

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Happy Halloween Harlan Families!

While the weather wasn't a pleasant ending to the week, the classroom celebrations and parade were definitely fun and exciting. Thanks to all of the Room Champions for making these parties possible! I am disappointed that we had to cancel the outdoor portion of the parade. Hopefully many of you were able to catch the last-minute live stream on Zoom. Once the weather dries up, take a moment to bring the family up to Harlan to check out our awesome spooky pumpkin patch. A huge thank you goes out to the PTA and all of the families who decorated pumpkins!

I hope that you all enjoy a nice weekend and have some fun with the kiddos Trick or Treating!

Be safe.

Sincerely,  
Alex Agius  
Principal

***HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS***  
**THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!**

**Monday, November 1 (D)** – 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, November 2 – NO SCHOOL**

**Wednesday, November 3 (A) – Conference Sign-Up Genius;** Tumbling, Cheer & Dance Class (K – 5<sup>th</sup>) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Robotics Meeting (after school)

**Thursday, November 4 (B)** – Glee Club (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) 8 – 8:43 AM; Robotics Meeting (before school)

**Friday, November 5 (C)** – Floor Hockey (K – 5<sup>th</sup>) 3:50 – 4:50 PM

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. We received so much positive feedback from last year, we will again offer families an opportunity to sign-up for conferences via Zoom or in person as well. With everyone's busy schedules and ability to zoom from

just about anywhere, we are excited to provide this once again. On Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will send out the Sign-Up Genius link for families to sign-up.

### **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

### **HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS & CARDS**

As we prepare to celebrate all veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>, please consider having your child write a note of thanks. Traditionally we have collected candy following Halloween to help cheer up veterans. Students can drop off candy and notes in the office or box in the vestibule marked VA the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>. The candy will be donated to local VA Hospitals. The notes and candy are truly appreciated by those at the VA Hospital. All candy and notes are delivered on Veteran's Day by a former Harlan family who has made this an annual tradition.

### **PICTURE RETAKE DAY – NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Picture Retake Day at Harlan is scheduled for Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. If your child(ren) would like to have a picture retaken, please bring in your original packet of pictures. If your child(ren) were absent for picture day, we will have pictures taken for the yearbook. If you would like to order photos, please review the [flyer](#) and the [order form](#) to make your selections. Parents can also pre-order online at <https://preorder.kaiserstudio.com> using code HARLAN21.

## **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**

### **YEARBOOK TEAM NEEDED**

Are you wanting to be a part of a fun new team at Harlan? We are looking for a small group to help pull photos and layout pages for this year's yearbook. The program is easy to use - in fact, our Student Leadership team of Huskies will be a part of this team as well. If you are interested, please email: [harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com](mailto:harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com).

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

Another fun weekend is headed to all Husky Families! We are bringing back our Annual Scarecrow Contest for the second year! 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 29th. 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 and 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 29 - Deadline to enter Scarecrow Contest!

November 6-7 - Scarecrow Contest Drive-By Event

November 8-12 - World Kindness Week

November 9 - No Cook Night #2 - Rusty Bucket

November 12 - 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 November Newsletter](#).

## ***DISTRICT NEWS***

### **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.

### **BIRMINGHAM YOUTH ASSISTANCE**

The Birmingham Youth Assistance is hiring for a secretarial/administrative assistant position. If you are interested please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

### **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:**

**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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