



THE HARVEY HERALD

Jack Harvey Elementary School

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Dear Jack Harvey Families,

It is with great excitement that the staff and I welcome all of our families back to school for the 2019-2020 school year! We have been busy preparing for a year that will be full of engaging learning opportunities for our students. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and new staff members that are now a part of our Jack Harvey community.

As we begin this school year, I want to focus on our mission statement, which is “The Jack Harvey Elementary School is to guide, support and encourage all students so they can reach their academic and social potential.” Our entire staff is committed to this mission, and we believe in the importance of working with our families as partners in our students’ education. We are dedicated to open communication with our Jack Harvey families, and we encourage all parents and guardians to become involved in your children’s learning.

At Jack Harvey, we hold the highest expectations for our students’ academic achievement and for their conduct in school. The UCS Parent and Student Handbook outlines the procedures and policies of Utica Community Schools to ensure a positive learning environment. The handbook is an important communication piece that provides a clear understanding of the responsibilities of the school staff, students and parents in promoting a safe and nurturing school setting. An electronic version for the handbook is available for viewing at <http://www.uticak12.org/handbook>. Please be sure to read the handbook with your children. We ask that you complete, sign and return the signature page of the new form Parent Acknowledgement-Electronic Communications that you will receive in your child’s opening packet.

This year, we will communicate grade-level classroom assignments for your child in a convenient and secure manner. We will be emailing the classroom assignments to you directly using the email address on file in PowerSchool on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Your child’s assignment can also be viewed via PowerSchool Parent Portal that will be available beginning Wednesday, August 28, 2019. If you do not receive an email or are unable to access the information through the Parent Portal by the end of the day on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, please contact Jack Harvey at 586.797.5100.

On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, Jack Harvey will be open to the community from 3:00-9:00 p.m. to come together and celebrate the return of school. The Jack Harvey Classroom Reveal for each grade level will be from 3:00-4:00 p.m. The SACC Open House will be from 4:00-9:00 p.m. The Jack Harvey Back to School Picnic will be on the back playground from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Come and join the festivities!

Our Curriculum Night/Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. We encourage all families to attend this exciting back to school event. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child’s teachers, as they will be providing you with important information for the upcoming school year. All of our staff members are looking forward to seeing you.

I am honored to be the principal of Jack Harvey and part of this outstanding community, together we will create an outstanding 2019-2020 school year!

Here is to a great start!
Nina Hardiewich
Principal



SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 First Day of School ½ day School dismissed 12:04pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Open House 7:00-8:00	11	12	13	14
15	16 JHV Meeting 6:15pm	17	18	19	20 Bagel Day Picture Day 9:00-11:30	21
22	23	24	25	26 Walk-a- thon	27	28
29	30					

If you need to contact us...

Main Office	797-5100
Absence Line	797-5199
Child Care	797-5150
Fax Machine	797-5101

School Hours

9:00 am – 3:50 pm

Children will not be allowed to enter the building until 8:50 a.m. each morning. Please help your children time their arrival accordingly. Children who must arrive earlier need to be enrolled in our Child Care program. Please contact the office for more information.

Dismissal

Should your child need to be dismissed early, please let their teacher and the office know in advance if possible. It will be necessary for you to report to the office and sign your child out. Should your child return to school the same day it will be necessary to sign back in.

Absences

To report your child's absence, please call our answering machine at **797-5199**. When you place your call please clearly state your child's name, teacher, reason for, and length of absence. The answering machine will take attendance calls between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. You may use the main office line during regular school hours..

Visitors

In accordance with school district policy, **everyone** entering Harvey **must** show their ID before entering the building and report to the office. Our office staff will be glad to help you out. All visitors will be given an identification badge to wear while inside Harvey. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Lunch

Students may either bring their own lunch to school or purchase a hot lunch. Lunch w/ milk is \$2.75. Students may purchase just milk for \$.45. Please review the monthly hot lunch menu with your child.

It is very important that students who wish to purchase hot lunch order the day before.

NOTE: Parents can set up a lunch account online at www.sendmoneytoschool.com

Breakfast is Served!

A healthy, nutritious breakfast is a critical ingredient to the success of our students. To help our students succeed, the school breakfast program is available in all of our schools. Healthy choices include cereal, whole-grain breakfast bars, yogurt, fruit and milk in the elementary buildings. Those choices, along with fresh-made hot breakfast sandwiches and other favorites are featured in the secondary buildings. Fresh-made fruit smoothies are also available in all schools on certain menu days. Breakfast is served in the cafeteria prior to the start of the school day. For menu information and serving times at your student's school, please check the school's website or on the Utica Community Schools Mobile App.

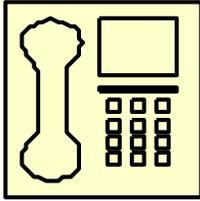
The cost is \$1.75, milk included. For students with an approved free or reduced price application on file, the price is \$.30 cents or free. We look forward to serving our students the most important meal of the day!

Free and Reduced Lunch

As economic times are getting tighter, we realize that more and more families may be experiencing financial difficulties. Please know that student lunches for students are available for free, or at a reduced price of \$.40, for families that qualify based on family size and income. Apply online at www.lunchapp.com. If you don't have access to a computer please stop by the Office to pick up Free/Reduced form.

Healthy Eating

Many teachers allow students to bring a snack each day. Brain research clearly shows that fresh healthy foods and water are beneficial to learning. When packing a snack for your child, please remember to make it a healthy snack, such as fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, protein snacks, crackers, as well as fresh water.



Automated Telephone Alert System in Place for UCS Parents

The Utica Community Schools is taking advantage of technology innovations by using an automated telephone notification system for staff and parents. The system is used to announce emergency school closings such as those related to weather. Individual buildings also use it for periodic school-specific updates and reminders.

Please make sure that your child's emergency contact information is up-to-date to assure you receive these important updates.

The district will continue to utilize local media, UCS-TV cable stations 15/22 and the district website, www.uticak12.org to keep parents apprised of closings.

Lost and Found

If your child loses something during the school year, please have them check the Lost and Found. All unclaimed items at the end of the school year will be donated to charity.



Outdoor Recess

Because fresh air and exercise have been proven to aid in the physical and educational growth of children, each school has an outdoor recess program. It is important that children wear appropriate clothing so they can go outside each recess. Generally, if a child is well enough to come to school, he/she can go outside for recess. Students will remain inside during inclement weather.

Scheduling Appointments with Teachers

Our teachers at Harvey are always glad to meet with you. If you would like to meet with them before or after school, please make an appointment, as their schedules usually do not allow for unplanned conferences. We ask that you please call or send in a note for an appointment so that it is not necessary to interrupt the student's instructional time during the school day.

Proper Dress

We ask that you keep in mind that what children wear affects how they act during the school day. Please encourage your child to dress appropriately. Students are allowed to wear dress shorts of appropriate length at appropriate times of year where the weather cooperates. We discourage cut-offs, spandex and gym shorts. Also, flip-flops, tank tops, halter-tops and cropped tops are not to be worn to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Background Check

To protect students' health, safety and welfare, every volunteer must have a Volunteer Request form on file well in advance of volunteering their assistance at school or school-related events. UCS conducts criminal background checks on volunteers through the Michigan State Police. The form, which asks for basic information such as driver's license number, is available through the office.

Curriculum Night/Open House Scheduled for Parents

On September 10, at 7:00 p.m. Harvey Elementary will host our Open House and classroom curriculum evening. We hope all parents will plan to attend. This is not an evening designed for students. Please make arrangements to leave them at home. The classroom portion of the evening will be divided into two sessions, so you and/or your spouse will be able to learn about this year's program and class goals. We're looking forward to seeing you.

Monthly Newsletter

Please look for *The Harvey Herald* each month. We want to keep you informed on all that is happening. Look for the Newsletter online at:

http://harvey.uticak12.org/about_us/harvey_newsletters

Copies are available in the office.

Student Emergency Cards

For the safety of all our students, it is important that we have an emergency card on file in the office for each child. These cards went home with the students on the first day of school. Please return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Also, if any information changes throughout the year please contact the office immediately. **Please Note:** anyone who will be picking up your child must be on the Emergency Card or the student won't be released to them.

Administration of Medication

Students sometimes need to take medication. Parents should administer medication to their children at home. In the event that is not possible, the school may administer either prescription or non-prescription medicine — but only when authorized by the student's parent/guardian and the child's physician. Requests must be made by completing an Authorization for Medication form, available from the school office.

The form must be signed by the child's physician.

Jack Harvey Volunteers

Meetings will be held in the evening to accommodate all schedules.

First Meeting:
Monday, September 16
6:15pm

Bagel days will be held each month.

Students can purchase a bagel and cream cheese for \$1.00. Bagels will be sold in the mornings. See calendar each month for dates.

First Bagel Day will be
Friday, September 20

PICTURE DAY!! Smile Pretty!

Student portraits for students in grades K-6 have been scheduled for Harvey Elementary on Friday, September 20th

Those students wishing to purchase a color portrait package may do so by prepaying at the camera the day pictures are taken or paying online. A wide variety of packages will be offered. Parents will receive a brochure to assist in making your selection. Portraits are fully guaranteed.

All students will be photographed for the yearbook and school records. Yearbooks are not included in the picture package they will be sold in May. Be sure to come suitably dressed and groomed to capture a picture that you will be proud of and cherish for years to come.

Photographs taken on picture day should be ready before the holidays.

Utica Community Schools Text Messaging Service

Utica Community Schools offers a texting service for parents. The service allows parents to receive important information such as school closings, safety alerts, school reminders and more, directly from their school(s) on a mobile device.

Newly enrolled UCS parents will receive a text message from the district that reads:

"Utica Community Schools messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/tm"

To receive the free* text messages, simply reply "Y" or "Yes" to the message.

Even if you have not received a UCS message to join, parents may opt in by texting "Y" or "Yes" to the short code 67587.

Parents may opt out at any time by replying "Stop" to one of the messages.

*Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/bit for more info.



Customizable New School Menus Now Available Digitally accessible on all devices

- View menus for multiple schools and days
- Filter or highlight allergy and nutrition information
- Customize print and language settings
- Photos of menu items
- Menus available on UCS app and website
- Hear menus on Amazon Echo and Alexa enabled devices
- Demonstration video at www.uticak12.org/foodandnutrition



Menus above represent sample menus and not actual menu items.

**Customize, view and print all school menus at <https://uticak12.nutrislice.com>
Or view on Utica Community Schools Mobile App**



Visit the app store and search for "Utica Community Schools."

