

BASA: EAST

Harbor City Elementary School
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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! All our Harbor City Elementary After School Staff are anxious to welcome back our students. It is so exciting to see them again and to welcome new students to the program.

In addition to tutoring by a certified teacher and time set aside for help with homework, group leaders have prepared art, wellness, and social-emotional learning and STEM projects. Project based learning activities will be centered on multiple themed activities. The students will be bringing home their creations that are made. Make sure to give your child commendation for their hard work. We are looking forward to a great year!

Attendance in BASA: 21st Century

Please understand that your child must participate in this program every school day and the BASA program closes at 6:00 PM by the center's clock. Select New Grant sites close at 5:30. This is an educational/enrichment program for services that are provided on all school days. Continued absences/early pick-ups (9/semester) and late pick-ups (2/semester or 3/school year whichever comes first) may result in the discontinuation of services. We want every student to get the maximum benefits from the program. If your child is continuously absent, picked up early, or picked up late, they may be asked to leave the program. If your child is absent or not attending on a specific day, please let us know. This is for the safety of your child. Coordinator: *Lydia Reynolds*



Upcoming Events

August 10: Students return 15-1st day of Kindergarten
*** Please watch for upcoming Parent Orientation***

Three reasons every father should read to their child and not just moms:

- 1. Dads provide a different set of skills to their children.** When mom and dad read to their children, it positively impacts their learning. When fathers read to their children, the child's verbal skills can increase by up to fifteen percent, which does not typically happen when just moms read to them.
- 2. Children are better behaved.** Studies show that when fathers read to their children and share other caregiving responsibilities with mom, their children have better attachment, they have high self-esteem, and show better social competence. The time fathers spend with their children builds their literacy skills, the child has better impulse control, shows a greater ability to take initiative, and are more empathetic.
- 3. Children do better academically.** When dads model the importance of literacy to their children, they perform better in academic endeavors, and have higher scores on standardized achievement tests.

Michael Hall: Strong Fathers-Strong Families: <http://strongfathers.com/>