

Harlan Husky Families,

Winter Break is almost here. While the weather has not been typical for a Michigan December, the kids sure aren't complaining about it. They are loving the warm sunny skies at recess!

I continue to be impressed by the generosity of our community. Over the past couple of weeks, I have witnessed many kids bringing items for Toys for Tots and Cause 4 Paws. The kids are always so excited when they have something to bring in and donate. This is just another example of why the Harlan community is such a positive place for our kids.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs. Nicole Sadeghi and the PTA for the Pie Fundraiser and the culminating event of pies being thrown in my face. While I am typing this letter with some sticky hair and fingers, it was a ton of fun and we were able to broadcast it to all of our classrooms. Thanks to all who participated in this event.

I hope that you all have a pleasant weekend.

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS

THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD & RETURN FROM WINTER BREAK

Monday, December 20 (C) – Classroom Winter Parties

Tuesday, December 21 (D) – **School wide Pajama Day (come to school wearing your favorite PJs);** Classroom Winter Parties

Wednesday, December 22 – January 2 – No School - Winter Break

2022

Monday, January 3 (A) – **Welcome Back, Huskies!**

Tuesday, January 4 (B) -

Wednesday, January 5 (C) -

Thursday, January 6 (D) -

Friday, January 7 (A) -

BEF ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Please support the Birmingham Education Foundation in their Annual Fund Campaign by making a donation TODAY!

The [mission](#) of the BEF is to create exceptional education experiences by connecting innovative teachers with community support. Each year the BEF provides [teacher grants](#) for activities that directly impact your children. Visit supportBEF.org to learn more and to donate.

Day On, Day One: MLK Day of Service

Monday, January 17, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Groves High School

Join BPS and the BPS Community Councils for our annual Day of Service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Day On, Day One** 2022 will take place on Monday, January 17, 2022 at Groves High School. This district-wide morning of service is an opportunity to make serving our community a habit! Students in grades K-12 and their families will pack buckets for Disaster Relief at Work (DRAW), make animal toys for a local shelter, assemble snack packages for those in need and help with other caring community projects.

This year, each school community is being asked to donate items to go into the DRAW cleaning buckets. Harlan families, please donate packages of tall drawstring kitchen garbage bags and/or reusable cleaning gloves. You may drop these items in the bins in the Harlan vestibule or purchase them through this Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30PU2A9VVBGFO?ref=wl_share

Registration for this event is required ahead of time, and spots go quickly, so sign up soon at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4cfa62da4fa7-2022>

If you have any questions, contact Angie Righter, Harlan CSO.

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

"March is Reading Month" is just around the corner. To pull off our "One School, One Book" program, we need to do a quick order of the book ahead of time (due to supply chain issues). If you are interested in participating, please fill out the order form that is coming home today as well as attached here. We apologize for the quick turnaround on this. [Click here for order form.](#)

Coming soon! Harlan's new student run School Store will begin the week of January 10th. Students can bring money to purchase things like pencils, pens, erasers, stress balls, gently used books and other fun items to have in the classroom or at home. Purchases can be made on D days from 9:00 - 9:45. (Accommodations will be made for students who are unable to purchase during that time). Money earned from the school store will help purchase more updated books, magazines, Playaways and other library items for all students to use. Prices will range from \$1-4. Look for a flyer coming home in January.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser for Library - Thank you to all the families who helped make this fundraiser a success. With the help of the 34 families that sold cookie dough, we can begin ordering Playaways (audio books) to our collection. Students will be able to start checking out audio books as soon as they arrive.

For additional information please click on the link below for the December Newsletter.

<https://www.smores.com/9a34t>

ART NEWSLETTER

The students have been very busy the past two months of the year. Please look at the [newsletter](#) for more details.

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: 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

Trivia Night Results

Last Friday we hosted our first trivia night of the school year and had some crazy smart families! In fact after many rounds, we had a tie for 1st place. After the tie-breaker question, this year's runner's up were The Kissel Family - including Charlotte (1st) and Nolan (2nd grade) and our winning family were The Rucinski Family - including Hailey (4th). Great job to all 31 families that attended! The date for the next round of trivia will be set early in 2022.

"Where's Harley?" Yearbook Contest - Due January 7th

It's time for our Husky creativity as we plan our 2021-2022 Yearbook. This year we are looking for a drawing of your best Husky. Have some fun and put a class shirt on him. Maybe even include a hat or more on Harley. The winning Husky will be featured on every page of the yearbook in a game of "Where's Harley?" (AKA "Where's Waldo") to allow the community some added yearbook fun and games! See [flyer](#) for complete details.

Harlan Printed Directories

All pre-purchased directories have been delivered. The directories are handy with school contacts and resources as well as class lists and parent contact information. We have a few available for purchase for anyone who missed the deadline. If you are interested, please email harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com to secure your copy.

Shop for the Holidays and Give back to Harlan

This holiday season we are happy to partner with [Minted](#), [Amazon Smile](#), Scrip (for ALL gift card purchases), Toyology and more! See [flyer](#) and specific links for details on how you can link up purchases to give back to Harlan! Go Huskies!

Events Team Needed

We are always brainstorming ideas to make moments and memories for our entire Husky Community. We are looking for some new faces to join us! It's guaranteed fun and an amazing opportunity to give back to Harlan and be involved! Please email harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com to be part of our team!go/409054CA4AC2FA7FA7-auction

Upcoming Events:

December 20-21 - Winter Classroom Celebrations

December 22-January 2 - Winter Recess

January 12 - PTA Meeting

January 14 - Family Fun Night - Build-a-Husky!

January 17 - MLK - No School

For more information click here to see the [December PTA Newsletter](#).

DISTRICT NEWS

BPS Health & wellness newsletter

Here is the latest [BPS Health & Wellness Newsletter](#). This weekly newsletter is released on the BPS website on Thursdays and is available to the community on the BPS COVID-19 webpage.

SCHOOL LUnches

In case there is confusion on how the free lunch works this school year, here is the breakdown of what it includes and when a charge is made to a student account:

One complete lunch includes milk, entrée, and fruit/vegetable. There is no charge as long as all of those items are taken.

If a student has a second entrée, the student's account will be charged \$1.50. If a student wants an individual serving of only one item, here is the breakdown of charges for it:

Milk - \$0.50

Fruit - \$0.50

Vegetables - \$0.50

Juice - \$0.50

Invoices for negative balance are sent home every Friday through the communication folder from the teacher. Charges can be viewed at all times through www.sendmoneytoschool.com and the office can be contacted if you need assistance with setting up your account.

Allergy Alert

BPS takes all food allergies seriously, however, with the nationwide food supply chain issues it is not guaranteed that the menu items listed will be served that day. Unfortunately this means that fast changes does not allow for Chartwells to change to food items that may or may not contain allergens including peanuts and tree nuts. If you have any questions, please contact Pattie Guck at pguck@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

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:

December: 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.

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