

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Harlan Families,

It has been a long couple of weeks getting the building ready for the kiddos, but our Harlan Husky team has done an amazing job. This past week our staff has come together to decorate their classrooms and hallways, and prepare for the upcoming school year. We are all eager to greet the kids this coming Monday morning. This year, in order to avoid large numbers of people in the building, we will only be allowing students to enter the building to get to class. Please give those big hugs and kisses outside of the building and send your kids in with a big wave. We will have many staff members on hand to support your child and get them to their classrooms. If an older sibling who attends Harlan wishes to walk their little sister or brother to the classroom, that is most definitely welcomed! I know that this is different from what we have done in the past, but it is a mitigation strategy that we need to take at this time.

On a personal note, I realize that the beginning of the school year can be unnerving for many parents and students, especially during this time of virus mitigation. For two of my own children, this will be the first year they step foot in their new schools. Even though I work in schools, this still makes me a bit anxious for them. *I just tell myself that their school is just like Harlan.* Please know that your child's physical and social/emotional safety continue to be at the forefront of the work that we do each day at Harlan. Our students learn best when they feel safe and supported emotionally. Our teachers will spend much of the first week getting to know the students and building strong relationships with each of them. This is key to building a strong learning environment.

The Harlan Community, which includes all staff members, students, and family members, did an amazing job supporting one another over the past year and a half and I am confident that we can continue to do so during this school year. Our community is what makes Harlan Elementary School such a great place for kids! I acknowledge that we may have different views within our community about some of the virus mitigation strategies put in place, such as the use of masks, but masks must be worn by all when indoors. When outside, students will have the choice to wear or

not to wear masks and that choice will be respected and supported. This is another opportunity for us to model our touchstone of Respect, Responsibility, and Kindness for one another as we come together for another great school year.

With sincerity,

Alex Agius  
Proud Principal

### **HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS**

**REMINDER: School doors will open at 8:44am.**

### **THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!**

**Monday, August 30 (A) – First Day of School, Half Day (Dismissal is at 12:05 PM)**

**Tuesday, August 31 (B) – Kindergarten ½ day (Dismissal is at 12:05 PM)**

**Wednesday, September 1 (C) – Kindergarten ½ day (Dismissal is at 12:05 PM);  
Curriculum Night 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Thursday, September 2 (D) – Kindergarten ½ day (Dismissal is at 12:05 PM)**

**Friday, September 3 (A) – No School**

### **ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL**

Please review the [arrival and dismissal guidelines](#) to know exactly what to do for each. Since arrival and dismissal has changed in the last two school years, it is important for **all** families to review it prior to the first day of school. Remember every action triggers a reaction. Although some may think it is insignificant to deviate from the above expectations, any deviation causes a domino effect on the whole process. We are working together to do what is best for the entire group. The ultimate goal is to create an environment that is safe for all of our children. We appreciate your patience and support.

### **BUS INFORMATION**

Bus locations and times can be found in PowerSchool. If you are a Kindergarten family or a new family that does not have access to PowerSchool, please contact the Transportation department at 248-203-3940.

### **DESIGNATED PARKING SPOTS**

This is a friendly reminder to our Harlan families that no one should park in a handicapped parking spot without the proper license plate or placard. In addition, there are two reserved spots that are identified with who is allowed to park there. This is for our Volunteer of the Year and another spot that was purchased at our previous Auction. These spots should remain open at all times day and night since there could be many reasons why they would be used. Even if you think it will be just for a few seconds, it is still not okay to park in any of our designated parking spots.

## **PICTURE DAY – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Picture Day at Harlan is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. There were be a retake day later in the fall as well. 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.**

## **SUGGESTED SUPPLY LISTS**

Click on this [link](#) for the suggested supply lists for each grade level. Please know that these are suggested supplies and not required. If you are in need of assistance to secure supplies, do not hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher.

## **CALENDAR**

Harlan will be utilizing ABCD calendar for Unified Arts (i.e. PE, Art, Music, etc). Please click [here](#) for this year's calendar. Your child(ren)'s teacher will be let you know the schedule for their classroom as to what letter day they have a particular Unified Arts class. Also, here is the [link](#) to our BPS district calendar for the 2021-22 school year.

## **HARLAN KIDS CLUB**

Harlan Kids Club for 2021-22 is open for registration and scheduling. Click on this [link](#) for instructions.

## **NOON SUPERVISORS NEEDED**

Harlan is in need of a few good people to be Noon aides. Noon aides are an essential part of every school day. Noon aides support students in the lunchroom and monitor them at recess. The shifts will be 2.5 to 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](mailto:jszura@birmingham.k12.mi.us).

## **HARLAN PTA NEWS**

### **2021-2022 HARLAN PTA PLANNING CALENDAR**

Welcome Back Huskies! Please use the calendar [link](#) as your look ahead into all events and relevant dates for the 2021-2022 school year. This calendar will be linked each week with changes highlighted in yellow.

## **WELCOME BACK HUSKIES: FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM**

Please join us for a fun and safe evening of family fun! Snacks, games and plenty of fun will be provided by our PTA. Families will have the opportunity to get connected, ask

questions, learn about volunteer opportunities all while having a fun evening! This event is open to all Husky families. See [here](#) for details about the event. Go Huskies!

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST**

The PTA Back-To-School Checklist will go live on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. This is where you can order yearbooks, class shirts, add to class funds, sign up to volunteer and become a member of the PTA. Please look for the separate email with the link on Monday afternoon.

### **DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS AT BERKSHIRE & DERBY**

Mills Pharmacy will be hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics at **Berkshire Middle School** and **Derby Middle School** in the upcoming weeks for interested and eligible individuals. Eligible individuals 12 years of age and older are eligible to receive a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in Michigan, so long as they have not had another vaccine 2 weeks prior to the clinic. Anyone who is eligible is welcome to attend. Mills Pharmacy will be administering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and vaccines will be offered free of charge. Appointments are required. Dates for these clinics are as follows:

- **Berkshire Clinics**
  - 1st dose - Thursday, August 26, 2021, from 4:30 - 7 pm
  - 2nd dose - Thursday, September 16, 2021, from 4:30 - 7 pm
- **Derby Clinics**
  - 1st dose - Wednesday, September 1, 2021, from 2:30 - 5:30 pm
  - 2nd dose - Wednesday, September 22, 2021, from 2:30 - 5:30 pm

**Please note that you will need to report to the same location that you received your first dose to receive your second dose.**

To register for this clinic, please visit the Mills Pharmacy website and click on the COVID-19 vaccination page: [COVID-19 Vaccination – Mills Apothecary \(millspharmacy.com\)](#). There, parents/guardians will complete a copy of the COVID-19 consent form and send the following documentation to [vaccine@millspharmacy.com](mailto:vaccine@millspharmacy.com) with the school name.

1. [Consent Form](#)
2. A picture of your driver's license (if applicable)
3. Picture of insurance card (may specify if patient does not have coverage)

You will receive an email confirmation once your documents are received with a link to sign up for an appointment slot. Please schedule an appointment under the correct site (either Berkshire or Derby) COVID-19 Vaccine option and select the correct service. Appointments are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. **Individuals will receive their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card after receiving their 2nd dose.**

Parents/guardians do not need to present at the vaccine clinic as long as the consent form is complete and turned in at the time of the appointment. Mills Pharmacy will not be able to administer a vaccine to a student or individual without a signed consent form. Mills Pharmacy will review the consent form prior to administering the vaccine and individuals will need to wait for 15 minutes following vaccine administration for observation.

Any questions can be directed to [vaccine@millspharmacy.com](mailto:vaccine@millspharmacy.com).

### **SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCHES**

School breakfast and lunches will be free for all students at school. 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? Because 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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