

Har-Bur Happenings

Two Great Towns. One Awesome School. Endless Opportunities...

Good Morning HBMS Community,

Next week we will be celebrating National Random Acts of Kindness Week 2/15-2/19 at Har-Bur Middle School. Thanks to the work of our student council and their advisors Leslie Hubbard and Emily Wankier, the school will be filled with inspirational quotes and posters about Kindness. In addition, we will highlight several reported acts of kindness here at school over the morning announcements as well as a Kindness Quote of the Day. Students will be engaged in a lesson ultimately leading to students coming up with actions they can take to continue to promote kindness at Har-Bur.

In addition, February is Black History Month. This week we are recognizing John Lewis, civil rights activist and US Congressman who passed away last summer. Students will be analyzing one of his more famous quotes: "If you see something that is not right, not fair, not just. You have a moral obligation to do something about it." They will be discussing why it's important to stand up and speak out when we see something that is not right?

On an unrelated note, we need your help with the afternoon pickup. We are asking that parents not wait in the 4 pods near closest to our school and/or in our circle. Please park in the pods closer to the central office and the high school and as the buses leave follow the last bus around our circle. This should cut down on the bottleneck near our pickup area and provide for a safer process.

Warm Regards,

Joe and Peter

Please follow us on Instagram ...@Harburhuskies

Information and Reminders:

- Tues 2/16-Thurs 2/18 - Students will have the opportunity to write a "Note of Appreciation" during lunch waves to their classmates and teachers and the cards of gratitude will be delivered to recipients each morning by Student Council members.
- Wednesday, 2/17 - Is designated as Be Kind Spirit Day and students will wear red, pink, and white for friendship, love, and kindness. Homeroom teachers will

engage in an SEL lesson on Kindness which will also involves the creating of Kindness Trees. Each student will make a heart-shaped "leaf" describing what kindness means to them and how they will share it at Har-Bur and the leaves will then be combined to make large Kindness Tree displays in the hallways.

- Temporary Distance Learning Plan: The following is for students that need to be out of school for a short period of time. Students should access their teachers' TEAMS pages at the normally scheduled time. Teachers have the choice of asynchronous assignments posted daily with consistent check-ins during the time out, live streaming from class to the students at home, or a combination of the two depending on the lesson and day. The tasks that are assigned would need to be completed in the timeline the teacher gives to determine attendance/engagement.
- The Technology Assistance page for the district is live and can be accessed at the following link: www.region10ct.org/technology. To submit a Help Desk Ticket, do the following:
 - Go to www.region10ct.org.
 - Go to "Parents" and scroll down to the last entry "technology assistance".
 - Go to Other Resources:
 - Submit a Help Desk ticket
 - Fill out the Help Desk ticket and one of our tech people should get back to you. Please make sure to put in the student's full name, grade, and a description of the problem.
 - The Reading Department wanted to send this for your consideration.
 - Using Imagery While Reading
 - <https://www.readingrockets.org/pdfs/edextras/34430-en.pdf>
 - <https://www.commonensemedia.org/blog/how-to-motivate-a-middle-school-reader>



[How to Motivate a Middle School Reader | Common Sense Media](#)

Try these six tips to get middle schoolers reading: Let them choose what they read: Having control over what they read increases kids' motivation to do it. And don't criticize their choices or formats -- books, ebooks, graphic novels, articles.

www.commonsensemedia.org

- The World Language department asks you to look at the Form link and give their input.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6u2498L1k2E8FhKiZE5Yr2b4GeOGyFLuO6UwZsrt7ZUQjRGTVZIUe8xQzM3VkvQQ1VCQk5IRjVENS4u>

- Two-Town Showdown!!: Make-A-Mark is hosting a great new event in Region 10. Check out the attached flyer for all the information about how to get involved in this battle of the bands!! [Make A Mark Battle of the Bands 2-12-21.pdf](#)
- Relay for Life: Relay for Life of Farmington Valley Involves Har-Bur Middle School Students. Relay for Life is the major fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life of Farmington Valley has been very successful. Students from Har-Bur Middle School have been a big part of that success. In the past 4 years, 445 Har-Bur students joined fundraising teams joined together at the Relay to celebrate cancer survivors, caregivers and remember those who have passed from the disease. Last year with the need to reprioritize our lives, Relay for Life and other fundraisers needed to be reduced however we still raised an amazing \$155,000. With a "light at the end of the tunnel", the Relay's Event Leadership Team is planning a Relay for July

31 when, if safe, we will have a festive and successful Relay. Recruiting for the Relay will begin towards the end of March. If you would like further information contact, Dr. Harvey Dutil, Team Recruitment Chair at dutilrelay@gmail.co

- Farmington Valley Generals Pizza Fundraiser: In case you did not know, LSM students play on the Farmington Valley Generals Hockey team. Please help support them at this pizza fundraiser on February 18th. Details in this flyer. [Naples Flyer for 2-13-EBlast.pdf](#)
- Class of 2022 Can and Bottle Drive: Save your cans and bottles to support the LSM Class of 2022! The drive is happening today, Saturday, February 13th, from 10 am-2 pm. Please drop off your refundable cans and bottles at the LSM main entrance. Any questions, please contact class22advisor@region10ct.org. Hope to see you there!
- Farmington Adult Education – flyer for our students - [Farmington Continuing Ed Winter 2021.pdf](#)
- Burlington LAX Registration Information - [Burlington LAX Spring 2021 Flyer 2-13-21.pdf](#)
- Schedule: Our school has a four-day rotating schedule. If we miss a day of school for the weather, we no longer skip that day in the rotation. Instead, we are “Pushing” the days. For instance, if there is no school (including no DL) on February 16th and it is a day 1, February 17th would become a day 1.

February	15	16	17	18	19
Day	X	1	2	3	4
February	22	23	24	25	26
	1	2	3	4	1

COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES:

We appreciate everyone’s adherence to the guidelines below. It is essential that students do not come to school if:

- They have had close contact (at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet) with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19.
- They, or a member of your household, has been tested for COVID-19 because of symptoms and/or potential exposure and you are awaiting results.

- Your family has traveled to any of the states on the CT Travel Advisory list (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>)
- You screen them before school, and they have any of the symptoms below:
 - fever of 100.4 or higher
 - chills
 - a new uncontrolled cough
 - difficulty breathing
 - a sudden loss of taste or smell

If your child is ill and will not be attending school (this includes students that are attending school remotely), please call our school nurses, Beth Niedmann for Grades 7-8, and Kristen Belmonte for Grades 5-6, to report their absence and the reason for the absence.

Important Dates:

February 15 – No School – President's Day

February 24 – Parent Conferences 3:20-5:20 pm via Zoom. The invitation will be made by grade-level teams.

February 25 – PSAT 8/9 during the school day - 8th graders will have a special schedule that day.

Contact Information:

Have questions for us? Here are some quick contacts:

Information for all teachers and staff is available on the Region 10 website: www.region10ct.org

Principal – Joe Masi: extension 17558 – masij@region10ct.org

Associate Principal – Peter Bogen: extension 17512 – BogenP@region10ct.org

Counseling Office – Karol Nicoletti: extension 17506 – NicolettiK@region10ct.org

Nurse's Office Grades 5 and 6 – Mrs. Kristin Belmonte: extension 17310
- belmontek@region10ct.org

Nurse's Office Grades 7 and 8 – Mrs. Beth Niedmann: extension 17507
- niedmanne@region10ct.org