

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Harlan Families,

The week started out a bit slow on Monday which I assume was from all the Halloween excitement the night before. However, it didn't take long for the energy level to return back to normal. I think that the kids welcomed the day off on Tuesday and hopefully, you all had a chance get some additional family time midweek.

We wrapped up the week with our kindergarteners going on their first field trip of their Harlan career. They were all so excited. You could see their smiles through their masks as they were getting ready to get on the bus as well as when they arrived back to Harlan. So much fun!!

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks an hour back this weekend!

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS

THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!

Saturday & Sunday, November 6th & 7th – Scarecrow Contest Drive-by Event

Monday, November 8 (D) – Robotics Meeting (before school); Drawing Class (K-4) & Drama Class (1st – 5th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Basketball Class (2nd – 5th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Robotics Meeting (after school)

Tuesday, November 9 (A) – No Cook Night #2 – Rusty Bucket

Wednesday, November 10 (B) – PTA Meeting via Zoom at 7:00

PM; Tumbling, Cheer & Dance Class (K – 5th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Robotics Meeting (after school)

Thursday, November 11 (C) – Popcorn Day; Glee Club (4th & 5th) 8 – 8:43 AM; Robotics Meeting (before school)

Friday, November 12 (D) – Picture Retake Day; PTA Parents Night Out – iCode; Learn To Sew (Mermaid Tail Blanket – 3rd -5th) 3:50 – 5:20 PM; Floor Hockey (K – 5th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th and Thursday, November 18th 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 3rd the Sign-Up Genius link was sent for families to sign-up.

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

Upcoming news from the library! Checkout our newsletter for what is happening in November by clicking the link below!

In this issue - <https://www.smore.com/gosvh>

- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser ends Nov. 14th - help us raise money to purchase more items for your kids in the library. Click here for how to help: [Flyers](#)**
- **In-person book fair Nov. 10th - Nov. 19th and open during all conference hours <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/harlanelementaryschool2>**
- Battle of the Books coming soon
- What students are working on in November
- MISelf in Books weekly Zoom event
- Policies and procedures/how to's
- Birthday Books form if you missed it

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 11th, 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 1st. 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. **Monday is the last day to bring in notes and candy.**

PICTURE RETAKE DAY – NOVEMBER 12TH

Picture Retake Day at Harlan is scheduled for Friday, November 12th. 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/8587877771?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

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

HARLAN PUMPKIN PATCH WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

There were 240 pumpkins decorated for inclusion in our Harlan Pumpkin Patch. This made the perfect photo opportunity for our Husky Community. Check out the [photo](#) to see the patch before the rain started!

World Kindness Week - November 8 - November 12th

World Kindness Day is celebrated all over the world on November 13th. This year our Huskies will work together to show kindness in many different ways all week long! They will do some activities in the classroom and others at home. Each student will be participating in a classroom Kindness Book. They will work all week to design their pages. Once the pages are completed, we will send them in to create finished published books! Each class will have their own and order forms will come home next week to allow all families a chance to order a copy! What a great gift to give a surprise to your child or a Grandparent! Order forms will be due back with or without a purchase by November 15th. Published books will be sent home in late January! This is a really cool activity and we will ensure a final copy of each book is available in the commons area to spread Kindness for years to come!

On Friday each student will have a rock sent home. Harlan is excited to design our own "Kindness Rocks" Garden near our outdoor classroom later in November! Rocks can be painted, decorated with paint markers or sharpies or however your child chooses. Finished rocks should be sent back to allow our Green team and experts to include each rock into the garden. Students will love seeing these every day at recess! Kindness Rocks! Go Huskies! For more information, click [here](#) see the flyer.

SCARECROW CONTEST VIEWING IS THIS WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 6TH & 7TH

Our families have been hard at work designing scarecrows for our Husky Community. This weekend please visit the following locations and vote on the survey below for your favorite! The PTA will award a fun gift card to the winning family next week and post photos on our Facebook page for those unable to see the scarecrows in person! What a fun way to get out and have some fun all weekend long! Thank you to Olivia McCarthy for organizing this fun event and to the families who entered our contest!

Scarecrow Locations:

700 Wimbleton, Birmingham

2509 Binbrooke, Troy

5221 Longmeadow

2559 Oxford, Troy
2939 Lanergan, Troy
1014 Chestnut, Birmingham
4400 Squirrel, Bloomfield Hills
4154 Meadow Lane, Bloomfield Hills

Vote for your favorites here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QY9QJGV>

NOVEMBER PTA MEETING IS NEXT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH VIA ZOOM

We will be hosting our next PTA meeting via Zoom for those who want an inside look at what's planned for our Huskies! Logon and listen in as we discuss past events, fun holiday ideas and much more!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81049625926?pwd=b2VZMVYrcmYoVysvNU9wTzREQmtzZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 4962 5926

Passcode: harlan

CONFERENCE DINNERS

Conferences are upon us again. We are preparing to feed the teachers and staff like royalty! We will have a meal catered each day and are asking for some assistance as we get prepared to help them get through conferences. Click [here](#) to see the Sign-Up Genius list. Thanks for all of your support for our teachers and staff!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IS OUR NEXT POPCORN DAY

With conferences and our Thanksgiving break, our popcorn day is earlier this month! Please remember to send in \$.50 with your child so they can receive a bag at snack time! Tip: send in enough quarters for monthly popcorn days in your child's backpack so they have it when they need it.

HARLAN HUSKIES POP-IT'S ARE HERE

The students have asked and we now have our very own pop it, designed with our Harlan Huskies logo. Pop-It's are \$5 each and can be purchased by sending in cash/check with your child anytime until they sell out. These have become the talk at school and kids are asking how they can get one! Purchased pop-its will be sent home with your child as purchased. If you prefer to purchase as a Holiday gift, please email harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com to make arrangements. Click [here](#) to see what the pop-it looks like.

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.

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!

ROBOTICS

The Harlan Robotics teams have been hard at work and are ready for their competition. If you are interested in cheering on the teams, here is the information about the competitions. Good luck to our teams! Go Huskies!

- Husky Cargo Team is competing in THUNDERQUEST on November 13, 2021 at Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights.
- Robo Primers and Robo Dominators are both competing in BULLDOG CLASSIC on November 20, 2021 at Kettering University in Flint.

Upcoming Events:

November 6-7 - Scarecrow Contest Drive-By Event

November 8-12 - World Kindness Week

November 9 - No Cook Night #2 - Rusty Bucket

November 10 - November PTA Meeting

November 11 - Popcorn Day

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

November 17-18 - Conferences & 1/2 Days

November 24-26 - Thanksgiving Break

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

DISTRICT NEWS

OPENINGS IN THE GSRP PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The BPS Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), a preschool program, located at Bingham Farms, has available openings for children who are 4 years old. GSRP is a

state-funded, grant program that is FREE for families who qualify. For more information, please contact Laura Tinsley, 248-203-5805, LTinsley@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

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 LUNCHESES](#)

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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