

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Harlan Husky Families,

A lot is happening here at Harlan in the next couple of weeks, so please make sure to check out the full communication below.

Please be aware, that your child's NWEA scores and M-STEP Scores (4th and 5th only) have been sent home in children's backpacks today. Please make sure you are able to get these documents from them. Both come with a letter that has some digital links to check out if you so choose. You can access both the NWEA and M-STEP letter by clicking the test name below. This will make it easier to access any links that may be in each letter.

[NWEA Letter](#)

[M-STEP Letter](#)

I hope that everyone enjoys the weekend!

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS
THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!

Sunday, October 17 – Harlan Spirit Wear Pop Up Shop Closes

Monday, October 18 (B) – Sports Day; Robotics Meeting (before school); Drawing Class (K-4) & Drama Class (1st – 5th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Robotics Meeting (after school)

Tuesday, October 19 (C) – Superhero Day

Wednesday, October 20 (D) – Rainbow & Tie-Dye Day; Hearing Test (PreK, K, 2nd, 4th & ASD); Motor Moms & Dads Training at 10:00 AM; Tumbling, Cheer & Dance Class (K – 5th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Robotics Meeting (after school)

Thursday, October 21 (A) – Dress Up Day; Hearing Test (PreK, K, 2nd, 4th & ASD); Pumpkin Pick Up (8:30 – 9:30 AM, 4 – 5 PM, 5 – 6 PM); Robotics Meeting (before school)

Friday, October 22 (B) – Pajama Day; Hearing Test (PreK, K, 2nd, 4th & ASD); Floor Hockey Class (K – 5th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is coming up and we know kids are getting excited about their costumes. We are going to attempt to have the parade this year on Friday, October 29th, at 10:30 AM. Students will parade through the school and outside. Only the two volunteers per classroom will be allowed inside the building for the parade. In the event that it rains, we will still have the parade, but it will only be indoors. Let's cross our fingers for good weather so all can enjoy in this event.

Guidelines for Halloween Costumes

We need to be considerate of our young, 5-year old students and preschool age students who are often easily scared. Also, we need to be careful that we are not promoting violent behavior that on any other day than Halloween we would find inappropriate. All Halloween costumes at Harlan must be of a non-violent nature. Absolutely no blood, gore or fake weapons of any kind (including pirate swords and light sabers) will be permitted. Also no masks will be allowed that are violently scary or indicate a particularly violent character. No culturally insensitive outfits. Costumes should not make fun of real people, real human traits, or any culture. If your child is wearing a historical costume, make sure that it does not present misinformation or inaccuracies. Please also keep in mind that students need to have good visual ability and are able to breathe easily while wearing the mask. It should be pointed out that a student should still feel free to wear costumes such as "army soldier" or "pirate" just without the accompanying weapon. We would hate to have a student have to remove their costume, so please make sure that it is appropriate and follows these guidelines. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 248.203.3065 or aagius@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

BPS is celebrating Make a Difference Day on October 22nd by supporting Dossin and Emerson Elementary-Middle Schools in Detroit, as they organize a student incentive room and small library for their students. Please donate NEW items to help them get these programs up and running, like the ones below:

- Small stuffed animals
- Chapstick
- Small coin purses or wallets
- Books (culturally appropriate)
- Clothing Items: Winter Hats, Gloves, Socks
- Pop It Toys
- Stickers
- Coloring Books and Crayons

- Cards games (Uno, Skip Bo, etc.)
- Any other little new items that kids would like

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

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

Upcoming news from the library! Checkout our newsletter for what is happening in October by clicking this [link](#)! Look for more information for our Cookie Dough Fundraiser to help support your readers get the books they want to read. In this issue:

- upcoming Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- what students are working on in October
- MISelf in Books weekly Zoom event
- policies and procedures/how to's
- Birthday Books form, if you missed it
- contact information

HARLAN SNOW CLUB

We are excited to announce the upcoming arrival of the Harlan Snow Club! This awesome club is being offered to kids ages 7+ of all ski and snowboard ability levels. Harlan Snow Club is a winter adventure that your child is sure to enjoy! Participants will relish any opportunity to shred the slopes of Pine Knob, make new friends, practice some independence, and glean some timeless memories with family and friends.

What to do:

- To register click [SIGN ME UP](#)

Need to know:

- Again this year! Tickets, rentals, and membership cards will be sold and distributed outside Harlan, weekly, Fridays before we hit the slopes.
- Families may bring children 6 years & under and get 1/2 PRICE lift tickets & rentals! Membership cards are not necessary for 6 and under but no lessons are available for those ages.
- Harlan family informational meeting will take place on Friday 11/19 at 4:30 PM via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85878777717?pwd=WjlCeGhtYnRGOFRIId2ZFNm5OTEh3UT09>

- Meeting ID: 858 7877 7717
- Passcode: dq4gh5

- The program takes place at Pine Knob on Mondays, 3:30- 8:00 PM, from late December to March.
- Parents will provide transportation to and from the mountain.
- The cost for membership in the club is \$25 (lift tickets are \$25 each week).
- For more information, click [SNOW CLUB INFO](#).

We can hardly wait to see you on the slopes!!! Coordinators: Jason Hill & Liz Wilde

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@birmingham.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@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

HARLAN PTA NEWS

NEXT WEEK IS SPIRIT WEEK

Next week we celebrate our Fall Spirit Week. Each day your child will have the opportunity to dress up in a fun way to celebrate! Our students voted on themes at the Welcome Back Event. We cannot wait to see all the amazing dress-up fun next week! Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

LAST CALL! 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 or sweatshirt or even a back-pack? Come check out our super cool shop - Go Huskies!

NEW! MOTOR MOMS & DADS TRAINING - KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE PARENTS - OCTOBER 20TH

We are thrilled to be bringing back the very popular Motor Moms & Dads for the school year! This is where parents can sign-up and come into school at designated times. They will bring 3-4 students from class into the hallway to setup fun educational obstacle courses and much more! They will rotate through the class, giving each child time to get out and unwind a bit. We will be offering training on Wednesday, October 20th at 10am at the outdoor blacktop area in the back of Harlan. If you are a Kindergarten or 1st grade parent, stop by to learn all about how this works and best practices. Training will last 45 minutes.

PUMPKIN PATCH PICK-UP - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21ST!

We are beyond excited to have over 200 pumpkins purchased for inclusion in our Harlan Pumpkin Patch. If you ordered a pumpkin, you will have three pick-up times available on October 21st. Papa Romano's flyers will be given to all families who purchased a pumpkin at this time.

8:30-9:30am | 4:00-5:00pm | 5:00-6:00pm

We have a small amount of extra pumpkins that will be available for sale for anyone who missed the deadline on a first come basis.

The times above will also be drop-off times for finished pumpkins on October 28th.

DATE CHANGE: KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE TULIP PLANTING - NOW OCTOBER 26TH

Due to distribution lags with Covid-19, our tulip bulbs were delayed. We have moved this event to October 26th. Dates and times for each teacher will be communicated in next week's newsletter and posted on our Harlan PTA Facebook page.

Details: It's that time of year where our Kindergartners get to plant tulip bulbs around the trees at the front of our school. The spring becomes one of our favorite times of the year as students watch their tulips bloom and our staff get to see how many hearts they have touched! Since last year's Kindergartners were unable to participate in this event, we will have our First Graders participate and plant as well! If you are interested in watching your child plant their bulb, watch the updated schedule next week!

HARLAN PRESENTS: NO COOK NIGHTS - OCTOBER 21ST IS SHIELD'S PIZZA

We are all busy. Life can get crazy most days as our kids are small. So we've decided to kick-off a night off for families. We have partnered up with local restaurants to support one another. Order from Shield's Pizza on October 21st from 11am-9pm and they'll give 20% back to Harlan! Support local, take the night off from cooking and support Harlan. See flyer for complete details. Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

NEW! SCARECROW CONTEST IS BACK! SIGN-UP BY OCTOBER 25TH!

Another fun weekend is headed to all Husky Families! We are bringing back our 2nd Annual Scarecrow Contest! There is no fee to enter and all items can be used from your home to design your own Scarecrow! Let the kids have fun with their creativity. You'll enter, provide your address and our community will then have a fun weekend to drive around locating the Scarecrows. They will vote for their favorite! The winning 3 submissions will receive a gift card for yummy treats from the Harlan PTA! If you would like to decorate a scarecrow for inclusion, please see the flyer below. Deadline to enter is October 25th. The final scarecrow should be set-up by November 5th. Last year we had over 30 scarecrows entered - let's make it bigger and better this year! A few of our Harlan own are here to view!

Click [here](#) for part one of the flyer and [here](#) for part two of the flyer. Click on the following links for the pictures: [Picture 1](#) and [Picture 2](#).

MATH PENTATHLON IS BACK AT HARLAN! K-5! SIGN-UP TODAY TO COACH!

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.

Practice will be Wednesday Mornings from 8:00 - 8:44 am, starting December 2.

If your child is interested, please sign up via the Sign-Up Genius link on the Harlan PTA Facebook page or use the link below no later than November 5, 2021. Your child's name will be entered in a lottery for available spots in the program. Availability is based upon the number of volunteer coaches we have. You will be contacted when the lottery is complete. It is important for students to attend all practice sessions. Students are expected to use their Harlan Habits of respect, responsibility, and kindness during practices and at the tournament. We are in need of a parent lead for Math Pentathlon and are short on coaches for Divisions 1, 2, and 3, please let us know if you are interested in coaching a group of four students.

For the Sign-Up Genius link, additional information, and updates please visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BA9A62BA1F58-harlan8>

Questions can be sent to HarlanMathPentathlon@gmail.com.

IT'S TIME FOR THE HARLAN AUCTION - OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR

The Harlan biennial event monies raised will fund PTA activities, academic enrichment programs, and teacher grants for our 380+ student body for the next two years! Three years ago we brought a successful robotics program to our K-5th grades from monies raised at the auction. Ideas? Want to hear more on how you can donate or help? Are you a Harlan business owner? Reach out to harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com or sign up below to be a part of our

team: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054CA4AC2FA7FA7-auction>

Upcoming Events:

October 18-22 - Spirit Week!

October 20 - Motor Moms & Dads Training

October 21 - Harlan Restaurant Night - Shield's Pizza!

October 25 - Deadline to enter Scarecrow Contest!

October 26 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Tulip Planting

October 29 - 1/2 Day (AM only)

October 29 - Halloween Celebrations/Parade

November 6-7 - Scarecrow Contest Drive-By Event

November 12 - CHANGE: Family Fun Night: iCode! Minecraft vs. Roblox

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

DISTRICT NEWS

LATINO FAMILY NETWORK (LAFAN)

Do you have Hispanic or Latino Heritage or would you like to connect and celebrate our traditions and culture? Click [here](#) for more information about LAFAN and how to join our network.

GROVES STUDENT CONGRESS TRUNK OR TREAT

The Groves Student Congress is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 28th for Pre-K through 5th grade students. Please click [here](#) for more details. All participants must

register for the event at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod4eaaa92fa1ffc34-trunk>.

BIRMINGHAM PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBERS

Birmingham's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is looking for new members. The purpose of PAC is to serve as an advisory committee to Birmingham administration. Members must have a child with a current IEP attending one of our schools/programs. Attached you will find additional information and a membership application. We welcome and encourage parents and guardians to join this important group! Click on these links for more information and application:

[Brochure](#)

[FAQs](#)

[Application](#)

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: 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

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.

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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