



Harlan Husky Families,

It looks like our February Break got here a day early. I am sure it came with a lot excitement from the kids and perhaps some mixed emotions from the adults. Regardless, it is here and I hope that you all find some time to rest, relax and enjoy some family time together.

As you know, when we return from break, masks will be optional for everyone inside a Birmingham facility. Please know whether a person chooses to wear a mask or not wear a mask, all will be treated with respect and kindness. This will be addressed on Monday morning with the kids when we return from break. If you wish for your child to wear a mask, please make sure to have a conversation with your child about your expectations. Teachers will not be asked to enforce mask wearing for any individual students as this can become quite difficult to remember who is making this choice.

Lastly, if your child rides a bus, masking will still be required while on the bus.

I hope that you all enjoy the next 10 days together!

Be well!

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AHEAD

Monday, February 21 – Friday, February 25 – No School, Mid-Winter Break

Monday, February 28 (C) – Barge Building (4th & 5th Grade Science Olympiad) 4 – 5 PM; Drama Kids after school class 3:55 – 4:55 PM; Drawing with YR after school 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Basketball/Soccer (1st – 3rd Grade) 4 – 4:45 PM; Basketball (3rd – 5th Grade) 5 – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 1 (D) – Robotics (2nd Grade) before school 7:45 – 8:45 AM; Robotics (1st Grade) after school 4 – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, March 2 (A) – Math Pentathlon before school 8 – 8:45 AM; Charged Up (4th & 5th Grade Science Olympiad) 8 – 8:45 AM; Precision Ping Pong (4th & 5th Grade Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:15 PM; Mystery Architecture (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:00 PM; Wildlife Safari (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:00 PM; Robotics (3rd Grade) after school 4 – 5:00 PM; Code Ninjas (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 7 – 8:00 PM

Thursday, March 3 (B) – Disability Awareness Day (4th Grade); Glee Club after school 3:50 – 4:30 PM; Robotics (1st – 3rd Grade) after school 4 – 5:00 PM

Friday, March 4 (C) – Disability Awareness Day (5th Grade); Robotics (K) before school 7:45 – 8:45 AM; Weather or Not (4th & 5th Grade Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:15 PM; Robotics (K & 1st Grade) after school at 4 – 5:00 PM

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BPS STARS OF TOMORROW

Calling all singers, dancers, musicians and special talents! Students and staff of BPS are invited to submit a video showing off their talents to the BEF for their upcoming “**BPS Stars of Tomorrow**” event which will be broadcast on **Thursday, March 10th at 7 pm**. Winners will be awarded a \$200 Visa gift card for themselves as well as a \$1000 grant for their school. For more information click [here](#). The deadline for entries is February 22, 2022.

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Kids heart challenge

Hello Harlan Families!

We hope your students have been enjoying Kids Heart Challenge this year! We are wrapping up soon...let's make this last week, the best week yet!

We are extremely proud of our families for supporting this service-learning initiative! Thank you for helping your student take the online heart healthy pledge, raise donations or both. If you have not had a chance to help—there is still time. Please be sure to ask your child about our service-learning project and what they can do to make a difference.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#) to sign up!

CHECK OUT OUR STATS! We have raised \$12,243.56 so far for the American Heart Association! We are \$3,400 away from beating what we raised last year- help us get there!

HERE ARE OUR CURRENT STATS:

\$8,731 raised! Can we beat last year!?

To beat last year we need to raise \$6,800 more by the end of February... we can do it Harlan!!

Harlan statistics:

- 14 students completed Finn's mission
- 109 students registered
- 56 challenge for being kind
- 49 challenge for moving more

Congratulations to the following students for completing Finn's Mission:

Mahalie Bedi

Dean Caducio

Finn Coleman

Kit Coleman

Elise Hance

Nolan Kissel

Elliot Mouton

Maxwell Mouton

Nicholas Perry

Ian Reinkensmeyer

Tammer Saada

Rubina Sanghera

Kendall Seilheimer

William Wilde

Help your student complete [Finn's Mission](#)

In doing so, you and your family will learn Hands Only CPR, warning signs of a stroke, and earn your very own Finn's Lifesaver keyring. ***Click here to get started!*** Thank you Harlan Families!

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Disability Awareness

The Disability Awareness workshop will be presented to all Harlan 4th and 5th graders on Thursday, March 3rd (4th grade) and Friday, March 4th (5th grade). This program is a hands-on; activity based workshop whose main emphasis is to help students understand how difficult and complex daily living can be for individuals with disabilities. The program includes activities centered on an empathetic understanding of physical, speech, hearing, vision and learning impairments. The students participate in a wheelchair obstacle course, wear glasses that give them momentary vision impairments, experience speaking with an electric larynx and experience several reading disabilities. The goal is for the students to learn through this hands-on experience that people should be respected no matter how they may look, act, walk or talk.

Please consider volunteering to help with the workshop. We need about 15 volunteers each day. It is a fun and meaningful experience for volunteers as well as the students. Please call Jessica Jones 248-765-2641 or email jessica.whitten.j@gmail.com with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49A5A82DABFC1-disability>

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Spanish NEWSLETTER

Check out what has been happening in Spanish for 2nd – 5th grades. Click [here](#) for the current newsletter.

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THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

March is Reading Month

- Look for your MIRM calendar of activities coming home right after winter break on 2/28.
- If you ordered *Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renee Watson, it will be coming on 2/28 with your child.
- <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/11469>

Bagel Sales

Bagel passes were able to be purchased by 2/18. If your child would still like to buy bagels and they do not have a pass, they can purchase each week by turning into their teachers \$1 on Tuesdays and writing the following on an envelope:

- Name

- Teacher's name
- Flavor of bagel - cinnamon sugar, salt, plain, or parmesan

Battle of the Books for 4th and 5th Graders

- Team Registration opens February 7-25 at <https://www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books/>
- Battle Day! March 5th at 11:00 a.m.

MISelf in Books

- Please join your BPS Librarians on Thursday evenings at 7:00 via zoom to listen to a bedtime story. Register at <https://www.smore.com/skn6a-miself-in-books?ref=email>

Are you looking for ways to help the library, but you can't donate time during the day? Consider clicking [here](#) to purchase items for our school store. Thank you in advance!

Are you looking for old information about the library? Find all the past newsletters here:

<https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/11685>

Spring Afterschool Classes

Harlan is offering more enrichment classes for Spring 2022! We have offerings for sewing, drama, dance, science and computer coding. View the attached [flyer](#) with class descriptions and registration info. Or visit www.communityed.net

2022-23 Harlan Preschool (updated)

Openings are available in Harlan's 3-year-old program, which will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-11:30 AM.

To learn more and to access registration information, please visit the Harlan Preschool page: <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/497>

Please share with your friends and neighbors! If you have any questions, please contact Angie Righter, Harlan CSO at arighter@birmingham.k12.mi.us

HARLAN KIDS CLUB (updated)

Half day Kids Club will be held on 3/23 and 3/24 from 12:05 – 6:00 pm. Scheduling will be available beginning February 22. Students must be registered and attendance must be scheduled in advance. There are no drop-ins or unscheduled visits on half day afternoons. For more information, visit <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/494>.

NOON SUPERVISORS NEEDED (repeat)

Harlan is in need of a few good people to be Noon Supervisors. Noon Supervisors are an essential part of every school day. Noon Supervisors support students in the lunchroom and monitor them at recess. The shifts will be 3 hours every full day of school. It is a paid position. If you are interested in helping support our Harlan Huskies to make each day an amazing day or if you have questions about the position, please send an email to Jennifer Szura at jszura@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

HARLAN PTA NEWS

The Masked Reader is Coming March 11th (repeat)

We are planning a repeat of last year's highly successful Masked Reader event and moving it to coincide with "March is Reading Month"! We need a few parents who can help facilitate the planning on the backend to make this a success. If you would like to be a part of this awesome event, please email harlanhuskiespts@gmail.com.

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YEARBook photos Wanted (repeat)

Have photos from this school year? The yearbook committee is looking for any and all photos to make sure everyone gets a chance to be in it. Please use the links below to add photos to be considered for the yearbook. Click [here](#) to see the photo at school for the Build-A-Husky event.

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>

Pre-School: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/YsyPDbLa7fcGgiBaA>

Kindergarten: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bxQxdBuAnuQ2EaAb9>

First Grade: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/idjE6j4QLw2FrB5e8>

Second Grade: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/a97qxmMwVv3maMnbA>

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>

Family Fun Nights (Trivia, Build a Husky, Masked Reader etc): <https://photos.app.goo.gl/yaerc3wy8AcHfJSM8>

Harlan PTA Executive Board & Committee Leads Needed for 2022-2023 (repeat)

As we look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year, we need parents for various committees and for our PTA Executive Board. All of the amazing events are not possible without parent volunteers. If you are interested in hearing about the amazing opportunities to be more involved, please reach out to harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

March 11 - Family Fun: Masked Reader

Mark your Calendars:

May 20-21 - Harlan's 1st Annual Color Run Community Event

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

DISTRICT NEWS

FRIENDS

Please join us virtually on Thursday, March 3rd at 7PM to hear about Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF). MAF is our state's federally IDEA grant funded initiative. They provide education and consultative services, free of charge, to Michigan families. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88620338016>

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Birmingham Volleyball Club

Seaholm Varsity Coach/Berkshire Teacher Heather Gambone and Groves Varsity Coach/BCS Teacher Madison Close are offering Sunday Volleyball Camps for students in 1st – 6th grades. Camps will run from 1pm-3pm at Seaholm High School. Session 1 will begin on March 6th and run until April 24th. There will be no camp March 27th or April 17th. Please visit our website for sign up information [Birmingham Volleyball Club Website](#) or email Heather and Madison at bhamvballclub@gmail.com.

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Birmingham Bulldogs Junior Lacrosse (repeat)

Registration is open to all boys grades 1st through 8th, including those that have never played lacrosse. You can register through the following link - <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/298197>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact info@birminghambulldogs.org or visit www.birminghambulldogs.org for more information.

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GSRP Openings for this school year (repeat)

Immediate openings are available in the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), located at Bingham Farms. GSRP is a grant-funded, full-day, **free** preschool program for children who were 4 years old by December 1, 2021. Families interested in applying can reach out to Laura Tinsley at 248-203-5805, LTinsley@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

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SCHOOL LUnches (repeat)

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

Water - \$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 (repeat)

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 (repeat)

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:

February: 19

March: 5, 12, 19

April: 9, 23, 30

May: 7, 14, 21

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CHARTWELLS IS HIRING (repeat)

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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The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a learning/working environment in which all individuals are treated with dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment. There will be no tolerance for discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information, disability or age. The District prohibits harassment and other forms of discrimination whether occurring at school, on District property, in a District vehicle, or at any District related activity or event. The Superintendent will designate compliance officers and develop and implement regulations for the reporting, investigation and resolution of complaints of discrimination or harassment. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Students - Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of disability should be directed to: Executive Director of Special Education, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, 248.203.3000. Direct all other inquiries related to discrimination to: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, 248.203.3000.

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