

**Important -
Post at Home**

Join Us! Hartford 2009-10

Schedule of Family Nights and Meetings

(As always, subject to change. Check your child's Weekly Folder for details.)

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 26, Wednesday	ORIENTATIONS Kindergarten Orientation (K4/K5) 5:00 – 6:00 (Start in gym) Orientation for 6 th Grade & New MS Students 4:00 – 5:30 (Start in auditorium)
August 26, Wednesday 5:30 – 7:30	HARTFORD BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC at Kern Park At Humboldt and Keefe. Bring a side dish and come for a barbecue along with old and new friends.
September 1, Tuesday	First Day of School (Playground staffed starting at 7:25 am)
September 10, Thursday 6:00 – 7:30 pm	PSO Meeting in the Library: What's New at Hartford this Year? The Parent/Staff Organization keeps you involved and informed!
September 10, Thursday	Governance Council 4:30 – 6:00, room 2 – Meeting to plan the year.
September 17, Thursday 5:15 – 8:00 pm	OPEN HOUSE Share in a Pasta Dinner. Then go to your child(ren)'s classroom(s).
October 8, Thursday Get Involved!	Governance Council 4:30 – 6:00, room 2 PSO Meeting 6:00 – 7:30, library
Tues., Oct. 13 – 4:00-7:00 Wed., Oct. 14 – 3:00-6:15	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES AND FALL BOOK FAIR Sign up for conferences in advance with your child's teacher.
October 27, Tuesday 6:00 – 7:30 pm	PUMPKIN NIGHT and Family Math Fun A wonderful family time decorating pumpkins. Everyone gets into it!
November 12, Thursday Get Involved!	PSO Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 pm, library (No Governance Council meeting in November)
November 21, Saturday 6:30 - 10:00 pm	Friends of Hartford FUNDRAISER FOR THE ARTS At RedLine, – a very cool urban art space, 1422 N. 4 th Street. Enjoy an evening for grown-ups, with silent and live auctions over a glass of wine. Entrance donation \$25 to benefit the arts at Hartford.
December 10, Thursday	Governance Council 4:30 – 6:00, room 2 (No PSO meeting in December.)
December 17, Thursday	Second Annual Scripps Spelling Bee, 9:00 am
January 7, Thursday Very Important!	Get Involved in Hartford's Budget – Help Us Make These Crucial Decisions! Governance Council/PSO Budget Hearing 4:30 – 6:30, room 2 PSO Business Meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm, library
January or February Date To Be Announced 6:00 – 8:00 pm	MILWAUKEE BUCKS SNUGGLE UP AND READ/ AUTHORS' NIGHT – Sponsored by the Bucks and Sam's Hope Read with the players of the Milwaukee Bucks (for real). Meet the genuine Bango! Enjoy student performances of their writing along with cocoa and coffee in the Upper School's Coffee House. Do cool family art activities. Savor your child's art and writing. Every child gets a free book from the Bucks and Sam's Hope. Performances, prizes and surprises!
January 21, Thursday	Governance Council budget work session 4:30-6:30
February 11, Thursday	PSO 6:00 – 7:30 pm Governance Council finalizes budget 4:30 – 6:00
February 25, Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm	HARTFORD FAMILY HERITAGE NIGHT Join us for a potluck and performance celebrating all of our children.
March 4, Thursday	Governance Council 4:30 – 6:00, room 2 PSO Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 pm, library

March 9, Tues – 4:00-7:00	SPRING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
March 10, Wed – 3:00-6:15	And Spring Book Fair
Wednesday, March 31 6:30 – 8:00	SCIENCE AND TECHNO-FUN NIGHT Check out the science projects and play with our cool technological gadgets and programs
April 15, Thursday	Governance Council 4:30 – 6:00, room 2 PSO Meeting 6:00 – 7:30, library
April 22 & 23, Th & Fri - 7:00	ANNUAL HARTFORD MUSICAL – GRADES 5 - 8
May 4 & 5, Tues and Wed US Cellular Arena	CITY-WIDE BIENNIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL Featuring our 4 th and 5 th graders and other Hartford musicians
May 14, Thursday	Governance Council 4:30 – 6:00, room 2 – Work on Educational Plan PSO 6:00 – 7:30, library – Plan next year’s family nights and PSO activities.
May 20, Thursday	KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 1 SPRING CONCERT 6:00 -7:30
May 27, Thursday	GRADES 2-5 SPRING CONCERT Including Mad Hot Ballroom 6:00 – 7:30
June 2, Wednesday 6:30 – 8:00 pm	TRIPLE-A AWARDS CEREMONY Awards for excellence in Academics, Athletics, and the Arts.
June 3, Thursday	Governance Council Final Meeting – 4:30 – 6:00, room 2. Principal evaluation.
June 10, Thursday 4:00 – 7:00 pm	HARTFORD SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC In Lake Park (Area 2, near the playground structures)
June 11, Friday Noon – 1:30 pm	Eighth Grade Completion Ceremony (tickets required) At the UWM Union, followed by a reception in Hartford’s gym
June 14, Monday	Last Day of School for Students

You are Always Welcome at Hartford!

PARKING:

Any time you visit Hartford you may park in our lot – whether you are visiting a classroom, chaperoning a field trip, picking up your child, coming to a meeting, or attending a family night. Simply drive up to the gate and wait patiently for it to slide open. To exit, you will need the code, which changes from time to time. Ask for the code when you check in at the office. *Please: always remember to check in at the office and get a visitor’s badge first thing when you visit during the school day!* (Because our children desperately need their playground space, parking is restricted to times you are actively involved at the school.)

GETTING INVOLVED:

There are many ways to get involved at Hartford.

- **Monthly Family Nights:** These high energy events draw hundreds! Plan to attend with your whole family for a great time as a part of the Hartford community. (Talk to the PSO to volunteer at these events.)
- The **Parent Staff Organization (PSO)** welcomes you. Meetings are usually the second Thursday of the month. Each PSO meeting has topic or focus, listed above. The PSO helps organize the monthly family nights and can connect you with other ways to get involved as well. Just show up at a monthly meeting! To get on the e-mail list or learn more, contact parent Paula Storniolo at paulastorniolo@northwesternmutual.com or 915-1588.
- The **Governance Council** is an elected group of parents and staff who participate in key decisions regarding budget and educational programs. Come share in the discussion; we want your involvement! The Council generally meets the second Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00 pm (right before the PSO). Contact Dr. Ellwood, the principal, at ellwoodc@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or 906-4705.
- **Friends of Hartford** hosts the holiday benefit and works on other fundraising projects. We especially need help soliciting items for the silent auction in November. Contact parent Margaret Cory at mcory@wi.rr.com or 964-7690.
- **Athletics:** Our Hartford athletes greatly appreciate your attendance at games and meets, and there are plenty of ways to help out the teams. Contact the team’s coach or Mr. Wamser, our PE teacher, at 906-4721.
- **The classroom is the most powerful place of all.** Check with your child’s teacher to help your child’s classroom.

2009-2010 Hartford University School Calendar

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☐ = no student attendance

* tentative date

☺ = family night – see family night schedule



**MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Say Yes! to MPS.

Calendar dates may change due to bad weather or other circumstances.

Please call your school for current information.

2009-2010 School Calendar

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Aug. 31	Organization day – no student attendance	Jan. 25	Banking Day – no student attendance
Sept. 1	First day of school for all students	Feb. 15	Mid-semester break – no student attendance
Sept. 7	Labor Day – schools closed	Mar. 12	Parent/Teacher conferences – no student attendance
Oct. 2	Banking Day – no student attendance	Mar. 15	Banking Day – no student attendance
Oct. 16	Parent/Teacher conferences – no student attendance	April 2–9	Spring recess – schools closed
Oct. 29–30	Convention days – no student attendance	April 12	Classes resume
Nov. 2–13	WKCE-CRT assessments	April 28	ACT
Nov. 26–27	Thanksgiving recess – schools closed	May 7	Banking Day – no student attendance
Dec. 4	Banking Day – no student attendance	May 31	Memorial Day – schools closed
Dec. 23–31	Winter recess – schools closed	June 10, 11, 14	High school final exams
Jan. 1	Winter recess – schools closed	June 14	Last day of student attendance
Jan. 4	Classes resume	June 15	Record day – no student attendance
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – schools closed	June 16	Emergency make-up day
Jan. 19, 20, 21	High school final exams	June 17–Sept. 1	Summer Recess – schools closed
Jan. 22	Record day/Staff planning day – no student attendance		

Individual schools may have additional non-attendance days which do not appear on this calendar. Also, dates for distributing report cards may vary from school to school.

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