

Twister Times

2022 – 2023 School Year – May 2023



Important Message

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Dear HBT Twisters,

We are on a roll! The Twisters have hit their daily attendance goal 14 out of 17 days since returning from spring break. The quarter 4 goal is 20 days! Let's keep the momentum going because we are so close. Thank you for all of your support at home to ensure your student is attending school on a regular basis.

Our second goal is to reduce disciplinary incidents throughout HBT related to caring about others. Our School Improvement team has been busy developing common language, designing signage for the building, and creating lesson plans to teach students about the expected behaviors in various locations at HBT. We are planning to roll this out at the start of next year but want to begin sharing some of it with you now. Between now and August, you will receive a link to the posters that will be hung around the building and taught in school so that you know the language we will be using next year. Our hope is that you can help talk to your child about the expectations and use the same language when you are out in public areas such as playgrounds, restaurants, public bathrooms, etc.

This month we have chosen to share with you the language we will use when referencing the playground. Use this time to talk with your student about expectations on the playground.

[See poster linked HERE!](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out! (More information to come over the summer as we plan for a full roll out for the 23 – 24 school year. Stay tuned!)

Sincerely, Mrs. Kim Lewis

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Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	NOTES	TIME
May 8th – 12th	Teacher Appreciation Week		
May 8 th	5 th Grade Visit to PKMS		During School Hours
May 9 th	4 th Grade Field Trip to Naper Settlement		During School Hours
May 10 th	School Nurse's Day		
May 19 th	Library Books are Due		
May 23 rd	2 nd Grade' In-House' Field Trip		During School Hours
May 23 rd	EPI School Supplies Due Date		
May 26 th	Twister Day		During School Hours
May 29 th	Memorial Day	No School	
May 30 th	Last Day of School for ALL students in Preschool through 5 th Grade ~ End of the Year Assembly & 5 th Grade Clap Out	Full Day of School	Regular Hours and Dismissal
May 31 st	Summer Break begins		
June 9 th	Administrative Asst., on summer break		
June 14 th	Ride-A-Bus Event for incoming Kindergarten students @ Prairie View Grade School		TBD

Registration for Central Camps is now open for 301 students only!

Check out all that is available using the link below:

[Central High School 2023 Summer Camps Brochure](#)



Digital Links:

- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [Digital Bulletin Board](#)
- [Student/Parent Handbook](#)
- [Parent Square](#)
- [District Calendar](#)



School Hours:

Early Childhood

- 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Early Childhood (4's)

- 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Kindergarten – 5th Grade:

- 9:15 am – 3:40 pm

PTO Information:

Dawn Conklin, President

Lisa Almgren, Secretary

Daren DeCore, Treasurer

[PTO Facebook Page](#)



HOWARD B. THOMAS
GRADE SCHOOL

Registration for the 2023.2024 School Year:

We are almost there...we have 187 students whose 2023-2024 registration has not been completed!

All current students must re-register and if you have an incoming Kindergartener or know a family in your neighborhood that has an incoming Kindergartener, they must also register.

Without proper registration information it is difficult for us to properly staff our building for next year.

Current Students ~ Log into your Skyward Parent Portal to complete the process. If you have any questions, please call the office at 847 – 464 – 6008 and someone will help you.

Future Kindergarten Students ~ If your child will be 5 or older by Sept 1, 2023, they qualify for kindergarten. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the New Student registration process.

Don't Delay, Register Today!

Nurse's Notes:

Medication Pick Up Reminder ~ Medications kept in the Nurse's office will not be stored or transferred for next school year. If your student has medications at school, please plan a time to pick up these medications. Please note that medications can not be sent home with a student. A parent or guardian must pick them up by May 31st or they will be discarded. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Reminder for Next School Year ~ August will be here before we know it! Here is a list of school health exams that will be due for students entering these grades for the 2023.2024 school year. These forms should be submitted before your student starts school in August.

1. **Health Requirements**

- a. Physical Exams: Early Childhood/Preschool & Kindergarten Students
- b. Immunizations: Early Childhood/Preschool & Kindergarten Students
- c. Dental Exams: Kindergarten & 2nd Grade Students
- d. Eye Exams: Kindergarten Students - Exams must be conducted by a licensed optometrist or a physician licensed to perform complete eye examinations.

2. **Individual Health Plans and/or Medication forms** must be updated/renewed each school year.

- a. Students who "self-carry" epi-pens or inhalers must have an updated healthcare plan and parent consent to self-carry-on file in the Nurse's office.

All the Health Requirements and forms for District 301 can be found on our website at:

<https://central301.net/health-services/health-requirements/>

2023-2024 Student School Supplies:

There are two ways to purchase your child's school supplies for the upcoming school year. [HERE](#) is a link to the supply list where you purchase all the items. The PTO also provides an online ordering service where the supplies are wrapped and delivered directly to the school. Either method will work. If you order through the PTO, the supplies will be delivered directly to your student's classroom. Happy Shopping!!!



EPI SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Order a Pack Today!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Save Time & Money on School Supply Shopping

Exact pack items & brands customized to your school lists.

HOWARD B THOMAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDER FORM

Save Up to 40% on Supplies with EPI

Grade Level 2023-2024	Qty	Cost Now-5/23	Total
EC - AM		\$61	
EC - PM		\$61	
Kinder Boys		\$77	
Kinder Girls		\$74	
1st Boys/Girls		\$80	
2nd Boys/Girls		\$80	
3rd - Boys		\$98	
3rd - Girls		\$97	
4th		\$84	
5th		\$67	
STAR		\$75	
Grand Total \$			

Student's Name _____ Grade in 2023-2024 _____

Student's Name _____ Grade in 2023-2024 _____

Parent's Name _____ Telephone # _____

Email Address _____

Order Securely Online
Starting Now thru May 23rd!
(Price increase \$5 starting May 24th)
(Sales tax will be applied at checkout)

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID, BUR026 (3 letters/3 numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. **Keep** your online confirmation as your receipt.

OR

Order by returning this order form along with your cash or check payment to school by: **Friday, May 19th, 2023.**

Make Checks Payable to: HBT PTO

Backpacks, water bottles, change of clothes, and gym shoes will need to be purchased separately.

School supplies will be in your child's classroom before the first day of school.

For questions, please contact Dawn Conklin at mydesigner@msn.com or 847-271-6201

Howard B. Thomas Elementary
Attn: HBT PTO Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 395, Burlington, IL 60109

Please keep a copy of this order form for your records.



Access the order form by scanning the QR code with your phone.

Ice Cream Social/Touch A Truck



Howard B Thomas Early Childhood AM tuition spots are still available 2023-2024 School Year

View [District Map](#) for school boundaries

Registration Information

- Submit the HBT Early Childhood Request form:
<https://forms.gle/TAMn5FTqboSYmrH6>

Program Fees

- Annual tuition fee of \$2,000 per student, which will be spread out over 8 monthly payments of \$250
- Down payment of \$250 (first monthly payment and non-refundable) due at time of online registration.
- Annual registration fee of \$60

Program Information

- Classes are held 5 days per week, Monday through Friday.
- The morning session is for 3-year-olds and runs 8:30-11:00.
- The afternoon session is for 4-year-olds and runs 12:30-3:00.
- Students must be toilet trained by the start of school in order to participate in the program.
- Families will need to provide transportation as bus transportation is not available.