

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Harlan Husky Families,

I hope that you all had a pleasant week. It was nice to finally have a full week with the kids as well as the arrival of hot lunch! The kids seemed to be pretty excited about this as our lunch line is definitely longer than it has been with just the cold option. Thanks goes out to Chartwells for making this happen.

Another thank you goes out to the Harlan PTA for the wonderful event last Friday evening. It was truly great to have us come back together again as a school community! I have really missed that part of being a Principal!

I hope that you all enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS

THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!

Monday, September 20 (B) –

Tuesday, September 21 (C) –

Wednesday, September 22 (D) – PTA Meeting 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 23 (A) – 2nd Grade Nature Center Field Trip (Fischer)

**Friday, September 24 (B) – 2nd Grade Nature Center Field Trip
(Quigley/Pope/Zydeck)**

THE ART ROOM NEWSLETTER

We are now finished with the third week of school which means the Art Room has been very busy. Click [here](#) to get the details of what the Harlan students have been doing in Art!

“PORTRAIT OF A HARLAN STUDENT”

This year, we will be revisiting the Harlan Elementary School Mission Statement. The creation/revision of our Mission Statement is important as it helps us to remain focused when creating short and long term goals, selecting strategies to implement and how to utilize our resources. As parents and guardians, you are an integral part of our

community and we would like to hear from you. Please take a moment to complete a “Portrait of a Harlan Student.” No, you will not be drawing a picture of your child. Instead, we are asking that you describe the skills and attributes that you hope your child would have when they leave Harlan and begin middle school. It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide us your input by Friday, September 24th.

[Portrait of a Harlan Student](#)

We look forward to reading your input as we continue in our effort to create the best school possible for all of our students.

[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.

[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

YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP IS UP – THE HARLAN BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHECKLIST

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!

NOTE: The color for the 4th grade shirt has changed from jade to blue for any families who may not have ordered otherwise!

Click [here](#) for more details on the flyer.

Get started here:

<https://harlanptabloomfield.membershiptoolkit.com>

COME JOIN US FOR THE 1ST PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR

Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm

We are holding next Wednesday's PTA meeting at the outdoor pavilion, weather permitting. This is your opportunity to hear about plans and all of the fun coming up! We keep meetings short and fun so stop by and listen, ask questions or bring some new ideas! We can't wait to see our community support!

POPCORN DAY IS BACK

Thursday, September 23rd is our first popcorn day at Harlan! Just a reminder to send in \$.50 per bag or \$1.00 for 2 bags that morning. Teachers will collect funds and popcorn will be delivered mid-morning to all classes. This popcorn can be taken outside the classroom for snack time or home for a snack later! Thank you to Truda Keith for stepping up and leading this - the kids LOVE popcorn day!

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>

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 21 – Room Parent Meeting via Zoom

September 22 - September PTA Meeting

September 23 - Popcorn Day

September 29 – Picture 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

October 21 – Harlan Restaurant Night – Shield’s Pizza

DISTRICT NEWS

FRIENDS

Please join FRIENDS virtually on Thursday, October 14th at 7PM. We will kick off the year by hearing from the BPS Specialized Instruction & Student Services Team on their priorities for the school year as well as how our LINKS programs will be reinstated!

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

FRIENDS meetings are always open to everyone. More details can be found in the meeting [flyer](#).

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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