

HOWARD

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Howard Elementary 1611 North York Street, Dearborn, MI 313-827-6350

November 22' Newsletter

Greetings Howard Families,

I hope that you and your families are doing well and feeling successful as we wrap up the first card marking! Thank you to all of our parents/PTA for their generosity. This past month was filled with fun activities for students such as fall celebrations, Howard-eeen Fall Bash, spirit days, and a pink-out for breast cancer awareness month. Furthermore, we had a successful October parent/PTA meeting, we had approximately 20% of our parents at our last meeting! We hope that you will be able to join us at our next parent meeting on November 10th at 9:15 A.M.!

Also, please be sure to review the events/happenings in the "Important Dates" section; this includes the Parent Teacher Conference dates. We aim for 100% participation so please be sure you know your scheduled time; this is a great time to discuss your child's strengths, celebrate successes, and share any goals and/or concerns you may have with your child's teacher.

Additionally, the Howard staff have two friendly reminders and requests, please and thank you!

1. Please drive carefully and adhere to all traffic protocols! Please stop at stop signs and do not block the crosswalk. If you and/or your children are crossing the street, please

use the crosswalks! This keeps everyone safe! 🙏

2. Please refrain from signing-out your child early due to convenience, this is disruptive to the class and your child may miss taking home important information and/or materials. We understand that there are exceptions at times, but please limit this to a **need only basis**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Take care and stay connected!

Mirvat Sabbagh



Attendance

Please call the attendance line if your child will be absent at 313-827-6351 or enter it in Parent Connect. The first bell is at 8:55 A.M. and the tardy bell is at 9:00 A.M. Instruction begins at 9:00 A.M. *Please note that if your child is sick, we ask you to keep them home, however, please refrain from scheduling non-urgent appointments, events and vacations during school days. [Please review this document that explains when you should keep your child at home due to illness.](#) Your child's presence directly impacts their social, emotional, and academic growth and success. We kindly ask that you also refrain from signing your child out past 3:30 P.M. unless it is urgent. Thank you...*

School Year Calendar

Below is the link to the 22-23' school calendar
[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

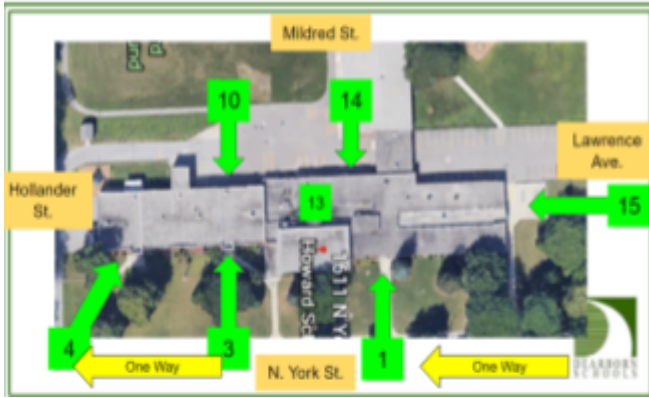
Important Dates:

- November 7th, 10th, 16th- Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appointment only)
- November 8th- No School, Election Day
- November 9th- Assembly-Book Author reads to 2nd-5th graders
- November 10th- Parent/PTA mtg. @ 9:15
- November 11th- Spirit Day-Fav. Sport Team
- November 14th-18th-Battle Against Hunger-Food Drive
- November 14th-PTA will be selling Thankful Grams
- November 18th- Fall picture retake day
- November 23rd-25th- No School
- November 28th-December 2nd
FALL BOOK FAIR

Traffic/Safety

N. York St. is a one-way street driving southbound during arrival and dismissal. **Please do not park your vehicle and leave it unattended in the drive-up lane of N. York St. and Lawrence St. Please remain in your vehicle and continue to drive-up.**

Entry/Exit Doors & Times



- Locations for pick-up/drop-off
 - Main Door-Door 1: 1st & 2nd Gr.
 - Door 4: Kindergarten
 - Door 3: 5th gr. & 1st gr.-Roe
 - Door 15: 3rd & 4th grade
- Morning Arrival
 - **All students should not arrive earlier than 8:50 am** (unless your child is in Kid's Club or is joining for breakfast at 8:30 am).
 - All students line-up outside unless the windchill is below 20 degrees. Please dress appropriately.

PTA Corner

Information on how to sign-up to be a PTA member if you have not already done so is found at <https://howard.memberhub.com/store>, you can also follow us on instagram @ptahoward and on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/howardschoolpta>.

The PTA will be selling Thankful Grams during the week of November 14th. The PTA did not sell Boo Grams during the month of October, instead they decided to sell Thankful Grams for the month of November. Students can purchase a Thankful Gram that will be sent to another

student to express gratitude and being thankful for another student's friendship (Grams will be delivered prior to the Thanksgiving break). More details will be shared at a later date.

Student Expectations/SEL Support

- Students and staff continue to review our Howard Positive Behavior Expectations Matrix. The Howard school community has pledged to be respectful, responsible and safe. We have invested in a new program called PlayWorks. Playworks helps kids to stay active and build valuable life skills through play. Please visit www.playworks.org for more info.
- Please view our [Howard PBIS Matrix](#) in order to understand the expectations to behave respectfully, responsibly, and safely within our school building and community. Please have conversations with your students about the expectations.
- All classroom teachers have a positive reinforcement system in place to reward positive choices, while ensuring reteaching is taking place for unwanted behaviors using Class Dojo as a tool.
- Social-Emotional Learning is an important part of our daily learning at Howard. This year, we have adopted an additional SEL program-it is called TRAILS through the University of Michigan. This is being integrated into school social worker sessions for students who receive this service. Please know that our School Social Worker, Ms. Katharine Johnston, is available for support. Ms. Johnston's [November Newsletter](#) is linked in order to contact her personally. Please click on the following link to enjoy a [New Ways November!](#)

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