

February Newsletter

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Mission: Toledo Public Schools' mission is to produce competitive college and career ready graduates through a rigorous curriculum across all grade levels by implementing Ohio's New Learning Standards with fidelity.



The KIDS HEART CHALLENGE IS BACK! Join us in learning about heart health and raising funds to protect all hearts! Through fun activities in school, we will discover ways to take care of our hearts and brains while practicing kindness, gratitude and learning ways to de-stress. In addition, we have the chance to earn PE equipment for our school! See below how you can get signed up to start raising money for the American Heart Association.

1. **JOIN OUR TEAM** by going to www.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge (on your phone or computer) and search for our school then click "Sign Up." or typing in the web address below!

https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=6319&pg=company&company_id=344073

2. **DOWNLOAD THE APP** for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) by searching for Kids Heart Challenge and do some fundraising from your mobile device.

For National Wear Red Day and TPS Goes Red (Friday 2/4), we would like students to wear red and to consider bringing in a \$1 that will go towards the Kids Heart Challenge. Dr. Durant threw out the challenge for 100% participation in years past, so let's show how much Harvard Huskies care!

WEAR RED ON FRIDAY THE 4TH!

February Highlights

Feb. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

*Afterschool Toledo Museum of Art Program
3:30-6:15

Feb. 3rd

*IRT Day
*Truancy Mediation Day
*PTO Mtg. 6-7 p.m.

Feb. 4th

TPS **GO RED Day!
Wear a red top and jeans. Bring in \$1 donation for the American Heart Association.

Feb. 7th/14th/28th

* Chess Club 3:15-4:00

February 11th

*Interim Reports
Mailed

Feb. 14th

Happy Valentine's
Day

Feb. 18th-21st

No School –
President's Day Long
Weekend

Feb. 22th

*Spring Pictures –
Individual, Group and
Classroom Candid

A Note from your Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this newsletter message finds you well and enjoying a mild winter thus far. Due to Covid still being an issue, please call the school and speak with Nurse Katie if you have any questions about possible exposure or actual confirmed cases. The criteria changes constantly, so what we could tell you may change the minute we say it. All Covid related absences need to be documented into our attendance system so please call Bonnie and send in a note. If notes are not received, the absence is recorded as truant and unexcused.

THANK YOU to our PTO!!! December was an exciting month for them with the Penny Wars and the Santa Shop that generated enough money to help out 21 families before the winter break. In January, we held our first in-person and virtual PTO Meeting. It wasn't well attended, but if you are wanting to know what's going on and don't want to be in-person for the meeting, you may want to use the virtual format for the February meeting on Feb. 3 at 6:00 in our library. Speaking of the library, did your child tell you that we have a new librarian? Mrs. Johnson retired after 50 years with the district. Thank you Sharon for all that you did for us. We now have a wonderful librarian from the Toledo Lucas County Public Library system. Her name is Cristen Brown. We look forward to having her expertise and friendly manner with us for many years as well.

Finally, I hope your children have talked about two initiatives that are really helping us here at Harvard. The PBIS team, which buys incentives for the children that are behaving and getting beautiful Dojo reports, have a contest in January for the Most Improved Dojo scores and in February for the top two students per homeroom. We know this is helping our children with the three R's: Respectful, Responsible and Ready! Also, ask your children about their iReady scores. Hopefully, they will be able to let you know how well they did on the Diagnostic Test in December and what their new goal is for the third testing window in March. These iReady scores are aligned with the Ohio State Tests in the spring. We are hopeful that with the hard work that the students and staff are putting in now will pay off in April/May.

Stay safe, keep in contact with your children's teachers and we will continue to get through this challenging year.

Sincerely,

John Jordan

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR STUDENTS

OF THE MONTH!

Mahaney: **Yesenia Loreda**

McManus: **Jaxson Bryant**

Kapelski: **Jackson Trembach**

Stebli: **Penny Hale**

Guenin: **Rylee Labiche**

Bainter: **Royal Moore**

Marquis: **Enes Karatas**

Sieminski: **Landon Cornelison**

Reinhard: **Selena Perez**

Chisholm: **Zoey Allred**

Newhouse: **Ryan Kimmons**

Garand: **Haven Pringle**

Pieper: **Mark Diebert**

Holloman: **Dylan Ellis**

Golini: **Shekiera Anani**

Harris: **Kaleb Mikesell**

Hall: **Olivia Clevenger**

Wambold: **Jayden Johnson**





Notes from Nurse Katie: February is Dental Health Month!

Did you know...

- Coconuts are a natural anti-bacterial food and can help reduce the risk of developing gum disease and cavities.
- Tooth enamel is the hardest structure in the human body.
- People prefer blue toothbrushes to red ones.
- Teeth start to form before we are born.
- Replacing a toothbrush after illnesses helps prevent the potential for re-infection.
- The human tongue is as unique as a fingerprint. No two people have the same tongue print.
- Kids laugh roughly 400 times a day. The average adult laughs only 15 times per day.
- The lifespan of a taste bud is about 10 days. The five known tastes detected by taste buds are: bitter, sour, salty, sweet, and umami.

Lost and Found: Is your child missing their hat, mittens, coat, sweater, hoodie, water bottle or lunchbox? Then have them stop and look in the lost and found located outside of the cafeteria. They may just find the missing item there if they are lucky!

🐾 **The February PTO meeting is at 6:00-7:00 this month! Come and join the fun February 3rd.**

🐾 **PTO has a Facebook page! Have you visited it yet? [Harvard Elementary PTO](#)**

Report Cards: The report cards were mailed January 18th. If you have not yet received your child's report card, please call Bonnie and check to make sure we have your correct address. It takes a just a couple minutes to update this very information means of communication. While you are at it, update any phone numbers that have changed in the last four months. Interim reports will be mailed February 11th.

PBIS EXCITEMENT! The staff will be looking for the TOP TWO DOJO STUDENTS now through February 16th. These hard working, READY, RESPONSIBLE, and RESPECTFUL kids will have a special reception held for them on February 17th. They will be treated to special snacks and fun activities with their selected peers. The PBIS team appreciates the continued perseverance the students have shown throughout the last couple of months and we thought that they should be rewarded for all of their hard work! These competitions will continue throughout the year, so if they did not make the February celebration, there is plenty of time to be included in the next one! Thank you for helping your child succeed at school! Fyi...YOU are appreciated too!

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PROCEDURE: We need to account for every child and the means by which they go home. As always, if you need to change the regular arrangement by which your student will be getting home, you need to contact the teacher via Dojo or a note sent with your child and/or call Bonnie during the day. That has not changed. However, beginning February 1st, Bonnie will be unable to dismiss your student early if you arrive AFTER 2:45. You will need to wait for them to be dismissed via the regular process. Teachers are finishing the day's lessons and preparing the students to go home and the distraction does not benefit the class. This procedure does not apply to the occasional family emergency. Thank you for assisting us in keeping the students safe.