

## Harrison Happenings

### November 12, 2008

#### Blue Jupiter Returns

Mark your calendars! Saturday, December 6, 2008, Blue Jupiter will return to North Branford High School for a holiday concert. All seats are \$20.00 and are on sale now. Please be sure to send in your order form as soon as possible as seats are assigned based on the date they are received. All proceeds from this concert will benefit your child and the entire community of North Branford through the North Branford Education Foundation. To hear an audio clip of this award-winning a cappella group visit: <http://www.bluejupiter.com/audio.phtml>

#### Parent Survey

We need your help! Mrs. Appi is working hard to help support you and your child but we need some information from you. We've created a survey that we would like you to confidentially complete so that we can tailor our work to meet your needs. You can fill out a paper copy of this survey when you come to your parent/teacher conference on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, by stopping by to see Mrs. Appi in the front foyer or you can do it online by visiting our website and clicking on parent survey. Your time is greatly appreciated.

#### A Math Game for Home!

##### **Two-Fisted Pennies Game**

**Materials:** 10 pennies for each player

**Number of Players:** 2 or more

**Directions:** Players count out 10 pennies, and then split them between their two hands. (Help children identify their left and right hands.)

Call on several children to share their amounts. For example: "My left hand has 1 and my right hand has 9; left hand 3 and right hand 7; left hand 4 and right hand 6; left hand 5 and right hand 5." Record the various splits for any given number on a piece of paper. Partners continue to play using different total numbers of pennies - for example, 9, 12, or 20.

*Option:* Partners take turns grabbing one part of a pile of 20 pennies. The other partner takes the remainder of the pile. Both players count their pennies, secretly. The partner making the grab uses the count to say how many pennies must be in the partner's hand. ("I have 12, so you must have 8.") The eventual result is many addition names for 20. Change the number of pennies in the pile to practice

addition names for other numbers.