



# HARLAN ENEWS

Week of October 30, 2023

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## Important Dates and Links

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### Monday, October 30

- Pumpkin Patch Viewing

### Tuesday, October 31

- Halloween Parade @ 11:10
- 1/2 Day of School ~ Dismissal @11:50

### Wednesday, November 1

- Pumpkin pick-up
- Pumpkins will be cleaned up in the afternoon

### Tuesday, November 7

- No School for Students

### Wednesday & Thursday, November 8th & 9th

- Parent Teacher conferences
- 1/2 Days of School ~ Dismissal @11:50

### Friday, November 10th

- Picture re-take day

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## Weather and Clothing Reminders

As the weather changes and is getting wetter and colder, here are a few friendly reminders!

- No matter your child's age or grade, include a spare set of clothes in their backpack to keep in their locker. I promise it will come in handy when it's wet or muddy outside!

- Label, label, label! Label every jacket, hat, glove, and mitten! We can easily empty out our lost and found if we know who it belongs to.
- We go to play outside unless it is below 15 degrees (including wind chill) so please send your child with cold-weather items suited for the temperature.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/guardians into our buildings for in person parent-teacher conferences. Our partnership is so important and the Harlan staff is excited to share your child's progress as a Husky. Our goal is 100% percent participation in this partnership for parent-teacher conferences. The school is alive with projects and student work that is filling the hallways and classrooms.



We ask that you only sign up for one time per child. However, if there are circumstances that this is not possible, please reach out to Mrs. Klco. Sometimes there are circumstances that won't allow you to attend in person for your child's conference. Please consider signing up for a conference time using the teachers link and email the classroom teacher to request a Zoom link.

There is a ½ day of school on Wednesday, November 8th and Thursday, November 9th. School will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. and Parent -Teacher Conferences are from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. both days.

## Report Card Change

In Birmingham, we highly value our partnership with parents and are committed to providing meaningful insights into each child's educational journey. This academic year, we are improving how we share this important information with our families.



Our first opportunity to discuss student progress with parents will be during the November 8th and 9th elementary conferences.

Instead of issuing report cards now, we have prioritized personalized, teacher-led conversations about your child's growth and achievements.

The next formal update on your child's progress will be provided in January in the form of a traditional report card. In March, we will hold our second set of conferences, providing you with another invaluable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and discuss their development. The final report card will be sent home in June.

It is essential to balance personal interactions with teachers and the formal issuance of report cards. It should be noted that parents are always welcome to contact teachers for updates on their child's classroom performance at any time. Your active involvement plays a crucial role in your child's success.

## Noon Aides Needed

Harlan is currently looking to hire noon aides. If you are interested, please send an email to Amanda Sobolewski [asobolewski@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:asobolewski@birmingham.k12.mi.us) or Blair Klco [bk1co@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:bk1co@birmingham.k12.mi.us).

We would love to hire 5 days a week but are also open to a job share possibility

## Recess Volunteers Needed

We are looking for some parents to help us at lunch recess to help support appropriate play and sportsmanship at Harlan on our football and soccer fields. If you are interested in helping out please click on this link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4BAEAA2CA31-45138788-recess>

## Halloween Parade and Parties

I am looking forward to our Halloween events at Harlan that are just around the corner. This is a friendly reminder that we have students from the ages of 4 and up to 12 years old at our school. We have two wonderful family friendly events this year that include the **Pizza and Pumpkins on Sunday, October 29th from 4:00-6:00** and Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st. More information about Pizza and Pumpkins can be found below.



All Harlan and staff will enjoy an OUTDOOR Halloween costume parade and indoor classroom parties on **Tuesday, October 31st**. Parents and guests are welcome to view the OUTDOOR parade, which will begin at **11:10 a.m.** If there is inclement weather, we will move the parade inside in which parents will be asked to go to designated locations within the building. This parade has become an annual tradition at our school and is enjoyed by all who attend. The parade route is pictured below. Students will be following the blue arrows. I ask that parents and family members stand in the center of the black top, on the wood chips or the grass allowing for students to walk the sidewalk during the parade.

Earlier in the day, students will have the opportunity to enjoy classroom parties. The classroom parties will be reserved for students, room parents and a specific number of volunteers needed for that classroom for the party activities. Our classroom spaces do not allow for all of the parents/guests and students to be in the classrooms at the same time. All volunteers will need to have a background check, if you haven't completed one yet for the 23-24 school year, reach out to Mrs. Sobolewski in the Main Office.

We are encouraging students to wear their costumes to class on Tuesday, October 31st. We want to make the day fun and not a scary one for our littlest students so we have developed a few costume guidelines.

### Costume Guidelines:

- All costumes need to be age-appropriate for elementary students.
- Students should be able to function as a student independently in their costume. This includes sitting down and utilizing the restroom.
- Costumes that portray blood, death, violence, and those of similar nature are not permitted.
- Please no weapons or items that could be dangerous to students
- Please no masks or extreme make-up that will hide your child's identity.

Thank you in advance for your mindfulness to this.

Lastly, our goal is to ensure that all families and students feel completely accepted, included, valued and connected to the Harlan school community. We teach all students to be proud of their

identities, view diversity as an asset, and to demonstrate empathy and compassion for others. If your family does NOT celebrate Halloween, we will provide alternative fun activities for students who do not celebrate. Please notify your child's teacher if you would prefer that your son/daughter not participate in Halloween festivities.

### Boys pants needed

The office is in need of gently used boys pants in all sizes, especially sweatpants and athletic style pants.

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## UA Monthly Updates

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### The Library Connection

The Library Connection - NEWS FROM HARLAN ELEMENTARY LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER by Shauna Coleman | This newsletter was created with Smore, an online tool for creating beautiful newsletters for individual educators, schools and districts

📧 [smore.com](https://smore.com)

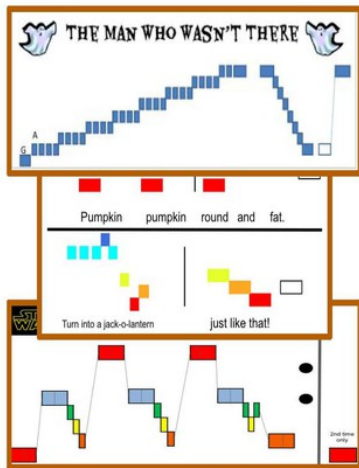
### Book Fair Help Needed

Please help our students shop at the fair. We need help with the cash registers and helping students find things in their price range. Cashiering is simple and support will be on hand. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49AAA82AABF4C16-45144650-harlans#/>

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Students across grade levels are making music with MELODY!

We learn the music alphabet, steps, skips, repeats, and of course...lots of fun tunes to sing and play on xylophones.

Be sure to ask your child what songs they're learning to sing with their class and play on instruments!



## Keep in touch:

Contact Mrs. Cooper (Harlan music teacher) and Ms. Friedenstab (Harlan music student teacher) anytime via email.

[acooper@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:acooper@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

## Glee club rehearsals:

November 2, 10, 16, 30

\*The 10th is a Friday

7:45am in the music room

## Stay in tune:

On the Harlan music website you'll find concert dates, glee club info, class projects, and curriculum information.

[www.HarlanMusicRoom.weebly.com](http://www.HarlanMusicRoom.weebly.com)



# October 2023

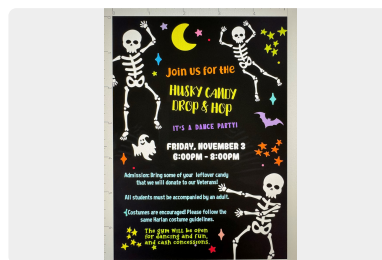
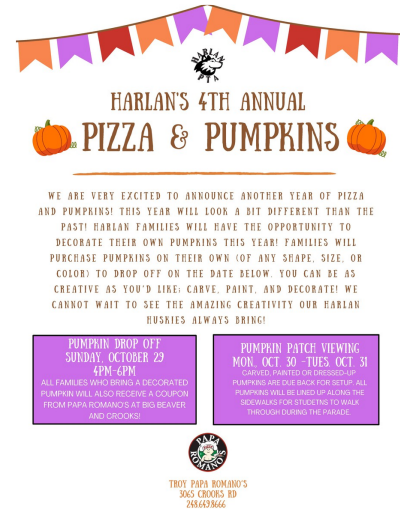
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15	16 B	17 C	18 D	19 A	20 B	21
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## PTA Updates

Be sure to check out the PTA Harlan Happenings for updates about all the events and activities they have planned.

### Pizza and Pumpkins

We still need your help! If you have some time on Wednesday 11/1 from 4-5pm to help clean up our pumpkin patch, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949AEAC2EA6FB6-45347886-harlans>



### Husky Candy Drop and Hop

Friday, November 3rd from 6-8pm. This is NOT a drop off event, you must have an adult present with your children.



### Mici's Pizza and Pasta Fundraiser

All week (all day) from November 6-13, you may dine in, take out and/or order online at Mici's in Troy to benefit Harlan. Please do not forget to use the Promo Code "Harlan." See flyer for more details.



## FRIENDS OF DIFFERENT LEARNERS COMMUNITY MEETING

Join the Friends of Different Learners community on Thursday, November 2 at 7pm (Birmingham Covington School, Media Center) for an interactive meeting where you will create an IEP Binder to organize all the important information you and your student need. This event is free and open to all BPS families! See flyer for more details. If you have any questions, please reach out to Harlan's Building Representative for Friends of Different Learners, Gloria Dunn, at: [gloriadunn10@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadunn10@gmail.com)

## Calling All Husky Artists!

**We are about to kick off the annual PTA Reflections Program at**

**Harlan!** The program's purpose is to inspire the artist within and encourage children to explore various art mediums. This year's theme is "I Am Hopeful Because..." and with 6 categories to choose from—Visual Arts, Photography, Music Composition, Literature, Film Production, and Dance Choreography—there is something for every student!

We look forward to celebrating our Huskies' creativity! In the weeks ahead, additional information, including entry forms, will be sent home with your student. If you need further information or have questions at this time, don't hesitate to contact Callie Wit at [callie.wit@gmail.com](mailto:callie.wit@gmail.com).



## District Updates

Mark your calendar now for the BEF Unabashed Bash on Saturday, February 3 at Daxton Hotel in downtown Birmingham. You won't want to miss this fun evening of dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, games, student performances and more! If you are interested in sponsoring this year's BASH or donating to our auction, please contact Kathy Zanolli: [BEF@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:BEF@birmingham.k12.mi.us) | 248-203-3030. For more information visit: <https://www.supportbef.org/sponsor-the-bash.html>





## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

w/ Superintendent Dr. Embekka Roberson

**Tuesday, Oct. 17 | 8:30-10 am.**

Whistle Stop Restaurant  
501 S. Eton, Birmingham

**Thursday, Feb. 8 | 5:30-7 p.m.**

Honey Tree Grille  
3633 W. Maple Road, Bloomfield Twp.

**Wednesday, April 10 | 8:30-10 a.m.**

Michigan Coffee & Creamery  
31225 Southfield Road., Beverly Hills



## Family Fun Night!

### OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Nov. 16  
5:30-7:00 p.m.



### DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

1300 Derby Road | Birmingham, MI 48009



## Day of the Dead Fundraiser Seaholm Spanish Honors Society

 **Monday, October 30th**

 **Little Theater**

 **5:30-7:30**

*Students K-8 Welcome!*

*Activities will include:*

*Face Painting  
Costume Contest  
Puppet Making  
Snack Bar*

*We will be screening:*

Disney · PIXAR

# COCO

**Wear your costumes!**

**Questions? Email SHH President,  
Molly Burke [mfb6@bps-schools.com](mailto:mfb6@bps-schools.com)**

**Ticket Price:**  
\$5 Before  
\$8 At the Door

We are charging for entry  
to raise funds for our Sister  
School, Neinas Dual  
Language Academy K-8  
in Southwest Detroit!

Scan this  
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Veterans are invited to join  
Birmingham Public Schools for a

### VETERANS BRUNCH

**THURSDAY, NOV. 9, 2023  
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION CTR.  
31301 EVERGREEN RD., BEVERLY HILLS**

**RSVP 248.203.3004**





# FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

## DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 2023

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • 5:30 - 7:00 PM

- Meet Staff
- Ask Questions
- Explore Derby
- Food Trucks
- Games
- Prizes

AND MUCH  
MORE!

JOIN THE DERBY DRAGON QUEST



EXPLORE WHAT DERBY HAS TO OFFER!

### Notice of Nondiscrimination

*The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a learning/working environment in which all individuals are treated with dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment. There will be no tolerance for discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information, disability or age. The District prohibits harassment and other forms of discrimination whether occurring at school, on District property, in a District vehicle, or at any District related activity or event. The Superintendent will designate compliance officers and develop and implement regulations for the reporting, investigation and resolution of complaints of discrimination or harassment. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Students - Inquiries related to discrimination on the basis of disability should be directed to: Executive Director of Special Education, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, 248.203.3000. Direct all other inquiries related to discrimination to: Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025, 248.203.3000.*



**Harlan Elementary**

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