

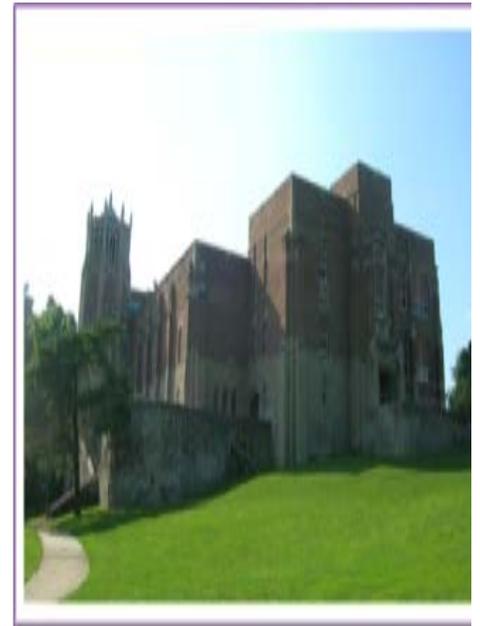
# Harvard Elementary

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Dear Parents,

As we are coming up on Spring break, I'd like to express the need for parents to keep the children focused on school work and behavior. We are interrupting testing this year with Spring Break because of when it falls on the calendar. So even though we leave for over a week off, we come back to finish our Math and Science testing upon our return. It's not the best way to test our student's knowledge, but it's all we have to work with. I'm asking for you to encourage your children to do their best despite the timing and to be at school as much as they can. Having many absences due to sickness and appointments also hurt the children's ability to show the district what they know. We understand if your child wakes up with a fever or is vomiting, but if they can avoid dismissing early or "fighting" through the sniff, please let them. We will work with you. We already know that a lot of students showed us great work in the first round of testing in late March. Keep encouraging your children to do their best. We have all kinds of incentives to offer the children based upon their hard work and the results.

We would like to thank the PTO for the signs for the Ohio State Test Pep Rally that was held on Friday, March 22. They have also conducted a wonderful Little Cesar's Pizza fund raiser! All of the proceeds will come back to your children with the upcoming events that the PTO has in store for the last couple of months, such as the Mother/Son Dance and changes to our Field Day. Despite the fact that the PTO isn't meeting in April, they need your involvement, so please nominate yourself or someone for a position on the PTO Board. The election will be held in May, so don't wait. Ask for a nomination form in the main office, or email the PTO for a form.

In conclusion, just a word about recess and the traffic situation with our driveway. Recess has started back on March 4th. There have been wet days and cool days that we have had to cancel it for the health and well-being of our students. Please watch for the weather before sending your children to school. There are still some students not wearing enough, since they just come right out of your car. But for 10 minutes of recess, a North Face may not be warm enough when the wind chill reads 20+ degrees. With regard to the traffic congestion, on Friday, March 22, we had a difficult time getting an injured student out of our school due to the driveway being blocked with a lot of cars. Please know that if we ask you to circle around till you see your child, please do so without argument, it's for the safety of all of our students. Our buses can't get in safely if you are parking in the NO PARKING areas that have signs and yellow paint. Please refrain from parking on the curve or by the dumpster. That angle is the hardest for our buses to make that turn. We appreciate your help with this matter. Have a great spring break with your family.

Sincerely yours,  
John Jordan

**PBIS SPRING BEHAVIOR INITIATIVE:** Students have been frantically earning Dojo points throughout the last week in order to be one of the top 50 students who will get to go to SKYZONE as a 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter reward! The top 50 students earning 95% or higher on Dojo will be rewarded this esteemed prize. Random acts of kindness, outstanding participation during class, impressive cafeteria behavior, completed homework, arriving to school on time, courtesy in the classroom, are all samplings of how students can earn some extra Dojo points the last few months of school!

## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT EXPANDING PARENT PORTAL

Last year, Toledo Public Schools expanded the use of Parent Portal, an online resource that allows parents to monitor their student's grades, attendance AND assignments and communicate with teachers. The success of the program in our high schools has prompted opening the system to our **sixth, seventh and eighth grade families**.

These elementary parents will have access to Parent Portal starting this Monday, April 1. Along with the many updates parents can receive about their students and current progress in the classroom, it also encourages a greater connection between our families and our schools.

The process for gaining access to the system is very simple. Letters have been mailed to parents and administrative and clerical staff members at all elementary schools have received training in the past few weeks on how to assist those parents who might have a question about registering or how to navigate the system.

Along with the letters that have gone home to the families, all calls and other promotional efforts are happening to encourage parents to sign up for Parent Portal.

We look forward to having more parents gaining access to Parent Portal and to building the connection between our families and schools.



**Thank You! Trinity Tutoring:** Thank you Denny DeLucia and all of your volunteers who met Harvard students every Tuesday evening this last semester for FREE tutoring. Your kindness and dedication in assisting our students will always be cherished by our staff and families.



**Discover TPS Kindergarten**

**Thursday, April 4th 5:00pm-7:00pm**

**Friday, April 5th 9:00am-11:30am**

**12:30pm-3:00pm**

**Spring Registration and Open House**

**Visit Harvard to meet the staff, visit the classrooms, and register for Kindergarten!**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Mahaney: **Audrey Makiolajczak**

McManus: **Selena Perez**

Kapelski: **Elzie John**

Stebli: **Audrina McGranahan**

Guenin: **Addisyn Reef**

Diebold: **Oneals Swint**

Bainter: **Ava Shepler**

Marquis: **Brendan Culp**

Ratigan: **Malikyi Brooks**

Sieminski: **Raven Perez**

Pass: **Michael Norris**

Chisholm: **Sophia Birkhimer**

Newhouse: **Kaiyah Pearce**

Garand: **Ivy Northrup**

Pieper: **Ayla Turk**

Hatmaker: **Jeremiah Dicks**

Youssef: **Heaven Tall**

Golini: **Jessica Christ**

Hall: **Breonna Roark**



## Harvard Happenings

### April 1<sup>st</sup>

- \*5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Camp Storer
- \*Chess Club 3:15-4:00

### April 3<sup>rd</sup>

- \*Truancy Mediation Day
- \*Kindergarten Discovery 5-7pm

### April 5<sup>th</sup>

- \*NO KINDERGARTEN TODAY!**
- \*Kindergarten Discovery 9:30-3
- \*5<sup>th</sup> Grade returns from camp
- \*Panera Fundraiser 5-7
- \*Preschool at Zoo 9-11:30

### April 8<sup>th</sup>

- \*Chess Club 3:15-4:00

### April 11<sup>th</sup>

- \*IRT Day
- \*HOP Family Movie Night (PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) 6-8:00 p.m.

### April 12<sup>th</sup>

- \*Jeans Day for \$1.00
- \*Heart Challenge Awards 2:30

### April 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### \*SPRING BREAK

### April 24<sup>th</sup>

- \*Secretaries Day – Show Christie some love!

### April 25<sup>th</sup>

- \*Jr. High Science Fair

### April 26<sup>th</sup>

- \*Nurse Katie's Birthday! Send her a card!

### April 27<sup>th</sup>

- \*Mother/Son Dance 6-8 pm in the auditorium.

### April 29<sup>th</sup>

- \*Chess Club 3:15-4:00



Congratulations to our safety guard of the month, Adriana Paszczykowski. She has been diligently arriving early to school to assist with students safely getting to breakfast and to their classrooms. After school, she stays until the last bus has driven off of the school grounds. Her supreme leadership skills have aided in keeping the safety patrol squad organized and at their posts every day. Harvard is so fortunate to have Adriana watching over our students! She is a student that exemplifies our true Husky Pride!

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## PTO Upcoming Events

**Family Movie Night:** Enjoy an evening with friends before Spring Break! On April 11<sup>th</sup> (6-8 p.m.) in the Harvard Auditorium, the movie *HOP* will be shown. Students must be accompanied by a parent. The event is for Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Mother/Son Dance:** Fly to this event in your finest superhero ensemble! There will be activities for mini superheroes to earn gifts for their super mom. Mark your calendar now for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.

**Book Fair/Family Night:** The week of May 13<sup>th</sup>, our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place. Wednesday of that week will be the very popular Family Night. This year, you will be able to purchase a dinner of a walking taco, drink and a cookie for \$5.00. The money will assist in funding two of our students to their Leadership Camp this summer. In addition to buying books, you and your family will be able to visit with the Therapy Dogs, WGTE, a rep from the Toledo Library, among other surprises.

**Muffins for Moms:** This favorite event is scheduled for the morning of May 7<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium. Mark your calendars now!

**Field Day:** The PTO and Mrs. Smith are already planning this fantastic end-of-the-year event! If you are able to help on May 24<sup>th</sup>, let us know! The more, the merrier!

*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.*