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Message From The Principal

Hello Twister Families!

On January 21st, we celebrated the 100th day of school. It was so fun to see the students come in their 100 day t-shirts and see the creativity that was put into them. A lot was learned about their interests by what was on their shirt for the day! It is always inspiring to see the excitement that a Kindergarten student has as they enter the doors of HBT but even more so on a special day like the 100th day. (See pictures on page 4) We want to preserve those feelings and emotions and help our HBT students bring that with them through grade school and into middle/high school!

The excitement of coming to school can sometimes wear off as the students get older but we want to encourage our students to be in school each day (unless they are sick, of course). Research shows that student attendance is directly linked to student success as they get older. [Here is a link to a short article](#) from the National Center for Educational Statistics that explains this well.

Help us to help your student by getting them to school whenever possible.

Additionally, there are some exciting PTO events coming up soon. Please be on the lookout for information coming soon for the following events:

- Little Lady Roller Skating (flyer attached to this newsletter)
- Little Guy Bowling
- Book Fair
- BINGO night
- Touch A Truck/Ice Cream Social

Thank you for your continued collaboration!

Mrs. Kim Lewis

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COVID GUIDELINES:

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the District 301 Back-to-School guidance for the 21-22 school year. For all in person evening events all vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals will be required to wear a mask to enter the school buildings.

PRINTABLE CALENDARS:

- [District Calendar](#)
- [School Calendar 1st - 5th Grade](#)
- [School Calendar EC - K](#)



CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT 301



Important Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Time
February 11 th	BPAC (see insert)	6:00 – 8:00 PM
February 17 th	PTO Meeting	6:30 PM
February 21 st	Presidents' Day	No School for Students
March 4 th	Teacher Institute Day	No School for Students
March 8 th	K-1 Music Concert	TBD
March 10 th	PTO Meeting	6:30 PM
March 11 th	End of 3 rd Quarter	
March 17 th	Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	4:00 – 8:00 PM
March 18 th	Half Day of School for students in K-5 th grade	9:00 – 12:10 PM
March 21 st	Report Cards Uploaded to Skyward	4:00 pm
March 28 – April 1	Spring Break	NO School for Students
April 14 th	PTO Cake Roll Pick Up & PTO Meeting	5:00 PM 6:30 PM
April 15 th	Non-Attendance Day	NO School for Students
April 21 st	Teacher Institute Day	NO School for Students
April 22 nd	Teacher Institute Day	NO School for Students
April 28 th	PTO Family Bingo Night	6:00 – 8:00 PM
May 4 th	5 th Grade Visit to PKMS	During School Hours
May 9 th – 13 th	Spring Book Fair	During School Hours
May 12 th	PTO Ice Cream Social & Touch a Truck/Book Fair	5:00 – 7:00 PM
May 18 th	Last Day for PreSchool	
*May 19 th	Half Day of School for students in K-5 th grade	9:00 – 12:10 PM
*May 20 th	Half Day of School for students in K-5 th grade	9:00 – 12:10 PM
		*subject to change
May 30 th	Memorial Day	

LUNCH TIMES

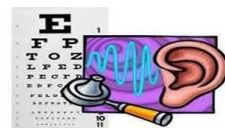
11:05 – 11:35 ~ 3rd Grade
11:10 – 11:40 ~ 1st Grade
11:55 – 12:25 ~ 2nd Grade
12:00 – 12:30 ~ Kindergarten
12:35 – 1:05 ~ 4th Grade
12:40 – 1:10 ~ 5th Grade

DIGITAL LINKS

- [LUNCH MENU](#)
- [BULLETIN BOARD](#)
As a service to our families, we post flyers from community organizations.
- [ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK](#)
- [PARENT SQUARE](#)

VISIT HBT'S WEBPAGE
FOR THE
YMCA'S BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL CARE:

Vision and Hearing Screening:



In February and March, we will be conducting the vision and hearing screening of students as required by Illinois state law. Please be advised that "Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye exam and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months." (Public Act 093-0504) The assessment of children who wear glasses will consist of a brief inspection of the glasses for obvious damage.

Mandated screenings are conducted on the following students:

- Vision: EC, K, 2nd and 8th grade students
Students in all grades who are *new to the district*
Students in all grades *receiving special education services*
- Hearing: EC, Kdg, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students
Students in all grades who are *new to the district*
Students in all grades *receiving special education services*

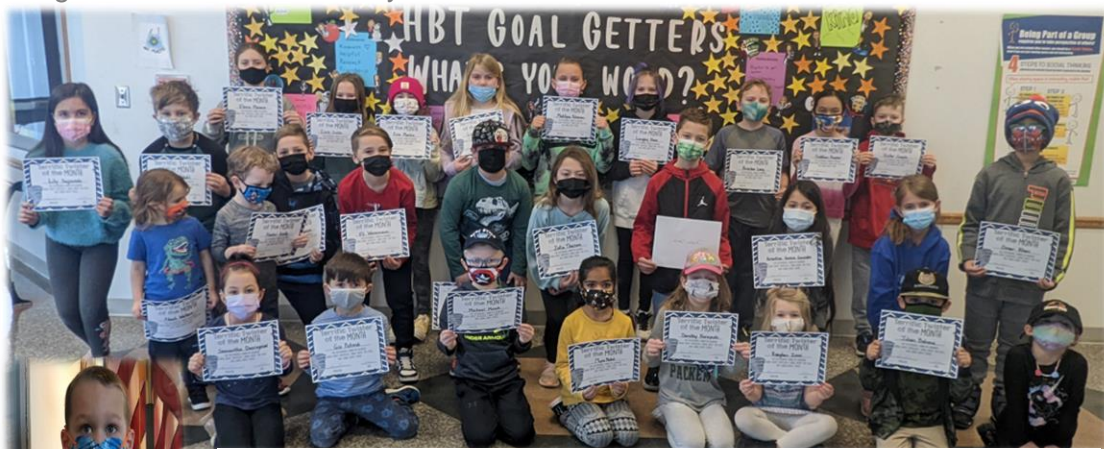
Any child whose parents or teacher has a concern and feels it is necessary, may also request an evaluation. Please contact Nurse Lauren with any questions or if you do not want your student screened.

Valentine's Day:

Valentines Day is just around the corner. At HBT we will not be having classroom parties, therefore there will not be a need for parent volunteers. However, students may bring Valentine's Day cards to be exchanged in their class. This is optional. Students should bring them on February 14th and keep them in their backpacks until their classroom teacher gives them permission to pass them out. Each classroom will have a designated time for a card exchange.

January Terrific Twisters:

Congratulations to our January winners!



Stick around to the last page for more pictures
from our Twister Ticket drawing!

100th Day of School:

All of HBT students and teachers celebrated the 100th day of school! Students shared with their classmates how much they have grown and learned so far this year! What an accomplishment to all! Ms. Buetow and Mrs. Guenther dressed up as 100 year olds too!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please join us at our next BPAC meeting

February 11, 2022

Central High School Library (44W625 Plato Rd. Burlington, IL 60109)

6:00-8:00PM

Light dinner will be provided.

Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a district-wide group consisting of a majority of parents and guardians with children in the English learner programs, teachers, counselors, and community leaders. The committee meets a minimum of four times a year.

Join us Friday evening, February 11th to share a meal, learn information about Parent Square, and hear about summer adult ESL classes from an Elgin Community College representative. Then, do a fun craft activity together with your child!

CONSIDER A LEADERSHIP ROLE ON THE BPAC. The Central CUSD 301 Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) is looking for parents/guardians interested in becoming committee member officers: President, Vice-president, and Secretary.

As a BPAC member, you can:

- Advocate for your child and other bilingual children in Central CUSD 301
- Make decisions regarding bilingual programs and services
- Connect with other Central CUSD 301 families
- Participate in workshops,
- Promote diversity and cultural

conferences, and events for bilingual parents awareness within our school communities



Please fill out and return it to school with your child indicating that you will attend the BPAC Meeting or RSVP [here](#).

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Student's Name (s): _____

Number of people attending (including students): _____

Return to Building EL teachers by Wednesday, February 2.



Queridos padres/tutores,

Por favor únase a nosotros en nuestra próxima reunión de BPAC

11 de febrero de 2022

Central High School Library (44W625 Plato Rd. Burlington, IL 60109)

6:00-8:00PM

Se ofrecerá una cena ligera.



El comité bilingüe de padres y padres (BPAC) es un grupo de todo el distrito que consiste es una mayoría de los padres y tutores con niños en los programas de aprendizaje de inglés, maestros, consejeros y líderes comunitarios. El comité se reúne un mínimo de cuatro veces al año.

Ven a compartir con nosotros el viernes 11 de febrero por la noche. Tendremos comida, y podremos obtener información sobre Parent Square y escuchar acerca de las clases de verano de ESL para adultos de un representante de Elgin Community College. Además podremos realizar una actividad artesanal divertida junto con su hijo!

CONSIDERE UN PAPEL DE LIDERAZGO EN EL BPAC. El Comité Bilingüe de Padres (BPAC) de la CUSD 301 está buscando padres/tutores interesados en convertirse en miembros del comité: Presidente, Vicepresidente y Secretario.

Como un miembro de Consejo Asesor de Padres Bilingües (BPAC) usted puede:

- Representar a su(s) hijo(s) y a otro niños bilingües en el Central 301
- Tomar decisiones sobre programas y servicios de bilingüe
- Estar en contacto con otros padres de la familia de Central CUSD 301
- Participar en conferencias y otros eventos para padres bilingües
- Promover la diversidad y la conciencia cultural en nuestra comunidad escolar



Favor de completar y devolver este papel a la escuela con su hijo/a para indicar que puede asistir a la reunión de BPAC o RSVP [aquí](#).

Nombre de padre(s)/tutor(es): _____

Nombre de estudiante(s): _____

Número de personas participar (incluyendo estudiantes): _____

Regrese a los maestros de EL el miércoles 2 de febrero



Join the HBT Birthday Book Club

Celebrate your child's birthday by giving a gift that keeps giving - a new book for the HBT Library! Donating a book to HBT's LMC helps to build our library collection and will make your child feel special at the same time. A birthday book is a gift that will be treasured by many children for years to come!

During the month of your child's birthday, your child will select a book from a wide selection of hardcover books. If your child's birthday is in June, July, or August, they will select their book in May.

Inside each birthday book, we will place a bookplate with your child's name & grade announcing that this is their birthday book donation to the library. Your child will be the first student able to check this book out!

If you are interested in participating in this program, please complete the form on the back and return it to Mrs. Butler in the LMC with a \$15 check made payable to HBT.

Thank you for considering this program. It's a great way to make your child feel special and support your library! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Butler
HBT Librarian



RAISE SOME DOUGH

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

ORGANIZATION NAME: Howard B Thomas School

FUNDRAISER DATE: February 23, 2022

Bring this flyer in or order online through the MOD app or website and use the provided coupon code and MOD will donate 20% of your bill to support their great work!



ADDRESS: 1190 S Randall Rd
Elgin, IL 60123

FUNDRAISER CODE: MOD2085

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD Pizza identified on this flyer. Offer valid for dine-in, take out, or delivery when ordered through MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code provided. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fundraising program. MOD will donate 20% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant.

For more information about fundraising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

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LITTLE LADIES NIGHT OUT!!

Register and pay via
Membership toolkit by clicking
the QR code OR return the
bottom portion of the flyer
today, to guarantee a Gnarly
80s SWAG Bag for your little
lady!!



February 27, 2022
5:00-7:00 PM

Funway in Batavia

\$40 per adult/child pair

\$16 per additional child

Skate to your heart's content while enjoying your special person
and great 80 music!

Pizza and drinks to be served
Skate rental is included!

RETURN THIS PORTION BY 2/18 WITH CASH OR CHECKS
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO HBT PTO

Name of Guardian: _____ Name of Little Lady: _____

Additional Little Lady/ies: _____ Amount included: _____

Attention HBT Parents!

Our **WEBSITE** is up and running but we need **more** people registered! Visit hbtp.to.membershiptoolkit.com to see everything your PTO has to offer this year. On our NEW site, you can see upcoming **calendar** events, student directory and **spirit wear**, sign up to **volunteer** and much, much more.

Create account

1 — Complete this form
2 — We will send you an email
3 — Click the link in the email message to verify your email address and complete the process
The link expires in 2 hours.
If you do not receive the email in the next few minutes, check the spam or junk folders in your email software.

First name

Last name

Email address

Your account will be your email address. You must have access to this account to complete this process.

Password

Retype password

[cancel](#) [verify my email](#)



You will use this email address to log in to your account.


SCAN ME

Here's what you need to do:

- Go to hbtp.to.membershiptoolkit.com
- Click on the **Log In** button or the Registration button.
- If you **already have an account** with another organization that uses Membership Toolkit you can **use the same email and password** to login. You can then proceed to the numbered steps below.
- Select "**Create Account**" and fill in the name, email, and password information.
- Click "**verify my email**" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.
- Once you have verified your email address, **log back in and finish the registration process.**1

Once your account has been created:

1. Complete the **Parent/Family and Student Information** forms.
2. Complete the **Directory/Publish Preferences**.
3. Once these forms are complete, you will be presented with forms for Spirit Wear, and Volunteer Opportunities. All of your Back-to-School needs in one convenient place!
4. You will need to update you information yearly.



It is very important that you don't skip these forms. All other sales and volunteer forms will not load until they have been completed.

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Upcoming Events

Welcome!

To HBT PTO's website. Please take time to register and familiarize yourself with our website.

By registering you will be entered into the school directory, receive our newsletter, and be able to see all of our different events and benefits the PTO provides to the teachers and students.

[Register/Login](#)

If you already have a Membership Toolkit account with another organization, you can use the same log-in here. Need more information?

PTO GENERAL MEETING

Join us!

Once the Primary Account is set up, the **Primary User** can "invite" other email **addresses** to access his/her account. This allows the Secondary User to have their own login information, but still have access to the family account.

Questions? - Please don't hesitate to contact us at hbt301pto@gmail.com

Twister Ticket Drawing!

Student names were drawn from the Twister Ticket tower to be recognized for showing great character during the month of January! We hope to continue this each month. We are so proud of our students for showing expected behaviors in school. Let's make February another great month!

