
Let it carry us into engulfing ocean waves,  
Trusting our familiar friend to not let us drown.  
But it is the bantling hope that we all love to float upon.  
What revives our dreams for summer,  
For juvenility,  
For new opportunity.  
The one we float on as long as we can hold on.  
Let's hope it doesn't sink  
Before winter...

## Monthly Menu



### *Irish Potatoes*

By Jason G.

Ingredients:

- ¼ softened butter
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 package confectioners sugar
- 7 ounces sweetened flaked coconut
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

NOTE: Be sure to use regular cream cheese, not whipped or reduced fat type.

Step 1: In a large bowl, cream together the butter and cream cheese.

Step 2: Add the vanilla and confectioners sugar.

Step 3: Beat until your mixture forms a ball.

Step 4: Stir in the coconut with a spoon.

Step 5: Roll the mixture between your hands to form small potato-shaped candies or roll into small balls.

Step 6: Place cinnamon in a shallow dish and start rolling balls in it.

Step 7: Place the balls on a cookie sheet and let them chill for an hour or until firm. (If you want them to have extra cinnamon roll them again after they have chilled)

Step 8: Enjoy!(Roll in chocolate to make Easter eggs)

## The History of Women's History Month

By Zaria H.

Women's History Month originated as a weeklong celebration of the contribution women have made to culture that started in the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. A few years later, the idea caught on and in 1980, president Jimmy Carter issued the first official Women's History Week. But just a week, was not enough. Six years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to extend the event to the entire month of March. So ladies keep up the good work!

## ???Bailey Asks???

What are you doing for Spring Break?

By Bailey B.

*Ahh, Spring Break! Everyone is anxiously awaiting the relaxation and rejuvenation that comes with that week off after Easter. So what are your plans? How do you spend your precious time off?*

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*Zaria-I'm going to upstate NY to visit family and then to Buffalo to go to a scholarship ball.*

*Matt C.-Celebrating Easter in Boston with family.*

*Makayla F.- Going skydiving with a SEAL Team trainer down in Virginia.*

*Gavin W.- I'll be in Baltimore for the Cherry Blossom Festival*

*Barry S.- I'm training in Florida for football with Results Mike.*

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