

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Harlan Husky Families,

What a beautiful week we had at Harlan! (And I am not just referencing the weather.) I truly love seeing the kids get dressed up for their pictures this past Wednesday, especially for the kindergarteners who are getting their first official school picture. They seem so excited about the whole experience. There has also been a great buzz in the air and not just from the kids, but from the parents who have been volunteering for events such as popcorn day and picture day. I genuinely appreciate how our community continues to come together to support our school. Thank you! I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to share their thoughts on the "Portrait of a Harlan Graduate." Today, during our Staff's Professional Development, we dove deep into this input and utilized it to help develop and overall picture of a child when they leave Harlan as a 5th grader. I can't begin to convey how proud I am of the staff members that I have the privilege of working with every day. They are a huge part of our community and truly have the best interests of the kids at the heart of their work.

I hope that you all have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS

THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!

Monday, October 4 (D) –

Tuesday, October 5 (A) –

Wednesday, October 6 (B) – Walk to School/Get Fit Day, Count Day

Thursday, October 7 (C) –

Friday, October 8 (D) –

COUNT DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 6 is Count Day across our state. BPS will use this day to officially count the students in attendance throughout the District, aiding in proper funding from our local, state and federal revenue sources. BPS, like schools throughout the state, is funded on a per-pupil basis.

In order for your child to be counted on Oct. 6, please follow the steps below:

Ensure your child attends all their classes on Count Day as scheduled.

1. Remind your child to complete all assignments given and turn them in, on time, on Count Day.
2. If your child is absent for any reason, call that absence in immediately, giving the reason for the absence and expected date of return. Please contact 248-203-3265, press 2 or harlanattendance@birmingham.k12.mi.us.
 - a. Obtain a doctor's (or other applicable) note/documentation and submit it within 24 hours when applicable to exemption rules.

5TH GRADE RUN

Attention all 5th graders, you are invited to participate in a district-wide fun run!
5th Grade Run – Save the Date & Registration Information

When: Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m.

Where: Groves High School

The 5th grade run will take place on Oct. 9. All Birmingham Public School 5th Graders are invited to participate! More information can be found [here](#).

COMMUNICATION BOARDS

Your child(ren) may have noticed a new addition to the playground area. We are excited to share that Oakland Schools has provided us with a Communication Core Board for our playground to help facilitate interactions between students who use their voices to communicate and students who use other forms of communication such as Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices. The Communication Core Board has both words and symbols which helps all children. In the next week, your child(ren)'s teacher will be provided with a tutorial video regarding how we can use the board (and additional mini versions throughout the building) to make communication accessible for all students, throughout all of Harlan. This is one many steps we are taking toward creating a more inclusive environment for all of our students. Next time you are at the playground, we encourage you to take a look for yourself and show your child(ren) how to ask questions like, "Do you want to play, climb, etc..?" with their classmates.

GLEE CLUB

Attention all 4th and 5th grade families...it's Glee Club time! We'll meet Thursdays at 8:00am in the music room beginning October 7th...see the link below for details and registration. Please register your child by Friday, October 1st. Email acooper@birmingham.k12.mi.us with any questions!

<https://forms.gle/zioV7Gm1MH2MBv9J9>

HARLAN AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Registration is open for fall afterschool classes! We have several great classes to choose from, like Cartooning, Floor Hockey, Learn to Sew and Drama Kids. Session times and dates vary. [Flyers](#) have been sent home, and all the information about all of our classes can be found at www.communityed.net -- Click on Youth Programs-After School Programs and search for Harlan.

CLINIC REQUEST

Now that we have the majority of our students in the building all day long, we have had an increase of visits to the office clinic. Sometimes students have accidents (i.e. spills, paint, berries, etc.) which require a change of clothes. We still have a stock of most things but there are specific items that we seem to need. Please look at the list to see if you have any of the following that you wish to donate. We unfortunately do not have space for anything that is not on our list. Thank you in advance for your help!

- Gender neutral socks (brand new)
- Boys' athletic pants (elastic waist) size S and M (new or used) – No jeans or corduroy pants please.

MORNING KIDS CLUB POSITION AVAILABLE

Are you a morning person? Do you like to play? Do you love working with kids? Are Arts & Crafts your thing? How about playing outside? If so, come and join our Kids Club Team at Harlan! A position as a morning Kids Club assistant is open for immediate hiring. Please contact Angie Righter at arighte@birningham.k12.mi.us if you are interested.

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: November 17-18, December 8, 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](#).

NOON SUPERVISORS NEEDED

Harlan is in need of a few good people to be Noon Supervisors. Noon Supervisors are an essential part of every school day. Noon Supervisors support students in the lunchroom and monitor them at recess. The shifts will be 2.5 to 3 hours every full day of school. It is a paid position. If you are interested in helping support our Harlan Huskies to make each day an amazing day or if you have questions about the position, please send an email to Jennifer Szura at jszura@birningham.k12.mi.us.

HARLAN PTA NEWS

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY / GET FIT DAY - NEXT WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, October 6th

Next week is our Walk to School/Get Fit Day! This year we will make the event bigger and more inclusive for all of our Husky Community! If you are able to walk to school, you will be greeted with some surprise visitors, get a cool paw sticker and sign our WALK TO SCHOOL banner that will be hung in the school commons area!

For families who live outside the walking boundaries, we will have a safe "Park & Walk" meeting space at Pilgrim Congregational Church at 8:15am.

After school, we will host our Get Fit Tables! Huskies can bike, walk, scooter or something even more creative to find the nearest table! The goal is to move 20 minutes or one mile. Those tables will be located in the Harlan neighborhoods listed below this message. When you arrive, you'll grab a water bottle and a sticker then you'll sign a sticker that will be added to our Walk to School Banner! Tables will be open from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. In the event of rain, this event will move to October 13th.

Table Locations:

742 Tennyson Downs

The street directly next to Harlan.

4725 Dover Road

Charing Cross/Bloomfield Hills

1763 Dorchester Road

Birmingham Estates/Birmingham

2755 Townhill

Wendover Woods/Troy

987 Madison Street

Poppleton Park/Birmingham

DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE BACK-TO-SCHOOL BY OCTOBER 1ST

Our Back-To-School Checklist will be closing on October 1st. Scan the QR code on the flyer or follow the link to your one-stop shop for all the school-year essentials: order yearbooks, order class shirts, grab a school directory, join the PTA and sign up to become a room champion!

NOTE: The color for the 4th grade shirt has changed from jade to blue for any families who may not have ordered otherwise!

Click [here](#) for more details on the flyer.

Get started here:

<https://harlanptabloomfield.membershiptoolkit.com>

HARLAN SPIRIT WEAR POP-UP SHOP - CLOSING OCTOBER 17TH

We are excited to partner with The Varsity Shop to offer our Harlan Community some amazing spirit wear items. There are plenty of options for any age and any season so be sure to stop by and show your school spirit! Need a new mask, sweatshirt or even backpack? Come check out our super cool shop - Go Huskies! Click [here](#) for the flyer.

OCTOBER FAMILY FUN NIGHT: PIZZA & PUMPKINS! TIME TO ORDER YOUR PUMPKINS!

Deadline to Order is October 12th

It's Fall and time to build our Harlan Pumpkin Patch! Order forms were sent home last week to order as many pumpkins as you'd like for your family. Order forms are due back to your homeroom teachers by October 12th. Once we receive the orders, we will set-up pickup times on October 21st. Families will have one week to decorate pumpkins as they choose. Painted, carved, scary, silly, fancy or any other pumpkins will then be dropped back off to Harlan at designated times on October 28th. Along with our Harlan staff decorated pumpkins, every pumpkin will be displayed in our loop for our Harlan community to drive-by and view all of Halloween weekend! This will be setup for Halloween celebrations on Friday, October 29th and remain up until November 1st. Grab the family and drive by or get out to look at the amazing creativity we have at Harlan! All participating families will receive a coupon from Papa Romano's in Troy to be used during pumpkin decorating or for Halloween weekend to celebrate our *Family Fun Night: Pizza & Pumpkins!* Click [here](#) for the flyer.

Let's see how creative we can get and make the best pumpkin patch EVER!

MATH PENTATHLON IS BACK AT HARLAN

Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to participate in Math Pentathlon, an enrichment program that provides students with the opportunity to learn and play Math Pentathlon games. Math Pentathlon is a program consisting of five games

that encourage students to develop the ability to critically observe, classify, describe, and analyze data in a logical manner using both inductive and deductive thinking methods. Parent volunteers will teach students how to play the games and then students will have time to play and practice. Harlan participants will meet weekly from 8:00am-8:40am December through tournament time (April-May). Practices will be held on Wednesdays for grades K-5.

We are looking for volunteers for Wednesday morning. Please sign up below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA9A62BA1F58-parent1>

(This is on Harlan PTA Facebook page for easy access.)

TRAINING IS MANDATORY and is available through the Math Pentathlon Institute in person on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 5 6:30-9:30pm at Way Elementary in Bloomfield Hills
- Wednesday, October 6 6:30-9:30pm at North Hill Elementary in Rochester
- Thursday, October 7 6:30-9:30pm at Walled Lake Central High School

Sign up for **training**: <https://www.mathpentath.org/learning-the-math-pentathlon-program/>

Save your receipt! The \$20 registration fee will be reimbursed. Virtual training is also available online at the link above for a \$10 registration fee.

** Student sign up will be available after we have our parent coaches secured. **

Questions can be sent to HarlanMathPentathlon@gmail.com.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT HARLAN?

Be a Part of our Special Ops Team: Husky Helpers!

“No Mission is Possible” without our Husky Community! Many parents have reached out asking how they can be a part of all of the fun events we do. They wish someone had reached out when we have a new idea or surprise for our kids. We are excited to launch a Special Ops team for our “Mission: Possible” that we call “Husky Helpers.” This team has grown to over 40 volunteers before the school year started. If you have a few extra minutes this school year that you can choose what to be a party of, please join our “Husky Helpers”! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4DAAA92BA0F94-husky>

Upcoming Events:

October 1 - Back-to-school checklist closes

October 6 - Healthy Huskies/Get Fit Day

October 13 - October PTA Meeting

October 18-22 - Spirit Week! Click [here](#) for the flyer.

October 18 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Tulip Planting

October 21 - Harlan Restaurant Night - Shield's Pizza! (Click [here](#) for the flyer)

November - Scarecrow Contest

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

DISTRICT NEWS

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:

October: 2, 9, 16, 23

November: 6, 13, 20

December: 4, 11, 18

January: 8, 22, 29

February: 5, 12, 19

March: 5, 12, 19

April: 9, 23, 30

May: 7, 14, 21

BEF TAILGATE EVENTS

Come cheer on your favorite football team at the BEF Tailgate Events in celebration of their homecoming games. All BPS families and students are invited!

- Friday, October 1st - Outside the entrance to Falcon Field, Groves HS from 6 pm - 7:30 pm
- Friday, October 8th - Inside the entrance to Maple Field, Seaholm HS from 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Free cider & donuts from Franklin Cider Mill along with giveaways from our sponsors DTE Energy (Groves) and Dean Sellers Ford (Seaholm).

*Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) provides funding for teacher grants to support enrichment programs and activities to BPS students.

FRIENDS

Please join FRIENDS virtually on Thursday, October 14th at 7PM. We will kick off the year by hearing from the BPS Specialized Instruction & Student Services Team on their priorities for the school year as well as how our LINKS programs will be reinstated!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88620338016>

FRIENDS meetings are always open to everyone. More details can be found in the meeting [flyer](#).

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.

KIDS EMPOWERED PROGRAMS COMING UP SOON

Register at Birmingham Community Education 248-203-3800
or www.communityed.net

Family Sibling & Conflict Workshop - Most families struggle with sibling conflict and teasing. In some cases, there is sibling bullying. Sibling teasing and bullying can cause more harm than the teasing kid or bully at school. If you have siblings between the ages of 6-14 years send them together to learn what the impact of their everyday meanness can have and how they can make a different choice in how they treat each other or how they handle the situation. Parents participate in their own workshop to learn how to manage sibling conflict while kids learn how to problem solve. At the end, parents and kids come together to work on a family contract. Location: Groves High School Staff Planning

#16784 Date: 10/3/2021 Sun 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM \$36.00 (includes both parents and two siblings) #16792 Additional Child: \$15.00

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School breakfast and lunches will be free for all students at school when the entire meal is taken. If your family would qualify for free or reduced lunch prior to COVID, please fill out the application. It is still important to fill out the application if you feel your family would qualify for this low income program during a normal school year. Why is this important? This one form helps with the following items: school funding, increased funding for schools to ensure that students receive the support they need for a comprehensive, world-class education. Reduced fees for sports and athletics, college application fees, increased technology funds for schools to improve internet access and network services. Your application helps all of our students at Birmingham Public Schools. Thank you for completing the form at your earliest convenience. Click on this easy [link](#) to complete the application for Birmingham Public Schools. Please see the flyer from Chartwells [here](#) for more information.

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