

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Harlan Husky Families,

What an excellent week! It was so much fun to see the kids and staff members participating in Spirit Week. I must say, we have a ton of spirit here at Harlan! It's great to see the kids so excited by little things like wearing rainbows, tie dyed clothing, and the most exciting of all...pajamas! This week has me extra excited for our Halloween celebrations on Friday and all of the fun costumes that will be on display. I am crossing my fingers that the weather holds out for our Halloween Parade at 10:30am so our families can enjoy the outside portion of the parade as well as the pumpkin patch!

I hope you all have an enjoyable fall weekend!

Sincerely,

Alex

### ***HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS***

#### **THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!**

**Monday, October 25 (C)** – Hearing Test (PreK, K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & ASD); Kindergarten Daisy Meeting (after school); Robotics Meeting (before school); Drawing Class (K-4) & Drama Class (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Robotics Meeting (after school)

**Tuesday, October 26 (D)** – **Popcorn Day**; Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Tulip Planting; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts Meeting (after school)

**Wednesday, October 27 (A)** – Tumbling, Cheer & Dance Class (K – 5<sup>th</sup>) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Robotics Meeting (after school)

**Thursday, October 28 (B)** – Pumpkin Drop-Off (8:30 – 9:30 AM, 4 – 5 PM, 5 – 6 PM); Robotics Meeting (before school)

**Friday, October 29 (C)** – **Half Day Dismissal at 12:05 PM; Halloween Parade at 10:30 AM; No Kids Club in the 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:aagius@birmingham.k12.mi.us).

### **THE LIBRARY CONNECTION – NEW INFORMATION**

News from the library! Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins October 25th! Traditional Savory Cookie dough with a new look and extra delicious items. [Flyers](#) are coming home today. This fundraiser will help support buying new books, magazines, and audiobooks for your children.

Fundraiser begins: October 25th

Fundraiser ends: November 14th

### **Delivery of items before the Holiday Break in December.**

We will earn up to \$9.00 on every item sold. The more we sell collectively, the more we will benefit. The next step is to download the selling app on your phone and start sharing the news to everyone you know via text message, e-mail, and social media. No need to be present, all payments will be collected via credit card. No order forms and money to collect (unless you prefer that method) - SO EASY!

**4th and 5th Grade:** Battle of the Books Flyers coming home today if you want to purchase a book bundle. Order due by November 5th. Battle Titles will be announced on Dec. 6th.

### **Coming up...Scholastic Book Fair coming to your Harlan Library in November! This will be an in-person fair this year!**

Previous Library Connection Newsletters can be found here: <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/11685>

Follow us on twitter @HarlanLibrary2

## **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/8587877717?pwd=WjlCeGhtYnRGOFRIId2ZFNm5OTEh3UTo9>

- 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

## **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](#).

## ***HARLAN PTA NEWS***

### **DATE CHANGE! MOTOR MOMS & DADS TRAINING - KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE PARENTS - OCTOBER 27TH AT 10AM**

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 set-up 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 27th at 10am in the bus loop at the front 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 approximately 30-45 minutes.

### **PUMPKIN PATCH DROP-OFF - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH**

On Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, families picked up pumpkins purchased to decorate for inclusion in our Harlan Pumpkin Patch. If you were unable to pick-up your pre-purchased pumpkin, they are in the office with your Papa Romano's coupons!

**Reminder:** Finished pumpkins should be brought back on Thursday, October 28th.

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

We have a small amount of pumpkins for any families who forgot to purchase and would like to be included. If you are interested, please email [harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com](mailto:harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com).

### **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, see schedule below:

9:15 AM – Mrs. Abels

9:30 AM – Ms. Schowalter

10:10 AM – Mrs. Mills

10:30 AM – Mrs. Weisel

10:50 AM – Mrs. Smith

11:10 AM – Mr. Kefgen

### **NEW! SCARECROW CONTEST IS BACK! SIGN-UP BY OCTOBER 29TH!**

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](#).

### **NO COOK NIGHT #2 - RUSTY BUCKET - NOVEMBER 9TH**

Each month we are excited to partner with a local restaurant to offer parents a night off from cooking! These businesses will give portions of each order back to Harlan! On November 9th, we are excited to partner with Rusty Bucket for a night off! See [flyer](#) for details!

### **NOVEMBER FAMILY FUN NIGHT: ICODE GAMING EVENT - MINECRAFT VS. ROBLOX**

It's our parents' night out event! Flyers will come home next week for all students aged 6-12 to participate in the ultimate gaming experience at iCode in Troy! The event is from 6pm-8pm and includes snacks as well as an amazing night of fun! This event is limited to the first 35 students to sign-up, so be sure to scan the QR code next week and get signed up for an awesome Family Fun Night!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

October 26 - Tulip Planting, K-1st

October 27 - Motor Moms & Dads Training

October 28 - Popcorn Day

October 28 - Pumpkin Drop Off

October 29 - Deadline to enter Scarecrow Contest!

October 29 - 1/2 Day (AM only)

October 29 - Halloween Celebrations/Parade

November 6-7 - Scarecrow Contest Drive-By Event

November 8-12 - World Kindness Week

November 9 - No Cook Night #2 - Rusty Bucket

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

November 17-18 - Conferences & 1/2 Days

November 25-26 - Thanksgiving Break

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

### ***DISTRICT NEWS***

### **INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY TRUNK OR TREAT**

The International Academy National Honor Society is hosting a fun, family friendly Trunk or Treat this Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 – 8 PM at their central location on Square Lake Rd. Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

### **GROVES STUDENT CONGRESS TRUNK OR TREAT**

The Groves Student Congress is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 28<sup>th</sup> for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Please click [here](#) for more details. All participants must register for the event at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod4eaaa92fa1ffc34-trunk>.

### **BPS OPEN HOUSES**

Birmingham Public Schools is hosting two open houses for their high schools.

- Seaholm High School – November 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 -7 PM (See [flyer](#) for more information)
- Groves High School – November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 PM (See [flyer](#) for more information)

### **NOVEMBER FRIENDS MEETING – NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00 PM**

Friends of Different Learners will be hosting their meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Covington (masks required).

Mental Health: Breaking the Stigma & Finding Solutions in the Era of Covid-19  
Presented by: Dr. Gretchen Moran Marsh, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist

Learn how anxiety impacts how we feel, how we think, and how we behave, plus:

- 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 as well as eliminate anxiety and depression.
- Tips and tricks for individuals, teams, and families
- When, where and how to get help

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

### **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.

## **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:** 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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