



Harlan Families,

I hope that you all enjoyed the break with your families and you were able to transition smoothly back into a school routine. I know that first day isn't easy, but I truly loved seeing the kids back at Harlan.

As you probably have noticed, we have been sending out more COVID notifications in the past week. Please know that we do our best to communicate with any close contacts as soon as possible. For instances where exposure may have taken place on a bus, it can often take 24-48 hours to identify close contacts as we must first obtain and then also watch several videos.

As a reminder, all students, unless fully vaccinated (15th day past 2nd dose), must remain at home if someone in the household is awaiting a PCR test. If your child is experiencing any of the COVID related symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, we ask that they remain at home until they are tested.

Thank you for everyone's help with during this time as we try to keep our kids healthy and in the classroom.

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS

THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 10 (B) –

Tuesday, January 11 (C) -

Wednesday, January 12 (D) – Math Pentathlon before school 8 – 8:45 AM;
Cheer/Pom/Dance after school class 3:50 – 4:50 PM; **PTA Meeting 7:00 PM via Zoom**

Thursday, January 13 (A) – Build-a-Husky materials sent home

Friday, January 14 (B) - Family Fun Night - Build-a-Husky

Day On, Day One: MLK Day of Service (update)

Due to the COVID surge in our community, the BPS **Day On, Day One** service project at Groves High School for MLK Day 2022 has been **CANCELLED**. However, we will still support our caring community projects to remember this important day. We are asking Harlan families to donate packages of tall drawstring kitchen garbage bags and/or reusable cleaning gloves to support the Disaster Relief at Work (DRAW) program. You may drop these items in the bins in the Harlan vestibule through January 14 or you may purchase them through this Amazon wish

list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30PU2A9VVBGFO?ref=wl_share

To view more about DRAW and the wonderful work they do, visit their website: <https://drawbuckets.org/>

In addition, our Green Team students will participate in a service project, making animal toys from recycled materials to be donated to local animal shelters.

If you have any questions, contact Angie Righter, Harlan CSO.

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GLEE CLUB REGISTRATION

It's Glee Club registration time! All interested families should see the link below to register for the morning or afternoon session.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1oEWW36zPSYMGUvaDil3nYUVWM1VNrtMdWOGu_OOatxE/edit?usp=sharing

Science Olympiad – 4th & 5th Graders

Harlan is bringing back Science Olympiad for all interested 4-5th grade students. This is a district-wide competition that's fun and educational. We need 16 coaches lined up to get this event up and running again, no experience necessary. Forms were sent home this week to have students and volunteers sign up for the team. If you have questions, please contact: Dawn Leslie DLeslie@birmingham.k12.mi.us or Tara Mills TMills@birmingham.k12.us.

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

Check out what is new in the library for the month of January in this month's newsletter.

<https://www.smores.com/pw6ux-the-library-connection>

Harlan School Store Opens 1/19/22 (DATE CHANGED FROM FLYER)

Flyer came home this week about the new school store. The store will be open on D days and will be housed in the library. Our 5th grade huskies will be helping to run the store. Students can shop for fun school supply items each week and prices range from \$1-\$3.

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Battle of the Books for 4th and 5th Graders

Team Registration opens February 7-25 at <https://www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books/>

Fun Library book bag surprise (repeat)

If you are interested in having your child be a part of our Book Bag Surprise for Mid-Winter Break, please fill out the Google form (link below) as soon as possible. The Book Bag Surprise is where you tell me what your children's interests are and then I choose a variety of books that they might peak their interest. This helps students look at titles they may not normally choose on their own. Last year was the first time we did this and it was very successful. Students really seemed to enjoy the variety of books chosen for them.

Deadline to participate will be January 21st. It takes time to thoughtfully choose books for your children so I am sending this out early in hopes to get a head start for them in the New Year. Have a wonderful holiday break with your family and I look forward to seeing your children in the New Year.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtnkTeBCtoEROYlnwZJSdRUDK9M6P6u5i2gDoXrjzj9RSNOQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

LOST & FOUND

The lost and found at Harlan is overflowing! If your child(ren) are missing items, you are invited to come look at the lost and found at school to try to identify them. At this time, it is inside the building and the office will assist you with the location as well as access to it. In the near future, it will be set up in the vestibule for parents to have easier access to it.

Winter 2022 Afterschool Classes (repeat)

Registration is open for the winter session of afterschool enrichment classes. To view classes and to register, please visit www.communityed.net. Click on Youth Programs, then on Afterschool Programs. Click here to see [page 1](#) and [page 2](#) of the flyer.

QUESTIONS? Contact Angie Righter, CSO at ARighte@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

2022-23 Harlan Preschool

Registration for the 2022-23 preschool programs at Harlan Elementary School will be open on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 9 am. We will be offering half-day programs for 3-year olds and 4-year olds next year. The 3-year olds will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 AM. The 4-year olds will meet on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 8:30-11:30 AM. In addition, there will be an option for 4-year olds to attend an extended day program from 11:30 AM-1:20 PM on M/W/F. Please note that we will have to reach minimum enrollment numbers to run each class. To learn more about our programs and to access registration information, please visit the Harlan Preschool page: [Preschool / Harlan Preschool \(birmingham.k12.mi.us\)](http://Preschool/HarlanPreschool(birmingham.k12.mi.us))

If you have any questions, contact Angie Righter, Harlan CSO.

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HARLAN KIDS CLUB

Kids Club is open every morning and afternoon on full days of school. Afternoon Kids Club (12:05-6:00 pm) will be offered on the following half days of school: February 2, March 23-24 and May 11. Half day attendance must be scheduled in advance. There are no drop-ins or unscheduled visits on half day afternoons. Please note that morning Kids Club is offered on all school days. For registration information, click [here](#).

HARLAN PTA NEWS

Build-a-Husky Family Fun Night - Friday, January 14th

Our January Build-a-Husky Family Fun Night is sure to be a blast! Huskies will zoom and build their own mascot at home as a keepsake, similar to "Build-a-Bear". All ordered kits will be delivered to classes by January 13th.

All participants will bring in their finished Huskies to school on Tuesday, January 18th for a group yearbook photo!

Zoom link for Event:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83729505951?pwd=eHVVaakZ1d21XenN2TopNakVYeTk2dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 2950 5951

Passcode: husky

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“Where's Harley?” Yearbook Contest - Due January 21st (date change)

It's time for our Husky creativity as we plan our 2021-2022 Yearbook. This year we are looking for a drawing of your best Husky. Have some fun and put a class shirt on him. Maybe even include a hat or more on Harley. The winning Husky will be featured on every page of the yearbook in a game of “Where's Harley?” (AKA “Where's Waldo”) to allow the community some added yearbook fun and games! See [flyer](#) for complete details.

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Robotics Coaches Needed - K-3 (Student Sign-Up Genius Coming Soon)

Harlan is excited to bring back our Robotics program for interested K-3rd students. We are looking to form 10 teams that will meet before or after school weekly for the 8 week season (you will choose which time works best). We need coaches to make this happen. If you are able to coach a team or have questions, please email Meghan Jones at: mgkrn@hotmail.com

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Coach SignUpGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8AF28A0F85-2022>

Once we have secured coaches, we will post a Sign-Up Genius for students interested. The total cost is \$30/child that includes the 8 week Robotics season and a t-shirt. Go Huskies!

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5th Grade Memory Book Content Due

The PTA is hard at work designing the keepsake book that is gifted to all 5th graders filled with memories of their years at Harlan.

We need each parent to send the following:

- Baby photo of your child
- Kindergarten photo of your child - age 5
- 5th grade recent photo
- 2-3 group photos from K-5th labeled with the year (field trips, class parties, scouts playdates, etc.)
- Letter to your child from parents and/or guardians about the event of completing elementary

Your child will have his/her own page included in this keepsake. A survey will be completed by each student in the upcoming weeks for inclusion.

Send all images (high-res) and letters to: harlanmemorybook5@gmail.com by January 31st.

Harlan PTA Executive Board & Committee Leads Needed for 2022-2023

As we look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year, we need parents for various committees and for our PTA Executive Board. All of the amazing events are not possible without parent volunteers. If you are interested in hearing about the amazing opportunities to be more involved, please reach out to harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com.

The Masked Reader is Coming Soon - Parent Volunteers Needed

We are planning a repeat of last year's highly successful Masked Reader event. We need a few parents who can help facilitate the planning on the backend to make this a success. If you would like to be a part of this awesome event, please email harlanhuskiespts@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Events:

Jan 14 - Family Fun Night: Build Husky

Jan 17 - No School - MLK Day

Jan 18 - Build a Husky Photo Day

Jan 20 - Popcorn Day

Feb 2 - Half Day

Feb 18 - Family Fun: Masked Reader

Feb 21-25 - Mid-Winter Break

For more information click here to see the [January Newsletter](#).

DISTRICT NEWS

Take-Out Tuesdays

Starting next week there will be Take-Out Tuesdays to benefit SOS. Order carry-out from Griffin Claw Birmingham January 11th or 18th and Griffin Claw will donate 10% back to SOS. Just mention “SOS” when you order. (For online orders, PLEASE BE SURE to mention “SOS” when you pick up your order.) Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

Community Listening Circle - a conversation around math

Thursday, Jan. 13th, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM via Zoom

We are embarking on adopting a new K-8 Math Curriculum in BPS and we want to hear from you!

This Listening Circle event will provide space for BPS families to connect and share experiences about the K-8 math curriculum in BPS. This will be one of many opportunities for families to share perspectives. This event will have a capacity of 50 participants. Families are also invited to share their perspectives by filling out this survey [by clicking here](#). **[Click here for Community Listening Circle registration.](#)**

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ADHD is My Superpower Panel

Do you know anyone with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)? Would you like to learn how ADHD can actually be a type of superpower?

Join BCS students, alumnus Jacob Acey, teachers Elizabeth Cook and Jessie Heckman, school psychologist Jackie Tucker, former PTSA President and psychologist Alicia Acey, and ADHD Consultant Kevin Roberts who will talk about the challenges and gifts that come from living with ADHD. Moderated by Joe Leibson.

Tuesday January 11 6:30-8pm

Zoom

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81300823707?pwd=ck9ydWcxZHRHdEhoN1JlQ2toQytSdz09>

Presented by the BCS Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Questions? Email Rick Joseph at rjoseph@birmingham.k12.mi.us

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Dr. Gretchen Marsh presents Mental Health: Breaking the Stigma and Finding Solutions

Thursday, Jan. 13, 6:15 p.m.

Join BPS on Zoom January 13th as Dr. Marsh, a clinical psychologist specializing in assessing and treating anxiety and depression-related disorders in children, teens, and adults, addresses ending the stigma around mental health. Dr. Marsh's presentation will include the exponential spike in anxiety and depression-related disorders in children and adults and how the pandemic has increased that rate by twofold. During this presentation, she will educate the audience on how anxiety impacts how we feel, how we think, and how we behave. Participants will learn about:

- The continuum of anxiety and how this constant stressor (COVID-19) can result in symptoms of anxiety and depression;
- How anxiety impacts us and those around us;
- Specific actions to decrease and eliminate anxiety & depression;
- Tips and tricks for individuals, teams, and families; and
- When, where, and how to get help.

Join us via Zoom on Jan. 13 by following the link (this Zoom will allow up to 1,000 participants): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85347329751?pwd=VmNVVFc1eGVyMmQ4cWo rOEtrbVJNQTo9>

Meeting ID: 853 4732 9751
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Passcode:

Birmingham Girls Softball – Registration Now Open

Birmingham Girls Softball returns for its 23rd season! BGS is southeast Oakland County's largest girls recreational softball league with over 300 players. Online registration is now open at www.birminghamsoftball.com. Birmingham Girls Softball is a community-based, non-profit organization providing girls ages 6 to 14 the opportunity to play organized recreational softball. The group is dedicated to teaching young ladies the fundamentals of softball in a safe and fun environment with teamwork and good sportsmanship being their top priorities. BGS is open to all girls interested in playing softball for the first time and those with prior experience looking to build on and develop the skills needed to play the game for years to come. All that BGS requires is a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. For questions, please email Jeff Weber at jweb666@me.com.

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BPS Health & wellness newsletter

Here is the latest [BPS Health & Wellness Newsletter](#). This weekly newsletter is released on the BPS website on Thursdays and is available to the community on the BPS COVID-19 webpage.

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SCHOOL LUnches

In case there is confusion on how the free lunch works this school year, here is the breakdown of what it includes and when a charge is made to a student account:

One complete lunch includes milk, entrée, and fruit/vegetable. There is no charge as long as all of those items are taken.

If a student has a second entrée, the student's account will be charged \$1.50. If a student wants an individual serving of only one item, here is the breakdown of charges for it:

Milk - \$0.50

Fruit - \$0.50

Vegetables - \$0.50

Juice - \$0.50

Invoices for negative balance are sent home every Friday through the communication folder from the teacher. Charges can be viewed at all times through www.sendmoneytoschool.com and the office can be contacted if you need assistance with setting up your account.

Allergy Alert

BPS takes all food allergies seriously, however, with the nationwide food supply chain issues it is not guaranteed that the menu items listed will be served that day. Unfortunately this means that fast changes does not allow for Chartwells to change to food items that may or may not contain allergens including peanuts and tree nuts. If you have any questions, please contact Pattie Guck at pguck@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

BPS Saturday School

The BPS Saturday School is back again this year and running virtually throughout the 2021-2022 school year. The BPS Saturday School provides free tutoring for BPS students grades K – 12 who need help in any grade level and in any academic area. Our BPS staff that serve as coordinators and their National Honor Society volunteer tutors are looking forward to working with students in need of tutoring on Saturdays from 9 am – 11 am each week (see official dates below). **All K-12 BPS students** are welcome to receive this free tutoring opportunity for ALL subject areas.

How to Join Saturday School

To join Saturday School, please click on the following Zoom link:

Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2047672482?pwd=T3pVU1REUXZTN09NM1MvSSsrVTJiZz09>

Saturday School sessions for the 2021-2022 school year:

January: 8, 22, 29

February: 5, 12, 19

March: 5, 12, 19

April: 9, 23, 30

May: 7, 14, 21

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CHARTWELLS IS HIRING

Are you looking for flexible work hours while your kids are at school? Chartwells is now hiring! If you are interested, please click [here](#) to find out more information.

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The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a learning/working environment in which all individuals are treated with dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment. There will be no tolerance for discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information, disability or age. The District prohibits harassment and other forms of discrimination whether occurring at school, on District property, in a District vehicle, or at any District related activity or event. The Superintendent will designate compliance officers and develop and implement regulations for the reporting, investigation and resolution of complaints of discrimination or harassment. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Students - Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of disability should be directed to: Executive Director of Special Education, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, 248.203.3000. Direct all other inquiries related to discrimination to: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, 248.203.3000.

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