



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 10, 2024

Dear Seycove Families,

I am excited to share with you some of the incredible learning experiences and achievements that have taken place in the last couple weeks within our school community.

Some of our Socials 8 students embarked on a creative journey through the Song Dynasty, delving into the fascinating world of ancient China. Through this immersive experience, they crafted their own newspapers, shedding light on the era's ground breaking inventions and cultural contributions. It's inspiring to see our students engage with history in such a hands-on and imaginative way.

Additionally, our PLP field studies have provided enriching opportunities for our students to explore beyond the classroom, fostering a deeper understanding of various subjects through real-world experiences. I commend our students for their curiosity and dedication to expanding their knowledge beyond traditional boundaries.

I am also delighted to announce that several of our students have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to our community. They are recipients of the District of North Vancouver Youth Awards, showcasing their commitment to making a positive impact on those around them. These students exemplify the values of compassion, leadership, and service that we strive to instill in all our learners.

Furthermore, our student makers and artisans showcased their talents at the Deep Cove Spring Market, demonstrating creativity, entrepreneurship, and craftsmanship. It's wonderful to see our students thrive as creators and contributors to our local community.

And let's not forget our spring athletics teams! Our soccer, track and field, and golf teams have been putting in tremendous effort and dedication, representing our school with pride and sportsmanship. I am immensely proud of their achievements and the spirit they bring to our school's athletic endeavors.

As we celebrate the vibrancy of spring, let us also celebrate the diverse talents and accomplishments of our students. Their passion, creativity, and resilience are a testament to the strength of our school community. Thank you to our dedicated teachers, staff, and parents for supporting our students on their journey of growth and learning.

Here's to a season filled with continued success, joyous moments, and endless opportunities for our students to shine brightly.

Warm regards,

Sarah Best
Principal



SEYCOVE CALENDAR

- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 14 PAC Meeting—7pm Library
- May 20 Victoria Day—School Closed
- May 23 Hot Lunch Pre-Order
- Jun 1 Seycove Music Cabaret
- Jun 3 School Based Pro-D Day
No school for students
- Jun 6 Hot Lunch Pre-Order
- Jun 18 Grad Ceremony 7pm
Centennial Theatre



Updates & Reminders

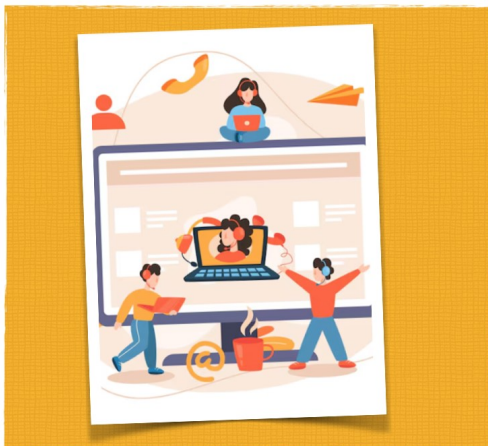
Grade 10 Kairos Blanket Exercise - May 23

ALL grade 10s will be taking part in the Blanket Exercise on Thursday, May 23rd 10:30am-12:00pm. **Please bring a blanket for the workshop.**

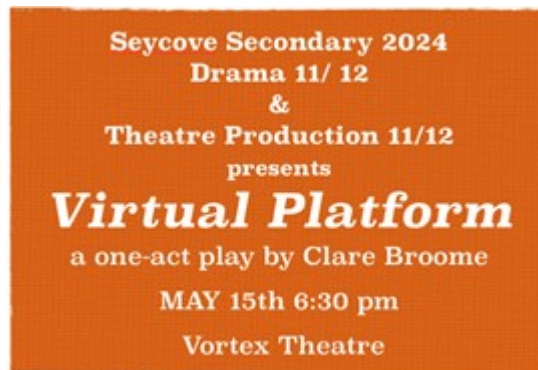
"The Blanket Exercise is based on using Indigenous methodologies and the goal is to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance." More information: [Blanket Exercise Workshop - KAIROS](#)



Limited Tickets! Drama 11/12 Production - Virtual Platform



Buy your tickets online at [SchoolCash Online](#)



Spring Clean for Drama Department

Let the Seycove Drama Department help with your spring cleaning!

We are grateful to accept any of your unwanted costumes, props, hanging racks & clothes hangers.

Let your forgotten about Halloween costumes enjoy a second Act!

To the right are some examples of things we'd love to have in our prop and costume closets in addition to any clothes hangers, standing full length mirrors (1-2) and rolling racks:

Anything questionable - please send a picture and email to eshoop@sd44.ca

- oddities (skulls, treasure chests, etc.)
- mannequins
- vases
- small medical
- med bottles (apothecary jars)
- instruments
- strings of lights
- walker
- Crutches
- Steering wheel
- Cash register
- Paddles
- Toy Weapons
- Wigs
- Bench seating
- Foliage / silk flowers
- retail/ branded shopping bags
- Costume hats (witch, wizard, baseball, helmets etc.)
- Costume pieces (think Halloween costumes)
- Store signage (open, hours, exit etc.)





Updates & Reminders

Sustainable Clothing Swap & Fundraising for DTES Women's Centre

CLOTHING + BOOK SWAP!

BRING ITEMS TO MS. KADI'S ROOM (301) THIS WEEK!!



FUNDRAISE FOR THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTER

MAY 16TH & 17TH @ LUNCH IN THE CAFETERIA

BRING \$2 TO PARTICIPATE

ALL PROCEEDS + LEFTOVER ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE DEWC

Seycove's sustainability club, SEYSA, in cooperation with the Girls for Impact Club Initiative, are organizing a **Sustainable Clothing Swap and Fundraiser for the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre**

The student body is invited to join us in the Cafeteria on **May 16th & May 17th** during lunchtime for a sustainable clothing swap + fundraiser.

Bring textiles, clothes and books to swap with fellow students, and rest assured that all other items and proceeds will be donated directly to the Downtown Eastside Women's Center, including feminine hygiene products, toiletries, and other [high-demand items](#).

We will be collecting items leading up to the swap in room 310 or parents can drop them off at the school office.

Financial donations are accepted by donation via cash or card, with a minimum of \$2 to participate.

Let's make a positive impact together, Seycove!

- Teva B, SEYSA Club Member and Organizer

The Greatest Show! Seycove Cabaret 2024 - June 1

Seycove Music's *Cabaret in the Cove* is our premier fundraising event of the year!

Join us Saturday, June 1st, for a night of exciting music featuring our Jazz Bands and Jazz Choirs along with many student small groups in a Jazz Club format, complete with finger foods, drinks, and silent auction!

This year's theme is The Greatest Show! You won't want to miss it.

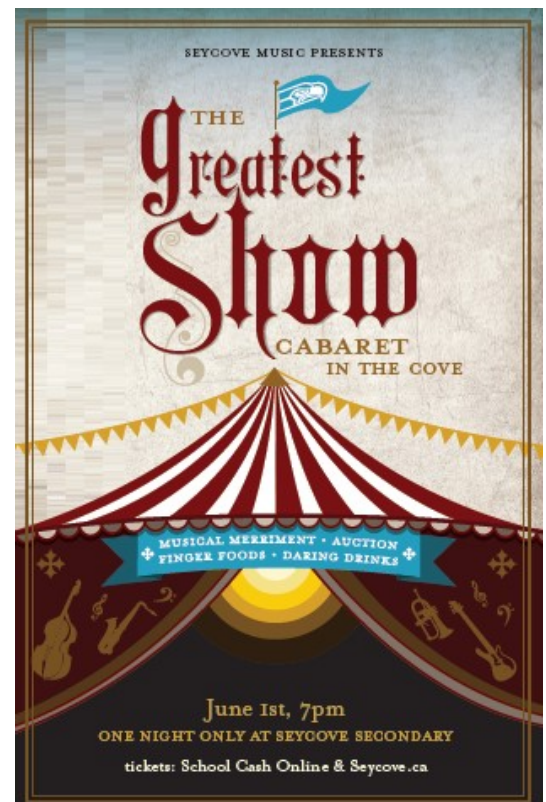
Get your tickets now through [SchoolCash Online](#).

One ticket covers admission, food, and one drink ticket.

Ages 19+. See you there!

Saturday, June 1 - Doors open @6:30pm, Show @7:00pm

Ticket Costs: \$40 - [BUY Tickets HERE](#)





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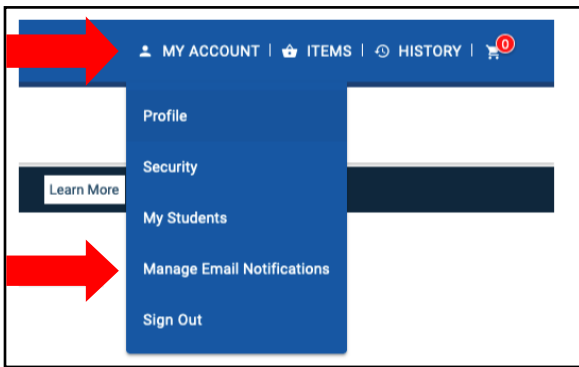
Got Old Jeans?



Got any old jeans gathering dust that you no longer wear? The Textiles classes are eager to give them new life in their Upcycling unit. Simply bring them by Ms. Reid's Textiles room, and we'll take it from there!

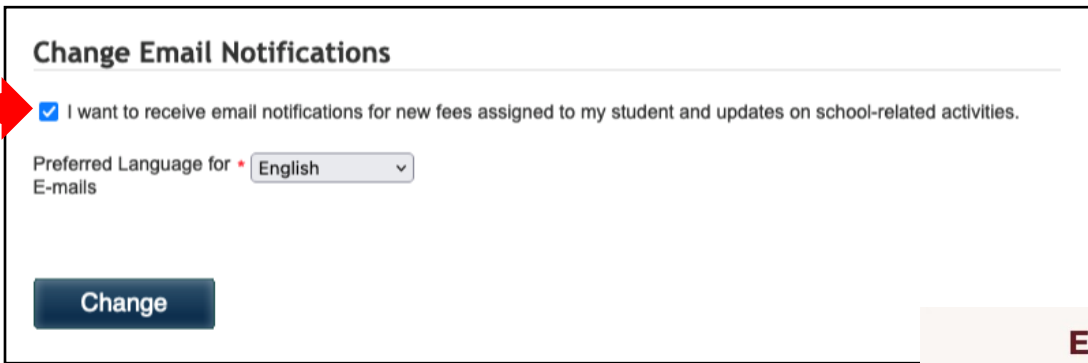


Update SchoolCash Online Notifications



Don't miss out on important and timely SchoolCash Online items including tickets for upcoming events.

1. Sign in to your [SchoolCash Online account](#)
2. Select "My Account"
3. Select "Manage Email Notifications"
4. Check box to receive notifications



The Boys Who Braid Their Hair—Exhibition Extended

The Boys Who Braid Their Hair exhibition has been extended and you're invited!

- Join us from April 25 – May 19, 2024
- **Where:** The Nature House at Maplewood Flats
- **Open:** Tues / Thurs / Sat & Sun 11:00am – 3:00pm
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With Photos by Nancy Black & Derek Stevens Photography
Filmmaker James Duggi/Gamagradia



Black Bears

Bear Aware

Bears have been spotted recently around Seycove, we would like to remind our students, families and neighbours what to do when you encounter a bear. ([From the North Shore Black Bear Society](#))

IF YOU MEET A BEAR

- Try to **remain as calm as possible**. Black bears are calm animals and by staying calm, you reduce startling the bear.
- Communicate that you are not a danger by **using a calm tone to speak to them** in any language.
- Show the bear you are respectful of their personal space by **slowly distancing yourself**.
- Ensure the bear has an exit.

Never intentionally approach bears. It is very rare for black bears to make contact with humans, but they will not appreciate you encroaching on their personal space and you could pressure defensive behaviour. When bears are pressured by our presence, they show subtle stress signals such as excessive yawning, pretending to eat, moaning, huffing, salivating and jaw-popping.

Approaching bears for photographs can pressure them to feel defensive. Bears may be comfortable with people at a distance but the boundaries of personal space are unique to each individual. **Never approach a bear intentionally.**

[REPORT BEAR ACTIVITY HERE](#)



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Celebrations of Learning

Social 8—Journey Through the Song Dynasty

In our latest classroom adventure, our Socials 8 students embarked on a creative journey through the Song Dynasty, crafting their own newspapers to illuminate the era's groundbreaking inventions.

Through this project, they not only delved deep into history but also honed their presentation skills. Each student had the opportunity to share their masterpiece with the class, engaging in a constructive exchange of feedback. This exercise proved to be a wonderful blend of learning, creativity, and skill development, showcasing our students' incredible talents and growing abilities. Excellent Work Socials 8 Classes!

- Ms Rajan and Class Managers. Sophia and Ella

(Please come by room 207 to check out the newspaper display)



Raising Tech Healthy Kids

Do you have kids who play video games? Ever wonder what kinds of conversations they are listening to or taking part in?

The latest [Screenagers Podcast](#) delves into this topic and examines the bullying and trash-talking that can take place. Learn more about the podcast here: [Screenagers Blog](#) | [Mean Behind The Screen \(screenagersmovie.com\)](#)



Questions to get the conversation started with your family or group.

- There are many fun elements to video gaming, let's name some.
- What types of aggressive words and behaviors do you see play out?
- Why do you think trash-talking happens frequently during gaming?
- What do you do when someone gets mean?

Taken from: [Mean Behind The Screen \(screenagersmovie.com\)](#)



Celebrations of Learning

PLP 11 - Arizona & Nevada Field Study



Half of the PLP 11 cohort has returned from another amazing field study! While studying the Cold War and the impact of nuclear weapons on the world, the cohort travelled from Tucson, Arizona to Las Vegas, Nevada! The driving question led the learners through their personal inquiries: How has fear been used as a political, defensive, and cultural tool to shape our society?

From going inside the Titan II Missile silo, the Pima Air and Space Museum, Hoover Dam, the Atomic Museum in Vegas, and even an underground mansion, this was a trip to remember! Along the way, the cohort had the chance to hike at some incredible sites, including going beneath the rim of the Grand Canyon. The reflections and final products the learners created can be found on their public learning portfolios, found at plp.seycove.ca. Shout out to all the learners who participated on the trip for being excellent travellers (and hikers)!

- Ms. McWilliam & Mr. Hughes





Careers & Work Experience

New Work Experience Opportunity - Automotive Sampler



Is your grade 9-11 student interested in a career in the automotive repair industry?

The North Vancouver School District has teamed up with Craftsman Collision and CSN/Elite Collision to offer an Automotive Trades Sampler opportunity. The program will include training and experience in auto body repair and finishing, auto glass and safety systems, mechanics, servicing, ADAS and emerging technology. Students will also participate in a repair project.

This opportunity is open to students in grades 10, 11 or 12 enrolled in the Work Experience (WEX) course.

Pre-placement coursework must be finished by September 23, 2024.

See [Mrs. Knapp](#) for more information.

Youth Police Academy - Applications Open



north shore youth
POLICE ACADEMY



WHO CAN APPLY?

- students age 14-17
- students interested in front-line policing

WHEN IS IT?

- August 12-15 or 19-22

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFO?

- Message Mrs. Knapp for the application package or visit her office



Is your grade 9-11 student interested in a career in policing?

West Vancouver Police and North Vancouver RCMP are offering a North Shore Youth Summer Police Academy in August. The four-day event is designed for students interested in operational or front-line policing and will include physical training such as running, hiking and weightlifting, as well as learning about K9 services, traffic services, community policing, forensics and other specialty units.

Applications are due May 31st.

See [Mrs. Knapp](#) for the application package.

Personal Finance for Students - Preparing for University

Gustavson School of Business is once again offering "Adulting 101: Personal Finance for Students Preparing for College and University." Dr. Michael King will facilitate this interactive session, aimed at bolstering students' financial readiness for university life. The workshop promises a glimpse into Gustavson's approach to finance, delivered in an enjoyable and engaging manner.

Students in grades 9 to 12 and parents are encouraged to attend.

[Register HERE](#)





GRAD 2024



SAVE THE DATES

Graduation Ceremony

7pm | June 18, 2024
Centennial Theatre
north vancouver

Graduation Banquet

5:30pm | June 25, 2024
Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier
north vancouver

SEYCOVE GRAD
2024

For more information about graduation and graduation events, visit the Seycove website:

[Grad Information - Seycove Secondary \(sd44.ca\)](https://www.sd44.ca/grad)

Important Upcoming Grad Dates & Events

- ⇒ Apr 26 – May 21—Grad Banquet Tickets On Sale
- ⇒ May 17 - Grad Write-Ups Due
- ⇒ May 23 - Grad Banquet Table Selection
- ⇒ June 13 - Grad Ceremony Rehearsal & Gown Pick Up
- ⇒ June 18 - Grad Ceremony
- ⇒ June 25 - Grad Banquet - Dinner & Dance

For the most up to date grad information, please visit
Seycove.ca: [Grad Information - Seycove Secondary](https://www.sd44.ca/grad)

SEYCOVE SECONDARY
CLASS OF 2024



Graduation
dinner & dance

JUNE 25, 2024
PINNACLE HOTEL AT THE PIER
NORTH VANCOUVER



Seycove Snapshots



Rainbow Doors Art Installation

Seycove Welcomes Rainbow Doors as a Display and Gesture of Acceptance and Belonging for All

In a vibrant display of inclusivity, Seycove has housed the “Pride Door Art Installation”, since February Pink Shirt day. The installation affirms our commitment to creating an environment of acceptance and belonging for all individuals. The inspiration behind this initiative traces back to 2021 when the Shaughnessy Heights United Church pioneered the Pride Doors display during Pride month. Reverend Dave Moors, reflecting on the significance of the display, remarked, "It's an art installation and a statement of love... to the world."



Since its inception, the Pride Doors have evolved into a symbol of support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, resonating with people across various venues in the Lower Mainland. Seycove's adoption of this display underscores its dedication to fostering a culture of diversity and understanding.

The Rainbow Doors embody our values of acceptance and belonging. We want every student and community member to feel valued and respected for who they are. Education is key to building a more inclusive society, and by engaging in meaningful conversations and learning experiences, we can create a safer and more welcoming environment for everyone. The Pride Doors installation at Seycove is not just a one-time event but a testament to ongoing efforts to celebrate diversity year-round.

As Seycove embraces the Rainbow Doors, it sends a clear message: acceptance, belonging, and celebration of diversity are not just ideals but lived values that enrich the fabric of our community.



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District of North Vancouver Youth Awards

The District of North Vancouver hosted its annual Youth Awards and Seycove is proud to have five of our students receive awards this year. Congratulations to James Garcia, Keira Houlihan, Jonathan Hsiao and Siena Jagpal for achieving a Youth Recognition Award which recognizes “young people who have made great personal strides, overcome personal or societal barriers, or demonstrated great skill in music, academics, art, or sports.”



Congratulations to Jordan Lo who received a Youth Community Enhancement Award which recognizes “young volunteers who have made positive contributions to the community by providing more than 75 hours of service on a committee, or by working with a local organization or group.” The event took place at District Hall where the youth from across the district received their awards from DNV Mayor Little and then enjoyed a lively reception including food, music and games. Congratulations to our all our youth for their achievements.



Siena Jagpal
Seycove Secondary

YOUTH RECOGNITION

Siena contributes incredible things to the local community and excels in many different areas. These include academics, soccer, and entrepreneurship. Her positive disposition towards learning is a breath of fresh air. Siena had started a local jewellery business, sharing her creations at various community events and donating all of the proceeds to WildSafe BC in an effort to protect local animals.



Jordan Lo
Seycove Secondary

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

Jordan is a student at Seycove Secondary who is also a part of the entrepreneurial community. From his leadership in multiple clubs, to his role as a Student Council President, you always find him trying to make his surroundings better. Recently, he launched a small startup focused on producing sustainable art tools from recycled materials. It won third place at UBC's Enactus high school competition. Jordan stands as a shining star who is always available to support his fellow students and staff with integrity and passion.



Keira Houlihan
Seycove Secondary

YOUTH RECOGNITION

Keira is being nominated in recognition for their unwavering support of their peers and dedication to personal growth. Keira demonstrates care and compassion towards others, whether through lending an ear, offering advice, or creating a thoughtful gift. They excel academically while juggling extracurricular activities including rowing, choir and regularly participating in youth programs at Parkside Society. Keira is motivated to pursue their future goals and is already taking steps to plan for their career, reflecting their determination and commitment to success.



Jonathan Hsiao
Seycove Secondary

YOUTH RECOGNITION

Jonathan is an outstanding student at Seycove Secondary and is in the top 5% of the graduating class. Jonathan has also proactively and diligently worked to make his community better, not just by doing this through his leadership roles on the Student Council, chess club, math club, District Student Leadership Council, and various school events. Beyond school activities, Jonathan has gained valuable real-world experience through internships and contributions to a start-up company (Yous 101). These have allowed him to expand his circle of influence and make a positive impact.



James Cameron Garcia
Seycove Secondary

YOUTH RECOGNITION

James has demonstrated exceptional commitment to raising awareness about people who are vision impaired. He collected about 100 pairs of glasses for a charitable organization. His dedication, commitment, and professionalism earned him the Social Justice Leadership, Inspiration and Excellence Award. Additionally, James actively contributes to the 2024 Grad Council team, volunteering in various roles to ensure a memorable final year for his classmates. In all aspects of volunteering, James is someone who can be relied upon completely, making him a valuable asset in all his endeavors.



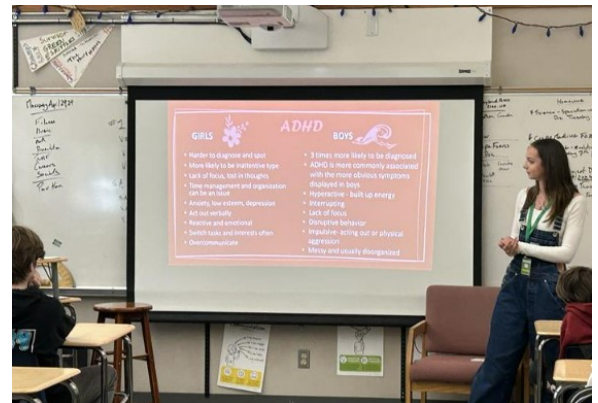
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Capstone



Grade 12 Amber Taylor did an outstanding job finishing off her Capstone project by speaking to a grade 7 class at Cove Cliff about the myths around learning disabilities, ways to support each other and coping skills to help reach your true potential. She explained her personal journey with dyslexia and ADHD and finished the workshop with an interactive matching game. Way to go Amber!
- Ms. Yeo, CLC12 Teacher



RCMP Youth Support Team



The North Vancouver RCMP's Youth Support Team (YST) Constable Yamashita, joins a grade eight PE class for some fun and games on the field. The goal of the YST program is to build early and positive relationships with North Vancouver youth.



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Deep Cove Spring Market



The Deep Cove Spring Market was a big success last weekend as the community came out and supported local artisans and makers. This year's market included [Ocean Ambassador's Canada](#), [Deep Cove Canoe & Kayak](#) and [Tsleil-Waututh Nation](#) who shared about their work protecting our beaches and oceans. Seycove Student Council Seycove Sweets, sold their famous sugar cookies and raised over \$300 for Parkinson's Research.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the market.





Seycove Seyhawks



Junior Girls Soccer Team



Quin (left) gets some air during practice with the new hurdles purchased by the Seycove PAC.

North Shore Track Championships



Seyhawks Golf Team





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Stanley Cup Fever



Mr. Harris took some heat this week as he proudly repped the Oilers in a sea of Canuck fans. However, his loyalty was tested after the Oilers loss in game one resulting in him losing a friendly bet and having to wear the Canucks jersey. Despite the defeat, Mr. Harris remains steadfast that his team will take the series. We will see, Mr. Harris!