

Welcome to Harlan's
Kindergarten Round Up
January 28, 2026

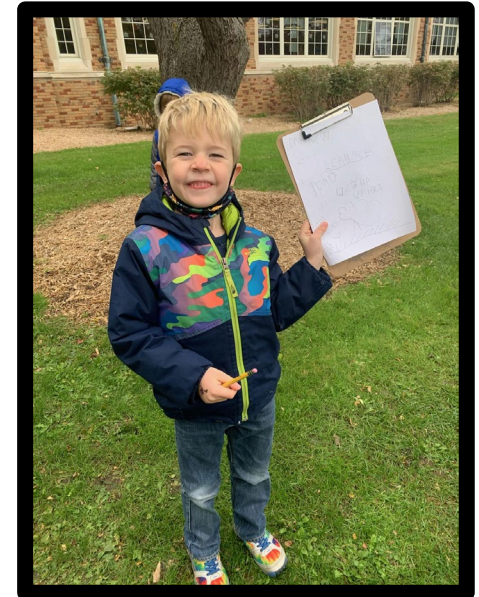
Welcome to
Kindergarten!



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Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- PTA
- Transportation
- Registration
- Community Education
- JK/Kindergarten 2026-2027
- All About Kindergarten
- Questions



Introductions

- Sara Hollander & Kali Stevens, Secretaries
- Beth Swanson, Community School Organizer
- Kellie Bahri, Harlan Staff
- Carrie Fines, PTA President
- Tara Mills and Josy Nolin, Kindergarten Teachers
- Keri Storm, Junior Kindergarten Teacher

PTA

A strong partnership between Harlan and parents which supports the school, students, teachers, and Harlan community.



What does the PTA do?

Family Events

Fall Fest, Red Wings Game, Color Run/Auction, Skate Night, VIP Breakfast, Special Persons Dance, And many more!



Teacher Support and Appreciation!

Whole School T -shirts, Thank you staff lunches, Conference Dinners, Teacher Appreciation Week, and more!



Teacher Grants!

Over \$8,000 directly back into classrooms!



School Programming

Author visit, Scholastic News, Planners for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, Math Pentathlon, Science Olympiad, Robotics, The Fish Tank, and more!

Why join the PTA?

Because when parents show up, kids notice.
And when kids notice, school feels like a place people care about.



Because PTA is basically:

Parents and Teachers trying to make school awesome...

While juggling work, kids, sports, and laundry!



Because your kid loves Harlan.

And this is one easy way to show up without signing your soul away.

Join the Harlan PTA.

Low commitment.

High impact.

Zero required bake sales.

(Okay... *mostly* zero.)

"My teachers voted me most likely to succeed in getting my mom to volunteer for stuff!"

Transportation

- Kindergarten students provided transportation if within bus boundaries
- Busses arrive and dismiss at the Bus Loop off of Adams Road
- Open Enrollment: Transportation provided by parent



Registration Requirements

- Child should be the age of 5 by September 1, 2026
- BPS [Enrollment](#)
 - Electronic enrollment can be found on [Harlan](#) & BPS Website
 - Vision, Hearing & Immunization – August 12, 2026
- Open Enrollment
 - Online registration at homeschool
 - Request an Open Enrollment Form from homeschool
 - No Sibling Preference
 - Should know by mid April
 - Random Selection (lottery) @ Harlan 4:00 p.m. March 19



Action Required

Please complete the Google form by March 18 :

[Child Information Form](#)



Important Dates

- Kindergarten Enrollment - Now through March 18
- Deadline for Open Enrollment - March 18, 4:00 p.m.
- Open Enrollment Lottery – March 19
 - Parent notified of Open Enrollment order
 - Open Enrollment is based on space availability with no sibling preference
- Notification of Open Enrollment Acceptance -
mid - April
- Kindergarten Day – May 14, 2026
 - Incoming kindergarten students will visit the school and our current teachers. Parents will gather together that morning.



Enrichment

- Before and After School Classes
 - Community Ed vendors
 - Offered to K-5th grade
 - Some of our favorite classes:



Brooke Cheer/Dance/Pom



Basketball, Golf



Dodgeball/Basketball



Chess Wizards



Art Kidcreate Studio

Kids Club

- AM- 7:00 a m drop off - start of school
- PM- end of school - 6:00p m
- Kids Club is a vailable on half days - 11:50 a m - 6:00 p m
- Registration opens online in August



Questions?



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All About Kindergarten

- Typical Day
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Social and Emotional Development
- What Can I Do From Now Until September?



A Typical Day in Kindergarten

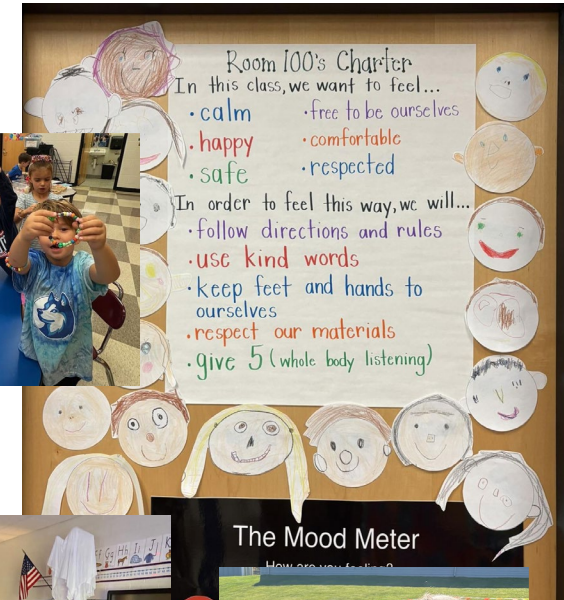
8:49 am – 3:50 pm

- Morning Meeting
- Language Arts (120 minutes daily, including Reading & Writing, Phonics, Phonological Awareness, Concepts of Print, Handwriting, Speaking/Listening Skills)
- Snack Break
- Unified Arts (45 minutes) Art, Music, Physical Education & Library
- Lunch/Recess (40 minutes)
- Quiet Time (20 minutes)
- Math (60 minutes)
- Purposeful Play (45 minutes)
- Science/Social Studies/Health (30 - 40 minutes)



Social & Emotional Development

- Classroom Community/ Morning Meetings
- Class Charters/ Mood Meter
- Positive problem solving/ I-Messages
- Character Education/ Counselor lessons & groups
- Husky Packs & Town Halls
- Purposeful Play
- Outdoor Recess
- Class Celebrations & Field Trips



PLAY



The Mood Meter



Volunteer Opportunities

Within the Classroom

- Room Parent
- Motor Moms & Dads
- Guest Readers
- Class Celebrations
- Field Trip Chaperones



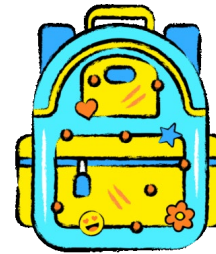
Within the School



- PTA
- Enrichment: Battle of the Books, Math Pentathlon, Science Olympiad
- Library: Circulation, Shelving & Book Fair Helpers
- Recess & Lunch Volunteers
- Fall Fest
- Bagel & Popcorn Days

What can I do between now and September???

- Enrich pre-literacy skills
- Enrich vocabulary
- Build fine motor skills
- Explore early math concepts
- Encourage independence



Communication

[BPS WEBSITE](#)

[Harlan Elementary](#)

Harlan Elementary [Facebook Page](#)

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“There is a wonderful word . . .

Why? . . .

That children, all children use. When they stop using it the reason too often is that no one bothered to answer them. No one fostered and cultivated the child’s innate sense of the adventure of life.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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