Welcome Harlan Families!



Today's Activities

For you:

Principal Welcome

District Information

Meet other Incoming Families

For your children:

Meet the Kindergarten Teachers

Classroom activities

Story Time

Our Current Staff

Mrs. Storm & Mrs. Pellegrom - Junior Kindergarten

Mrs. Mills, Ms. Nolin - Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Fackler, Mr. Longe - Unified Arts Teachers

Mrs. Bahri - Teaching & Learning Specialist

Mrs. Stone - Academic Interventionist

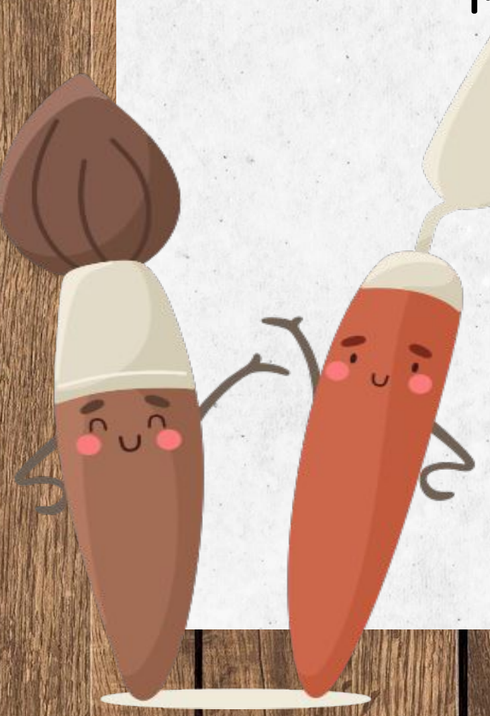
Ms. Ringler & Mrs. Tines - Learning Services Teacher

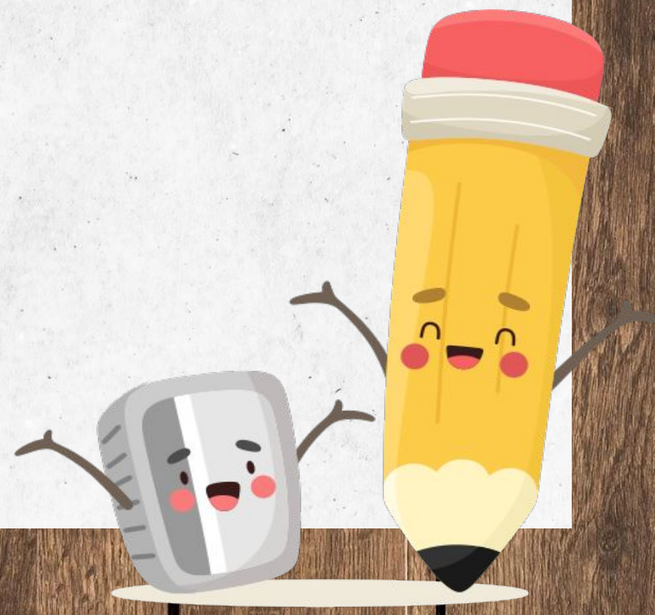
Ms. Hollander & Mrs. Stevens - Secretaries

Mrs. Swanson - CSO

Carrie Fines - current PTA President

Katie Oser - 2026-27 PTA President





Information

Lunch /Snack

Transportation

Communication with Home

Website

Harlan Herald

@harlanbps Instagram

Harlan Facebook

Arrival/ Dismissal

Vaccinations

BPS 2026-2027 Dates

August 31: **First Day of School**

Sep. 4-7: **Labor Day Break**

Nov. 25-27: **Thanksgiving Break**

Dec. 23 - Jan.1: **Winter Break**

Jan. 18: **MLK, Jr. Day**

Feb. 15-19: **Mid-Winter Break**

Mar. 26: **No School**

Mar. 29- Apr. 2: **Spring Break**

May 31: **Memorial Day**

Jun. 11: **Last Day of School**

Kindergarten Park Dates



Incoming Kindergarteners

Come play at the Harlan playground
and meet your new classmates!

Thursday, June 25th / 5-6 pm
Thursday, July 30th / 5-6 pm
Thursday, August 20th / 5-6 pm



Swag Bags



BEF Welcome Kit

2026-2027



Important Information

Assessment Days-TBD

(in the past they have been the first week back to school)

½ day for Kindergarten on these days

Sign Up Genius email will be sent out in August to sign up for a 20 minute session for each child

Meet the Teacher and Supply Drop Off

Typically the Thursday before school starts more info will come later this summer.

Harlan PTA



What do we do as the PTA?

We focus on partnering with the school to enhance children's educational success and well-being through strong parent, family and community involvement.

How do I get involved with the PTA?

Join our Facebook Page!

Volunteer to help at Fall Fest! It's a great way to get to know parents!

Come to our PTA Meetings or signup to volunteer!

What is the PTA up to?

New Families Dinner

Popsicles and Principal

Teacher Grants

Fall Fest

Parent Events

Staff Appreciation

And SO much more



Enrichment

Before and After School Classes

CSO (Community School Organizer):
Mrs. Beth Swanson

Sample of Before and After School Class Offerings

Cheer, Dance & Pom
Art Classes
Martial Arts
Floor Hockey
Chess Wizards
Dodgeball
Basketball
STEAM classes



Note: Fall Schedule of Classes will come out in early September.

Kids Club

Kids Club is a service that caters to elementary-aged students who are enrolled in Birmingham Public Schools. This program aims to provide a safe, comfortable, and engaging environment for children from JK to fifth grade, both before and after school hours. Kids Club offers a wide range of activities such as outdoor play, crafts, games, and drawing.



Kids Club operates Monday - Friday and follows the BPS District Calendar

AM KC: 7:00am-start of school

PM KC: end of school-6:00pm

Half Day: 11:50am-6:00pm

Registration opens in August!

Get to Know You

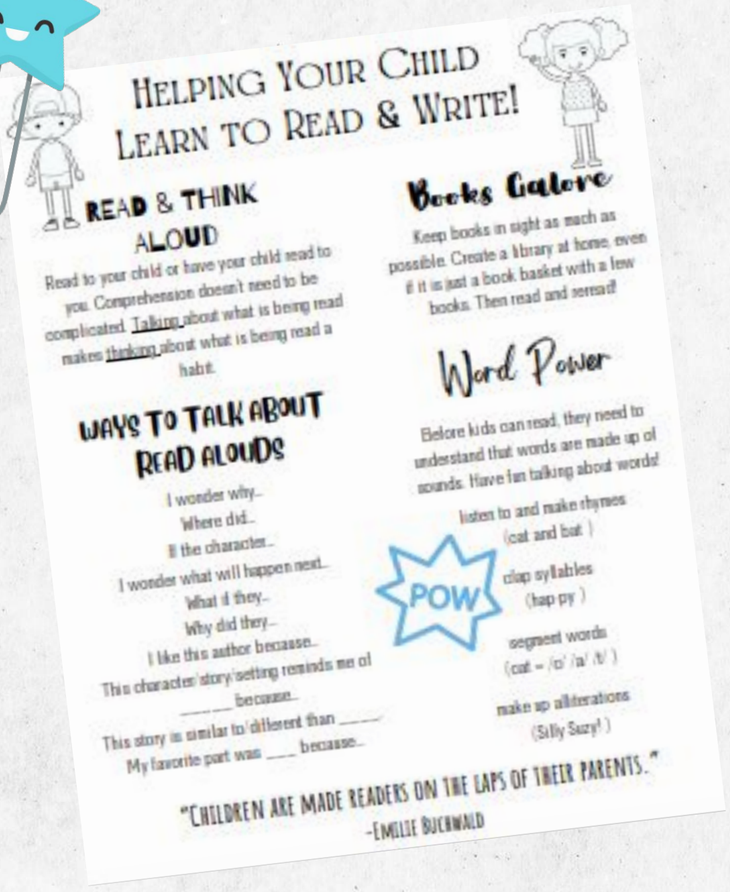
Chalk Talk

Mix and Mingle

Walk around the room and add your thoughts to our questions.

Don't forget to fill out the incoming JK or Kindergarten questionaire if you haven't already.

Handouts



Helping Your Child Learn to Read & Write!

Read & Think Aloud

Read to your child or have your child read to you. Comprehension doesn't need to be complicated. Talking about what is being read makes thinking about what is being read a habit.

Ways to Talk About Read Alouds

I wonder why...
Where did...
If the character...
I wonder what will happen next...
What if they...
Why did they...
I like this author because...
This character/story/setting reminds me of _____ because...
This story is similar to/different than _____
My favorite part was ____ because...

Books Galore

Keep books in sight as much as possible. Create a library at home, even if it is just a book basket with a few books. Then read and reread!

Word Power

Before kids can read, they need to understand that words are made up of sounds. Have fun talking about words!

POW

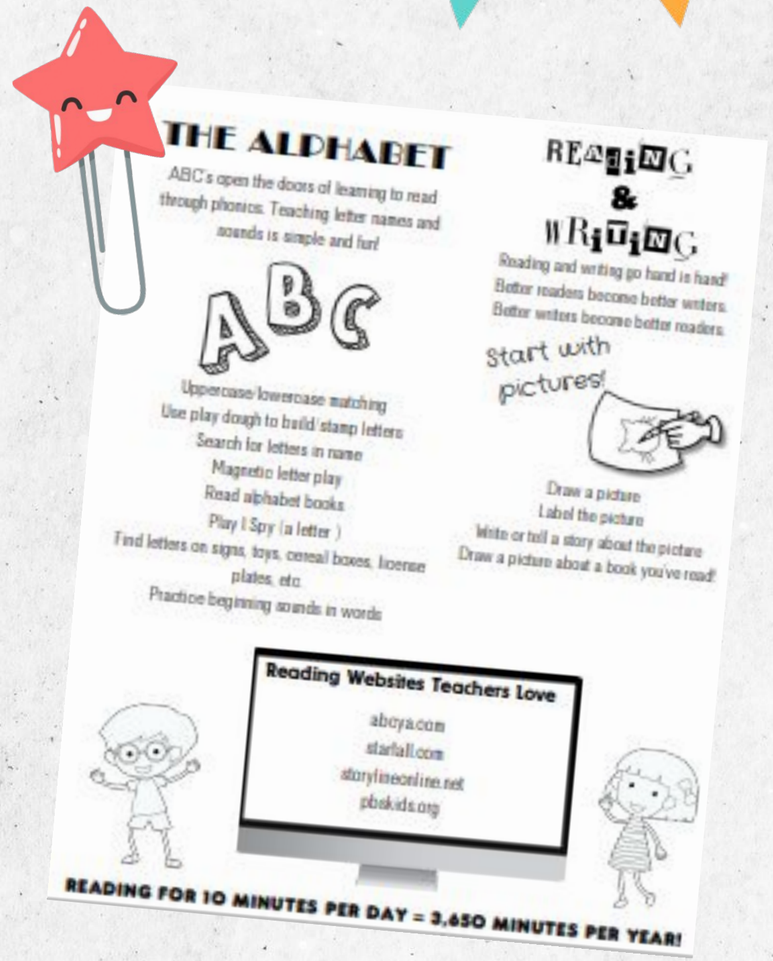
listen to and make rhymes
(cat and bat)

clap syllables
(hap py)

segment words
(cat = /c/ /a/ /t/)

make up alliterations
(Silly Suzy!)

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."
-Emilie Buchwald



The Alphabet

ABC's open the doors of learning to read through phonics. Teaching letter names and sounds is simple and fun!

ABC

Uppercase/lowercase matching
Use play dough to build/stamp letters
Search for letters in name
Magnetic letter play
Read alphabet books
Play I Spy (a letter)
Find letters on signs, toys, cereal boxes, license plates, etc.
Practice beginning sounds in words

Reading & Writing

Reading and writing go hand in hand!
Better readers become better writers.
Better writers become better readers.

Start with pictures!

Draw a picture
Label the picture
Write or tell a story about the picture
Draw a picture about a book you've read!

Reading Websites Teachers Love

abcya.com
starfall.com
storylineonline.net
pbskids.org

READING FOR 10 MINUTES PER DAY = 3,650 MINUTES PER YEAR!

THANK YOU

