

November Newsletter 2021

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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.

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for the great turnout that we had last week for conferences. Both on Wednesday evening and all day on Thursday, we had a wonderful opportunity to meet. If by chance you weren't able to make it, please contact the school so that we can make sure the conversation can be had about the first quarter. In November, we are looking forward to the 8th Graders taking the PSAT test and some of the students taking iReady Skills Mastery tests. We expect the students to always try their best and to come to school prepared with a good night's rest and food in their bellies.

This Thursday, Nov. 4th, we have our PTO meeting in the library. The meeting is generally under an hour and this week we have a guest speaker from the Board of Education, Alina Rodriguez, the Coordinator of Community Outreach and Engagement. She is always informative and we appreciate her involvement with our PTO.

The PTO will start the collecting of food items and money for the food baskets that will be given to families from Harvard. More to come on this venture that is always important and necessary in the next two months. In conclusion, I would like to **THANK YOU** at this time of year for letting us educate your children. We take this job very seriously and if you ever have any question or concern, please don't hesitate to call the school. Everyone on staff wants what's best for your children. Mr Neal Summers is a New Concepts counselor that has worked with our children since they became our Health partner last year. With Mrs. Leeper, Mr. Neal, Nurse Katie, Miss Bonnie, Mrs. Damschroder and myself, we will do what we can to satisfy you.

Take care and stay safe over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,
John Jordan

Celebrating 94 Years!



November 2nd Election Day

*No school for students

November 4th

*IRT Day (invitation only) *PTO Meeting 6-7 (School Library)
*Truancy Mediation Day

November 6th

*Daylight Savings! Turn your clocks BACK an hour tonight!

November 11th Veterans Days

*Thank you! You are appreciated!

November 15th/29th

*Chess Club Grades 2nd-8th (3:15-4:00)

November 18th

*All-school ALICE DRILL 9:30-10:15

November 22nd-November 26th No School!

*Health and Wellness/Thanksgiving Break

November 29th

*Interim Reports Mailed





**Harvard's
Safety
Patrol**

Congratulations to our safety guard of the month, Vanessa Dawkins! Vanessa manages the afternoon bus lane with diligence and consistency. Daily, she assists with guiding the bus students from the downstairs hallway all the way to the bus doors. Her dedication to keeping our students safe has been outstanding! We are so proud of you and appreciate all of her hard work!

The next PTO meeting will be held on December 2nd from 6-7 in the school library. All are welcome!



A Note from the Nurse:

As home heating devices will be starting soon, please be aware of the following symptoms that may indicate a malfunctioning device; allowing carbon monoxide to collect in the home. Carbon monoxide is a deadly, odorless gas that can be produced by cars, gas ranges/ovens, gas or kerosene space heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves. This gas can build up quickly without immediate detection. The most common symptoms for carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, dizziness, confusion, and nausea and vomiting. **If you suspect any carbon monoxide collection in your home, evacuate all peoples and pets immediately and call "911"** the fire department will respond and assess the situation and provide further direction.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mahaney: **Romello Green**

Kapelski: **Olen Horvath**

McManus: **Prentiss Brown**

Stebli: **Eli Napolski**

Guenin: **Zoe Lampkin**

Marquis: **Layla Ankney**

Bainter: **Tylen Jones**

Reinhard: **Lloyd Criss**

Chisholm: **Candice Barrett**

Newhouse: **Ashton Walton**

Garand: **Marcus Hurde**

Holloman: **Dennasia McKitric**

Pieper: **Travis Fernandez**

Golini: **Morgan Smith**

Harris: **Payton Walls**

Wambold: **Lilly Dunbar**





Please remember to update the office with ANY changes to your contact information! Changes to address, guardians, and especially PHONE NUMBERS! Please send a note to Bonnie or call the office so that we can update your information. Thank you for your assistance!

Food Drive



December will begin Harvard's Food Drive! This is one of our very successful community-support events of the year. If you have extra non-perishable items in your pantry or you find a superb deal at the supermarket, please send them with your child to school. We appreciate your generosity and kindness during this event! All food will be donated to our families in need as well as the Holy Trinity Lutheran Food Bank, our next-door neighbors.

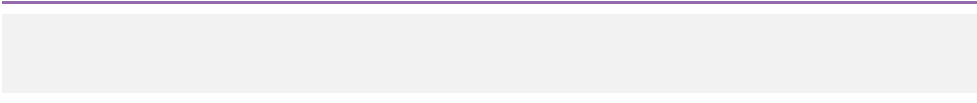
8th Grade Butter Braid Fundraiser is happening NOW! All money and orders are due by November 18th. If you have not ordered any of these DELICIOUS treats, now it the time to contact your local Harvard Jr. High student to place your order. You can also call and leave a message for Mrs. Hall to send a student your way!



The PTO has a couple events that you will want know about! Penny Wars, a Food Drive and the Santa Shop are coming up and all need volunteers. Can you give a couple hours to help your PTO? They will work around your schedule, please contact them on Facebook:
Harvard Elementary PTO.

Howl Worthy Notes:

- 🐾 **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who were the **TOP** coupon card sellers during the PTO Fall fundraiser: **Alexander Prims** won the gold, **Jayden Parker** won the Silver, and **Henry Walls** won the Bronze! Thank you to everyone who helped sell the cards. PTO fundraiser money goes right back to your children in fun activities throughout the year!
- 🐾 **CONGRATULATIONS** to Harvard Elementary for winning the 2021 Homecoming Spirit Award from Bowsher Principal, Teri Sherwood. She was impressed with the PTO float and our participation in the homecoming parade. Join us next year to keep the momentum going!





Just a reminder...When your student is absent, **you must send in a note** with them when they return to school. Lack of a note will result in an unexcused absence. After 10 absences, excused or unexcused, a doctor's note must be turned into the office for any day missed after that threshold. Accumulated absences will result in parents/guardians being called to the school to complete an *Attendance Intervention Plan* and continued absences will result in an attendance hearing with Pupil Personnel. Because the state now records hours missed rather than days, tardy/dismissed early will also flag students for attendance issues.

IMPORTANT COVID RELATED INFORMATION AND CALENDAR UPDATE: (As shared on TPS Facebook Page) The Food and Drug Administration has authorized the COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is expected to approve that recommendation in the coming days.

Toledo Public Schools has been encouraging all students and staff members to be vaccinated against COVID-19, and now that vaccinations will be available to our youngest students, we are reinforcing that message. The district is working with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department to offer vaccines for our students.

Wellness and Health Combined:

We realize the unprecedented circumstances that our staff members have faced because of the coronavirus. As we continue to promote wellness across the district and offer vaccination options to those who are interested, all TPS school buildings and offices will be closed on Monday, November 22, and Tuesday, November 23, leading into the Thanksgiving break. These two days are meant to be a time for staff members to recharge and re-energize as we prepare for the end of the first semester in December. It also gives those who are not yet vaccinated the time to receive their first vaccination. Students will be asynchronous remote learning for those two days or they will receive printed assignments that are required to be completed and turned in after the Thanksgiving break. There will be no in-person classes held that week.

Vaccination Options:

The district is partnering with the health department and Health Partners of Western Ohio on those two days to provide vaccine clinics to allow parents the opportunity to have their students receive a COVID vaccine in their learning community. Healthcare professionals will be at the following TPS high schools to offer vaccines to those students who are 5-18 years of age:

Bowsher, Rogers, Start, Scott, Waite, and Woodward. TPS staff members and other members of the community who are eligible for the vaccine can go to one of the district's school-based health centers (Waite, Woodward, Rogers and Scott high schools) to receive their vaccination. Details

regarding times and the exact locations of the clinics will be confirmed soon.

Students will be required to get their second vaccine three weeks after the initial shot.

Mask Update:

At the start of the school year, TPS required students and staff members to wear face coverings or masks when in a school or a TPS office. The district will continue to follow that mandate. Current recommendations from local and state health officials reinforce that face coverings are one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. District officials will continue to monitor the number of confirmed cases among students and staff members.

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