

A message from HARLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Harlan Families,

I can't even begin to explain how exciting it was to start the school year with kids walking the halls of Harlan! I truly loved hearing the excitement in their voices and being able to speak with many of them in the lunchroom. I am truly looking forward to listening to many more stories and jokes from the kids throughout the year!

While the first day of school is always filled with some angst for our younger students (and the adults) trying to find their classroom, I can confidently tell you that there was far less angst today. The kids did a marvelous job this morning navigating their way to their class and often telling the adults, "I know where it is," when asked if they needed help. I love seeing their confidence grow.

I hope that you all enjoy the long weekend and I look forward to see in the kids on Tuesday!

Sincerely,

Alex Agius  
Proud Principal

***HARLAN HUSKY WEEKLY NEWS***

**THE NEXT WEEK AHEAD!**

**Monday, September 6 – No School**

**Tuesday, September 7 (A) –**

**Wednesday, September 8 (B) –**

**Thursday, September 9 (C) –**

**Friday, September 10 (D) – Harlan PTA Welcome Back Family Night at 6:00 PM**

**MORNING DROP OFF**

If you are choosing to drop your kids off at school and you are using the drop off line, please do not begin letting them out of the car until 8:40 once supervision is available. Also, if you are using the drop off line, please do not get out of your vehicle at any point for safety and flow of traffic purposes.

## **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.

As school foodservice programs move to return to normal service and menus, we are facing unprecedented issues with the supply chain that will cause us to alter our posted menus with little to no notices. We are working closely with our distributors and manufacturers to secure both the food and supply items need to support our program.

While it is our intention to serve the posted menu each day at every school, supply issues may not make this possible on any given day until supply chain issues are rectified. We will always attempt to substitute the scheduled menu item with another that is similar as possible to the extent we are able to do so. Please know that we will always provide wholesome meals each and every day.

## **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**.

## **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.

## **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.

### **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***

#### **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**

***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 for all families and games until 8:00pm. Kids

will get to vote on Spirit Week themes and 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, robotics is back at Harlan and ready for you to take action. It will start the week of September 13<sup>th</sup> and goes until Thanksgiving break. 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](mailto: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! 3 years ago we brought a successful robotics program to our K-5th grades from monies raised at the auction. Ideas? Want to hear more on how you can donate or help? Are you a Harlan business owner? Reach out to [harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com](mailto:harlanhuskiespta@gmail.com) or signup below to be a part of our team: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054CA4AC2FA7FA7-auction>

#### **Upcoming Events:**

September 3-6 - Labor Day Recess  
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***

## 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 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? 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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