



By now, you have probably heard about our House System at Harvey Elementary. Each of our 4th-5th grade students are members of one of four Houses: Altruismo, Amistad, Isibindi, and Reveur. Due to our growing population, we have added two additional Houses for 3rd grade: Onraka and Sollevare. We hold regular House Meetings where we come together as individual houses to create a spirit of unity with our chants and songs, as well as perform acts of service for our school and global community.

Each House, and individual House members, can earn points for positive behaviors in the classroom and around school, along with fun competitions throughout the year. At the end of each week, the points will be updated and displayed for each House. We will continue earning points for approximately 6-8 weeks and at the end of that time, celebrate the House with the highest amount of points by presenting the coveted House Cup in a special ceremony.

The rationale behind the House System is that being in a House gives students an opportunity to connect with others across the intermediate grade levels, not just in their individual classrooms. It also gives our older students a chance to be role models to our younger ones. The House System not only promotes positive behavior, but it also fosters serving and encouraging others, strong work habits, and life skills.

We want our 3rd-5th grade students to have t-shirts that represent their Houses so that they can be worn on Wednesdays, our House Spirit days.

Each 3rd grade student, along with 4th and 5th students who are new to Harvey, will receive a House shirt. You are invited to make a \$7 donation to cover the cost of your child’s t-shirt.

Parents of our returning Harvey 4th and 5th graders, if your child has outgrown his or her shirt from last year, you are welcome to purchase a new one for \$7.

Please indicate your child’s t-shirt size below if your child is a 3rd grader, a “new to Harvey” 4th or 5th grader, or if you plan to purchase a replacement House shirt for your child.

Student’s Name: _____

Teacher: _____

House (please circle):

Altruismo (black)

Amistad (red)

Isibindi (green)

Reveur (blue)

Onraka (orange)

Sollevare (yellow)

Circle the size needed:

Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large

_____ I am including \$7 to cover the cost of my child’s shirt.

_____ I am including an additional donation to cover the cost for another child.

Your donation can be made in the form of cash or a check made out to Barbara A. Harvey Elementary.

Please return your child’s House t-shirt form by Thursday, September 1st.