

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Harlan Husky Families,

I do believe we are finally in the groove! Kids are easily finding their way around the building, diving into the curriculum, and all while smiling. Again, it's great to have them back.

Arrival and dismissal seem to be going well, but we do need your help. If you are changing your child's dismissal plans, please make sure you have communicated this to your child's teacher by no later than 11:00am. Teachers are not regularly checking their email throughout the day. If you are needing to change your child's dismissal plans after 11:00 am, please email both Mrs. Swaneck and Ms. Szura (kswaneck@birmingham.k12.mi.us and Jszura@birmingham.k12.mi.us) or call 248.203.3265 and press 3 to leave the dismissal plan. If you choose to email and do not get a response, please make sure to call as well. We just want to be sure all kids get home safely and in the correct manner.

I hope you are all doing well and I look forward seeing you all at the first PTA Family Fun Night from 6:00-8:00pm this evening!

Sincerely,

Alex Agius
Proud Principal

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS
THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!

Monday, September 13 (A) –
Tuesday, September 14 (B) –
Wednesday, September 15 (C) –
Thursday, September 16 (D) –
Friday, September 17 (A) –

THE LIBRARY CONNECTION

Welcome back! For information about the library please read [The Library Connection](#). This will give you information about:

- Checkout policies and procedures
- Video (titled 21-22 Destiny Catalog Checkouts) on how to place books on hold (for BVA families) and how to check your child's account
- A peek into what students are working on in the library
- MISelf in books initiative
- Coming soon... Birthday Books

Also you can get updates on Twitter @HarlanMedia2 and checkout our library website at <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/8720>

CLINIC REQUEST

Now that we have the majority of our students in the building all day long, we have had an increase of visits to the office clinic. Sometimes students have accidents (i.e. spills, paint, berries, etc.) which require a change of clothes. We still have a stock of most things but there are specific items that we seem to need. Please look at the list to see if you have any of the following that you wish to donate. We unfortunately do not have space for anything that is not on our list. Thank you in advance for your help!

- Boys' underwear size S and M (brand new)
- Girls' underwear size S and M (brand new)
- Gender neutral socks (brand new)
- Boys' athletic pants (elastic waist) size S and M (new or used) – No jeans or corduroy pants please.

LUNCH UPDATE

A full lunch will be provided for free for any student this school year who wishes to have one. Students who choose to take an ala cart milk or water will be charged \$.50 per milk/water taken. Please make sure you guide your students if you want them to take a water or milk as there will be a charge.

We encourage all students to bring a water bottle filled with cold water to school every day. If needed, they can fill the water bottle using our bottle filling stations. Last minute menu changes are occurring frequently and are out of our control due to the nationwide food supply chain issues. Menus on our website will not reflect these changes. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this difficult time. Please know we always will be serving happy and healthy meals to BPS students. If you have any questions, please email pguck@birmingham.k12.mi.us. Thank you!

PICTURE DAY – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

Picture Day at Harlan is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th. There will 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**.

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: November 17-18, 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](#).

NOON SUPERVISORS NEEDED

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 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.

DAISY SCOUTS OPPORTUNITY

The Harlan Girl Scouts organization seeks to develop girls of courage, character, and confidence. If you have a Kindergartener daughter interested in becoming a Girl Scout, please click here: <https://forms.gle/Dr6kv37M3LX99hQw7>. If you have any questions, please contact Cara Ruthenberg at cararuthenberg@gmail.com.

HARLAN PTA NEWS

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL OF YOUR SCHOOL-YEAR ESSENTIALS

Complete the Back-To-School Checklist by October 1st. Our Back-To-School Checklist is now live. Scan the QR code on the flyer or follow the link to your one-stop shop for all the school-year essentials: order yearbooks, order class shirts, grab a school directory, join the PTA and sign up to become a room champion! Click [here](#) for more details on the flyer.

Get started here:

<https://harlanptabloomfield.membershiptoolkit.com>

HARLAN PRESENTS: WELCOME BACK FAMILY FUN NIGHT - TONIGHT

Friday, September 10th - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

First Mission: Join us at the Harlan outdoor playground on Friday, September 10th from 6:00pm - 8:00 PM for an evening of fun! This is the opportunity for our Husky community to come together as we start the 2021-2022 school year. We will have plenty of information to answer all of your questions to assist in planning the school year. We

will have pizza and snacks from 6:00-7:00 PM for all families and games until 8:00 PM. Kids will get to vote on Spirit Week themes, sign-up for Scouts and other extracurricular activities. So grab a blanket and your entire family and join us for what's sure to be a great time as we kick off the year with our series of Family Fun Nights! This event will move to a new date in the event of bad weather. Click [here](#) for the event flyer.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT HARLAN?

Be a Part of our Special Ops Team: Husky Helpers!

“No Mission is Possible” without our Husky Community! Many parents have reached out asking how they can be a part of all of the fun events we do. They wish someone had reached out when we have a new idea or surprise for our kids. We are excited to launch a Special Ops team for our “Mission: Possible” that we call "Husky Helpers." This team has grown to over 40 volunteers before the school year started. If you have a few extra minutes this school year that you can choose what to be a party of, please join our “Husky Helpers”! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4DAAA92BA0F94-husky>

ROBOTICS IS BACK AT HARLAN

Attention 4th and 5th grade students, robotics is back at Harlan and ready for you to take action. It will start the week of September 13th and will continue until Thanksgiving break. There are only TWO spots left on the team. If you are interested in being a part of robotics, please click on this

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EA8AF28A0F85-45grade>

If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Jones at mgkrn@hotmail.com or 734-637-3558.

IT'S TIME FOR THE HARLAN AUCTION - OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

The Harlan biennial event monies raised will fund PTA activities, academic enrichment programs, and teacher grants for our 380+ student body for the next two years! Three years ago we brought a successful robotics program to our K-5th grades from monies raised at the auction. Ideas? Want to hear more about how you can donate or help? Are you a Harlan business owner? Reach out to harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com or signup below to be a part of our

team: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054CA4AC2FA7FA7-auction>

Upcoming Events:

September 10 - Family Fun Night

September 22 - September PTA Meeting

September 23 - Popcorn Day

October 1 - Back-to-school checklist closes

October 6 - Healthy Huskies/Get Fit Day

October 13 - October PTA Meeting

October 18-22 - Spirit Week

October 18 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Tulip Planting

DISTRICT NEWS

STRIDES FOR SOS 5K AND 1 MILE RUN/WALK – SEPTEMBER 26th

The second annual Strides for SOS 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk will take place on Sunday, Sept. 26 at Seaholm High School. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for SOS and will include a certified outdoor 5K course, a 1 mile course and a virtual option. Schools Offer Support (SOS) is a nonprofit organization that provides volunteer services and financial support to families throughout the Birmingham Public Schools community. Since the pandemic, SOS has assisted BPS families with:

- \$40,000 in grocery gift cards
- \$9,000 in laptops for graduating seniors
- \$5,000 in financial assistance for other items such as childcare, medical bills, and utilities
- monthly food boxes

Your participation in the Strides for SOS event will help SOS continue to support BPS families throughout this school year.

SOS will award prizes to the top three BPS buildings with the most student and staff participants. Register by Sept. 11 to be guaranteed a race shirt! Click [here](#) for the race flyer.

For more race details and to register,

visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Birmingham/SOSMilesforMeals5kand1MileRace>

To learn more about SOS, visit www.schoolsoffersupport.org

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.

KIDS EMPOWERED PROGRAMS COMING UP SOON

Register at Birmingham Community Education 248-203-3800 or www.communityed.net

The Yoga Kids Mindfulness Empowerment Workshop combines the Kids Empowered curriculum with yoga, mindfulness, and SLIME. Girls and Boys will learn how to calm their mind and bodies and to stay calm even when their environment is not. They will improve their strength, flexibility and coordination through fun yoga. They will practice staying calm while handling sticky situations and will learn to manage frustrations by problem solving and building conflict resolution tools. The mindfulness will help aid in connection with others and ourselves while practicing kindness, calmness and being in the present moment to reduce feelings of anxiety and hyperactivity. Kids make slime, do yoga, and role play handling sticky situations! Location: Seaholm High School Media Center \$20 per class

GRADES K-2

Date: Monday, Sept 20 5:00-6:30PM #16778

GRADES 3-5

Date: Monday, Sept 20 6:30-8:00PM #16780

Mother/Daughter Assertiveness Boot Camp - Does your daughter get bossed around a lot? Do they feel walked all over or feel left out? Girls will learn how to be

assertive in voice, body language and words. They will learn how to deal with problems, conflicts and when someone is being unfriendly in an assertive way. Assertiveness is a critical social skill in dealing with everything from getting help, to standing up for yourself, setting your boundaries to following your DREAMS! This is a mother/daughter workshop; please register the daughter only. Location: Seaholm HS Media Center \$35 per pair Additional child: \$15

#16773 – Ages 6 – 8 Date: 9/27/2021 Mon 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (additional child: #16811)

#16766 – Middle School Date: 9/27/2021 Mon 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (additional child: #16812)

Family Sibling & Conflict Workshop - Most families struggle with sibling conflict and teasing. In some cases, there is sibling bullying. Sibling teasing and bullying can cause more harm than the teasing kid or bully at school. If you have siblings between the ages of 6-14 years send them together to learn what the impact of their everyday meanness can have and how they can make a different choice in how they treat each other or how they handle the situation. Parents participate in their own workshop to learn how to manage sibling conflict while kids learn how to problem solve. At the end, parents and kids come together to work on a family contract. Location: Groves High School Staff Planning

#16784 Date: 10/3/2021 Sun 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM \$36.00 (includes both parents and two siblings) #16792 Additional Child: \$15.00

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School breakfast and lunches will be free for all students at school when the entire meal is taken. 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 is this important? 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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