

Harlan Husky Families,

I hope that you all had a nice week. I am glad that we were able to end on a beautiful day and get the kids outside for some much needed recess.

I will keep the message short this week in exchange for you taking a quick moment to give us your input on your vision of a [Harlan Student!](#) More details below. The survey closes this evening.

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Sincerely,

Alex

HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS

THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!

Monday, September 27 (C) –

Tuesday, September 28 (D) –

Wednesday, September 29 (A) – Picture Day

Thursday, September 30 (B) – PTA Back to School Checklist Closes

Friday, October 1 (C) – Half Day (Dismissal at 12:05 PM)

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**.

“PORTRAIT OF A HARLAN STUDENT” - CLOSING SEPTEMBER 24TH

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.

GLEE CLUB

Attention all 4th and 5th grade families...it's Glee Club time! We'll meet Thursdays at 8:00am in the music room beginning October 7th...see the link below for details and registration. Please register your child by Friday, October

1st. Email acooper@birmingham.k12.mi.us with any questions!

<https://forms.gle/zioV7Gm1MH2MBv9J9>

NO DOGS DURING ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

We want to make sure that all of our students are comfortable entering and leaving Harlan. With that being said, some of our **students** have concerns when it comes to our furry friends, so we are asking that no dogs be on school property during arrival and dismissal. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

CLASSROOM AIR PURIFIERS

BPS has been committed to quality air ventilation from the beginning of the pandemic, shifting our air handling systems at Harlan to the CDC recommended MERV 13 filters. We have also increased the air exchange to 4-6 times per hour in our buildings. While additional HEPA filters are accepted by the CDC as another layer that may be used, our air quality standards are already well beyond expectations from health agencies. At this time, HEPA filters in the classroom would be an extensive expense that would not provide an enhanced benefit for the cost, considering our current system and practice is providing. However, we do appreciate the engagement and support of our parents around COVID mitigation measures. At this time, we are not accepting the donation of additional air filters/purifiers. We appreciate everyone's support!

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!

HARLAN AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Registration is open for fall afterschool classes! We have several great classes to choose from, like Cartooning, Floor Hockey, Learn to Sew and Drama Kids. Session times and dates vary. [Flyers](#) are being sent home today, and all the information about all of our classes can be found at www.communityed.net -- Click on Youth Programs-After School Programs and search for Harlan.

FLU CLINIC

Harlan is hosting a Flu Clinic with CVS pharmacy on Thursday, September 30 from 4-6 pm. Please register in advance using this

link: <https://www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/clinic/vaccine-select?clinicID=8BEF1A64BDCDE14DD00FAC50137EF3F5>. Please enter through the

front doors at your appointment time and remember to bring your insurance card with you.

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.

MORNING KIDS CLUB POSITION AVAILABLE

Are you a morning person? Do you like to play? Do you love working with kids? Are Arts & Crafts your thing? How about playing outside? If so, come and join our Kids Club Team at Harlan! A position as a morning Kids Club assistant is open for immediate hiring. Please contact Angie Righter at arighter@birmingham.k12.mi.us if you are interested.

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.

HARLAN PTA NEWS

DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE BACK-TO-SCHOOL BY OCTOBER 1ST

Our Back-To-School Checklist will be closing on October 1st. 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>

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 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

BEF TAILGATE EVENTS

Come cheer on your favorite football team at the BEF Tailgate Events in celebration of their homecoming games. All BPS families and students are invited!

- Friday, October 1st - Outside the entrance to Falcon Field, Groves HS from 6 pm - 7:30 pm

- Friday, October 8th - Inside the entrance to Maple Field, Seaholm HS from 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Free cider & donuts from Franklin Cider Mill along with giveaways from our sponsors DTE Energy (Groves) and Dean Sellers Ford (Seaholm).

*Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) provides funding for teacher grants to support enrichment programs and activities to BPS students.

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.schooloffersupport.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**

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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