

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Harlan Husky Families,

This has been a week filled with many different emotions by all due to the tragedy at Oxford High School. My heart and mind are struggling to comprehend what has taken place. However, my spirits have been lifted by the Harlan students, staff, and overall community support.

On Wednesday and Thursday, our students entered peacefully and began getting right into their routine which is what we want for our kids. One of the key points in dealing with the aftermath of a tragedy is to maintain a normal routine. We are doing that at Harlan. The kids are learning, laughing, and enjoying time with their teachers and classmates.

I do want to reiterate that the safety and well-being of your children are at the utmost importance to us. For this reason, while our kids were at home today, the staff came together to process their thoughts and feelings, as well as to plan and reestablish our ALICE protocols. We have already revisited our ALICE protocols with our students previously this year and will do so again.

Today, I met with Bloomfield Hills Police Officers who will be making more visits to our school over the next few weeks. This may not seem abnormal for our kids as they have made similar visits in the past.

I would like to restate that we have no plans to discuss the Oxford tragedy with our students, but will have staff available to support any students who may be in need and we will address it at the age appropriate level with them. Our focus in these conversations will be that we are safe in our school and have plans/protocols in place to keep us that way.

Please take some time, as I am sure many of you have already done, to hug your little ones a bit more than usual.

Thank you for everyone's support during this time.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS
THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 6 (A) – Vision Screening (Pre-K, 1st, 3rd & 5th); Basketball Class (2nd – 5th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Cartooning Class (K- 4th) 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Drama Kids Class (1st – 5th) 3:50 – 5:20 PM

Tuesday, December 7 (B) – Vision Screening (Pre-K, 1st, 3rd & 5th)

Wednesday, December 8 (C) – **Half Day, dismissal at 12:05 PM; Last Day to Donate to Toys for Tots;** Vision Screening (Pre-K, 1st, 3rd & 5th)

Thursday, December 9 (D) – **4th Grade Nature Center Field Trip;** Vision Screening (Pre-K, 1st, 3rd & 5th)

Friday, December 10 (A) – Vision Screening (Pre-K, 1st, 3rd & 5th)

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION - NEW

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

In this issue:

- Cookie Dough Fundraiser pick up is the week of Dec. 6th - exact date to be determined.
- Battle of the Books kick off is on Dec. 6th at 9:30 a.m. (book bundles will be coming home this day for those who ordered)
- What students are working on in December
- MISelf in Books weekly zoom event
- Policies and procedures/how to's
- Birthday Books form
- Contact information

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

ART NEWSLETTER

The students have been busy in art and are looking forward to what is to come this December. Please look at the [newsletter](#) for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Harlan Cub Scouts are collecting new, unused and unwrapped toys for the annual Marine Corp “Toys For Tots” to be given to area kids who are in need. The bins will be in the Harlan lobby from November 12 – December 8. Here is the [link](#) to the flyer.

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: 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

FAMILY FUN NIGHT DECEMBER: TRIVIA NIGHT - DECEMBER 10TH

Join us for a fun night of virtual trivia, hosted by our own Bryan Laabs. Games will begin at 7:00pm. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! We will have several rounds - some questions just for the kids and some for the grown-up's or older kids! The top Harlan family will win a special surprise along with bragging rights that they are the smartest family at Harlan! Will the Rucinski's defend their title or will we have a new family take the title? Mark your calendars and get cozy for an evening of Harlan Family Fun on Zoom!

Topic: Harlan Family Trivia Night 2021

Time: Dec 10, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81778593905?pwd=ak9hS1oyaUNLRVBodHRMTTElS2xhZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 7859 3905

Passcode: harlan

BUILD-A-HUSKY FAMILY EVENT ON JANUARY 14TH (ORDERS DUE: DECEMBER 17TH)

Our January Build-a-Husky Family Fun Night will be an event you won't want to miss! Our Huskies will have the opportunity to build their own mascot at home as a keepsake, similar to Build-a-Bear. All pre-ordered kits will be delivered to classes the week of the event. Kits will include everything needed to build a mascot including a Harlan t-shirt. All participants will bring in their finished Huskies on Tuesday, January 18th for a group yearbook photo! This is a no-sew project so kids are able to do this event alone or with a grown-up. We will have special guests online to share Harlan Elementary history and Husky facts.

* This event replaces Family Fun Night on January 7th. See [flyer](#) for details and ordering information.

"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!

YEARBOOK

If you have great photos of Harlan students, look below and you will find Google Photo Folders for the Yearbook. Please upload your pictures to the links below for your chance to have your child(ren) in the 2021-2022 yearbook. These links will also be available on Facebook Harlan PTA page. We will be starting to design pages, so be sure to upload soon! If we are missing anything, please email: nmasseysadeghi@gmail.com.

First Day of School Yearbook Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/APocDX7ACRBMBjFx5>
Walk to School/Get Fit Day: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/VqpCTfNUfYGynRRK7>
Cub Scout Yearbook Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EpuHHhBuuReYgcgq7>
Girl Scouts: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/kwQzR2NGzGUudtWQ8>
Spirit Week: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/a1UkzBT3ycnAo3Mw9>
Pizza and Pumpkins: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/cqkuy1A3zes8unA48>
Halloween: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/yU444GBMubWr3E5o6>
Scarecrow Contest: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/sU1KRFjTncK8C1XU9>
Pre-School: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/YsyPDbLa7fcGgjBaA>
Kindergarten: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bxQxdBuAnuQ2EaAb9>
First Grade: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/idjE6j4QLw2FrB5e8>
Second Grade: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/a97qzkMwVv3maMnbA>
Third Grade: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/3ygh2jWYpY2qyXb59>
Fourth Grade: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mKxLVSJ5BCxpR3oz8>
Fifth Grade: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/wLkif74wfifgCZb69>
Glee Club: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mntSjc3qxpZ55eeK6>
Math Pentathlon: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gTaLc1WC7ziaB9Mm7>
Robotics: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Zfmo3sZQZQwLLqkb9>
Ski Club: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/3jskiNHJugK7sp5H6>
Art: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Vphn8f7fxZpa6Mhc6>
Gym: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/R63cvJuSghx8bF6K9>
Spanish: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2yWs9C7XUEXX6zkk7>
Library: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/FyQEH3RotGiozgQN6>
Music: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2F78nR1hjnwb4r9N9>

Upcoming Events:

December 10 - Family Fun Trivia Night

December 16 - Popcorn Day

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

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.

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.

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: 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.

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