



Harlan Husky Families,

Today felt like the second Monday in a week. We all know how Mondays can feel, but the kids quickly rebounded from their bonus "weekend." Luckily for us, we were able to still squeeze in our 5th Grade Spelling Bee on Tuesday. Congratulations to our top three finishers. In 3rd place was Sam Bunting. Taking 2nd place was Madelyn Coyle. Our Spelling Bee Champion was Tia Adelson who won with the word "Juneteenth." The 5th graders who participated did an excellent job and I am proud of each one of them for taking on this challenge.

Also, next week is National School Counselor Week, a great time to celebrate our wonderful counselor, Ms. Kelsey Arsenault. If your child has had the opportunity to work with her through her classroom lessons, small groups, or individual check-ins, please take a minute to reach out to thank her for the work she does to support all of our kiddos's social-emotional learning. It takes a village!

Sincerely,

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HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS

THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 7 (A) – Drama Kids after school class 3:55 – 4:55 PM; Drawing with YR after school 3:50 – 4:50 PM; Barge Building (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:00 PM; Reflection Relay (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:00 PM

Tuesday, February 8 (B) – Water Rockets (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 7:45 – 8:45 AM; Mystery Architecture (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:00 PM; Zowie Estimation (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, February 9 (C) – Math Pentathlon before school 8 – 8:45 AM; Precision Ping Pong (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:15 PM; Code Ninjas (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 7 – 8:00 PM; **PTA Meeting 7 PM (Special Guest: Superintendent Dr. Roberson)**

Thursday, February 10 (D) – Glee Club after school 3:50 – 4:30 PM

Friday, February 11 (A) – iCode: Game Design & Stop Motion Animation after school class 3:50 – 5:00 PM; Crash Car Eggspert (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:00 PM; Weather or Not (4th & 5th Science Olympiad) 4 – 5:15 PM; **PTA Family Game Night at 7:00 PM**

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KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP – SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23

We are getting ready for Kindergarten 2022-23! Please forward this to your neighbors who have a kindergarten-aged child! Our Kindergarten Round up is scheduled for Monday, February 7th at 6:30pm at Harlan Elementary School. The parent-only evening will consist of an introduction to kindergarten, an explanation of the registration process and requirements, and a classroom visit, plus plenty of time for questions and discussion. The on-line registration process for school begins right after Round-Up. Please fill out the information in the link below to RSVP to Round Up and to get on our email list for all things Kindergarten. Spread the word!

[Kindergarten Round Up Information Needed](#)

Please contact the Harlan office if you have any questions at 248-203-3265.

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Kids heart challenge

Harlan Families,

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for joining us in supporting the American Heart Association through Kids Heart Challenge!

If you haven't had a chance to help your student get signed up there is still plenty of time. [Click here to sign up!](#)

Here's how it works:

- Start by downloading the Kids Heart Challenge app or visiting our school's link.

- Help your child to select a personal challenge: *Be Kind* or *Move More*.
- Set a fundraising goal with your child and send emails/e-cards or texts via the app to invite friends and family to support

Why not have some extra fun with the family and check out these [printable coloring pages](#) of the heart heroes! And watch them come to life when you scan them in the KHC APP! Or try doing one of the [yoga sessions](#) at home with the family! Check out the [Online Envelope](#) that will show you all the thank you gifts our kiddos can earn.

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:

- 3 students completed Finn's mission
- 84 students registered
- 45 challenge for being kind
- 38 challenge for moving more

Thanks for helping our school and the work of the American Heart Association. You keep more hearts beating stronger!

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CHARACTER EDUCATION & DIVERSITY POSTER CALL – NEW DUE DATE OF February 9th

Harlan's artists are invited to create works of art to promote our character education and diversity learning goals.

Artists can reflect on one of the themes below and submit original artwork that will be used in our Harlan hallways. Paper will be provided for those who are interested.

As part of this project, we are requesting donations that will be used to fund our poster printing/framing, as well as our Harlan Diversity Night (full details coming soon). Suggested donation is \$10-20, however any donation is appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Ernest Fackler – Harlan Art Teacher at efackler@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION – (repeat)

Due dates are coming up! Please read closely. In February's edition of the newsletter is information about events coming up soon (i.e. March is Reading Month and Scholastic Book Fair, February happenings, school store and more). Click the link for the full details.

<https://www.smores.com/g267e>

Bagel Passes for Sale

Bagel Passes can be purchased for \$12 for Friday Bagel Days beginning after winter break! [Click here for flyer](#).

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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 Book Talks and Informational Meetings** - Help your team prepare for Battle of the Books by joining our virtual trivia sessions. Librarians will ask a multitude of questions about the books so you can test your knowledge! These are completely optional. Zoom link will be emailed the day of the program. Click the links below for further details.
 - [Glitch](#): Monday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.
 - [A Wolf Called Wander](#): Wednesday, February 16 at 4:30 p.m.
- Last day for registration is 2/25/22.
- Battle Day! March 5th at 11:00 a.m.

School Store Opened

- **School store is open on D days from 9 – 9:45 AM through the end of the school year.**
- **Items available are school supplies (i.e. pens, pencils, erasers, etc.) and some fun extras (i.e. posters, books, fidgets, etc.).**

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>

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2022-23 Harlan Preschool (updated)

Registration for the 2022-23 preschool programs at Harlan Elementary School is open!

3-year-old program: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-11:30 AM – Spaces are available

4-year-old program: Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 8:30-11:30 AM OR 8:30 AM-1:20 PM – FULL, WAITLIST AVAILABLE

To learn more about our programs and to access registration information, please visit the Harlan Preschool page: [Preschool / Harlan Preschool \(birmingham.k12.mi.us\)](#). If you have any questions, please contact Angie Righter, Harlan CSO.

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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.

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HARLAN PTA NEWS

Family Game Night - February 11th

We are hard at work looking at an online game of Family Feud for our February Family Fun Night! We are hoping to poll our very own Huskies so the answers come straight from them! Mark your calendars for a fun night at home with your family and Harlan Community!

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82104906458?pwd=RWNvaE9DVm9rL3UrMVQvYkRodmVLdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 0490 6458

Passcode: harlan

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Valentine's Love DONUT Making kits (repeat)

Looking for a fun activity for your kids to celebrate Valentine's Day? We are excited to partner with Duck Donuts to offer families DIY LOVE donut kits. Each kit comes with donuts, glaze, sprinkles and some fun Valentine's candies so families can have some donut decorating fun at home! This kit comes in a 4-pack (\$10) or 8-pack option (\$20). All orders must be received by Thursday, February 10th. Kits will then be delivered directly to your child's classroom on Valentine's Day (Monday, February 14th). Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

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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/YsyPDbLa7fcGgjBaA>

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

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

Second Grade: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/a97qxkMwVv3maMnbA>

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.

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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Upcoming Events:

Feb 9 - February PTA Meeting (Special Guest: Superintendent Dr. Roberson)

Feb 11 - Family Fun: TBD

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day Class Celebrations

Feb 17 - Popcorn Day

Feb 21-25 – Mid-Winter Break

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 [January Newsletter](#).

DISTRICT NEWS

ART AS THERAPY

Please join the National Art Honor Society, Art and Counseling Departments at Groves High School for "Art as Therapy". The event will start promptly in the Little Theater on Wednesday, February 16th @6pm. **Participants will need to register.** All participants will start the event completing a mindfulness experience and then move to candle making (C-3), painting (C-6) and Positive Affirmations and Painting (the Commons). There are limited slots available. This event is open to families, students and staff.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E48A8AA29A7FD0-artastherapy>

6:00pm- Welcome: National Art Honor Society, Art and Counseling Departments.

6:10pm -**Mr. Cognetto** (wellness counselor), will share a mindfulness exercise to help center everyone and open our minds so we are able to bring awareness toward the art and candles we will be creating. Mindfulness can help us bring all of our attention into the moment, allowing everything else going on in our lives to drift away.

6:15pm-“Unlock the powers of positive thinking through the use of Positive Affirmations and Painting!” We believe that our thoughts have the power to change how we feel, how we behave, and ultimately what we believe about ourselves. Join **Mrs. Gohl** (school counselor, the Commons) for some canvas painting fun – no experience needed!”

6:15pm-Come relieve some stress while making your very own candle! You will melt, fragrance, and pour your own wax! Choose between the relaxing fragrances of Lavender or Eucalyptus. Top off your candle by creating a custom label. There is a 30-person limit on this class. We hope to see you there! **Mrs. Barksdale** (school counselor, room C-3).

6:15pm-Settle your mind and spirit as you are guided through an acrylic painting experience, producing a landscape image, with the help of **Ms. Belf** (art teacher), **Mr. Fink** (art teacher), and the **National Art Honors Society** (room C-6).

Birmingham Bulldogs Junior Lacrosse

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

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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SOS Personal Products Drive (repeat)

Schools Offer Support is collecting personal products to help families in our district. A collection bin will be in the Harlan vestibule January 31-February 8. Please consider donating any of the following items:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shaving cream
- Hair conditioner
- Mouth wash

Thank you for your support!

BBSC Soccer Announcement (repeat)

After a successful return last fall, BBSC soccer will be returning to league play this spring. Registration is open on our website: <https://www.bbscsoccer.com/register>

We offer soccer games for Kindergarten through 8 grade from Saturday, April 23 - Sunday, June 12 and also a Sparks Tot program from Saturday, May 7 - Saturday, Jun 11. This is a play-based soccer skills class for kids from 3 years old to those heading to kindergarten next fall. For all the latest news and info follow us @bbscsoccer on Facebook and Instagram. We're excited to see new and familiar faces on the soccer field soon!

BPS STARS OF TOMORROW (repeat)

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](#).

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Birmingham Youth Assistance (BYA) Nominations (repeat)

Birmingham Youth Assistance seeks to honor any student in grades 6 through 12 who lives or is educated within the geographic boundaries of the Birmingham Public School district and has demonstrated a strong commitment to community service during the past twelve months. Students nominated for this program will be honored at a reception, receive

commendations from national, state, and local government officials, and possibly receive a financial award. Visit <https://www.birminghamyouthassistance.org/youth-in-service> for more details. All submissions must be received by **Thursday, February 17**. Students are responsible for following up with the nominator and ensuring that both forms are submitted by the deadline. See this [link](#) for the flyer.

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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: 5, 12, 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.

