

HOWARD

DRAGONS

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

December 23' & January 24' Newsletter



Greetings Howard Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are doing well!

First, we would like to thank the entire Howard community for their EXTREME GENEROSITY in the BATTLE AGAINST HUNGER! We would like to share that Howard students and parents/guardians collected over 1,200 canned goods and \$2,528 in monetary donations during the BATTLE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT! That is over 3,700 donations, WOW!!!! We are truly grateful to be a part of such a generous community! Way to go Dragons!

In addition to the CAN DRIVE, the students and staff at Howard have been busy engaging in many enriching and educational activities that include Thankful Classroom Celebrations/Activities, Weekly School-Wide Dragon Dollar Raffles, STEAM activities, Cross-content Writing, Book Fair, and Safety Drills. We have lots of fun activities planned for the month of December and January (please see upcoming events on the right of this page for a snapshot).

Finally, we hope that you have a restful and peaceful winter break which is coming up soon. I would like to wish all those who celebrate a Merry Christmas and a successful start to the new year; Happy New Year!

Take care and stay connected!
Mirvat Sabbagh

School Year Calendar

Below is the link to the 23-24' school calendar
[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

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 am and the tardy bell is at 9:00 am. Instruction begins at 9:00 am. *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 unless it is urgent. If you need to sign your child out for a doctor's appointment, please [contact the school in the morning](#) and inform the office/teacher so we are prepared. Thank you...

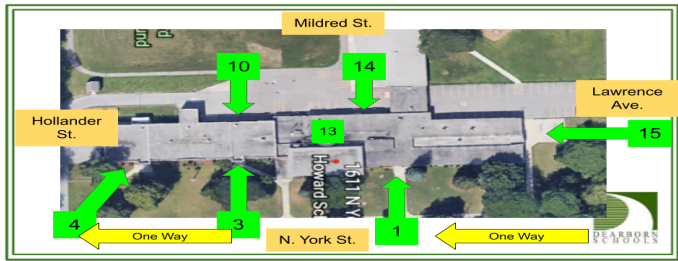
Important Dates:

- December 5th - Spelling Bee Competition for students in grades 3-5 begins
- December 11th -14th - PTA Holiday Boutique
- December 14th - Parent/PTA Meeting @ 9:15 AM
- December 18th-December 22nd-Spirit Week (more details to follow)
- December 22nd-Cookie decorating workshop and sing-along (parents are welcome to join, schedule will be shared).
- December 25th - January 5th - Winter Break - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
- January 8th - School Reopens, **Half Day**, iReady & DRA assessments begin
- January 15th-No School-MLK Day
- January 19th-First Grade Bake Sale

Traffic/Safety

ALL PARENTS AND VISITORS MUST ENTER USING DOOR 1 (THE MAIN DOOR), PLEASE RING THE INTERCOM BELL.

N. York St. is a one-way street and DRIVE-UP LANE 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. & Lawrence St. Remain in your vehicle.**



- Pick-up/Drop-off Locations

Door #	1	3	4	10/14	15
Grade Level	1st/2nd Gr.	2nd/5th Gr.	Kinder	Bussers	3rd/4th Gr.

- Morning Arrival
 - **All students should not arrive earlier than 8:50 am** (unless your child is in Kid's Club or is joining to eat breakfast at 8:30 am).
 - All students line-up outside unless the windchill is 20 degrees or below. Please make sure your child dresses appropriately.
- Outdoor Recess
 - Students should wear shoes that are appropriate and safe for playing. We recommend sneakers. Sandals should be closed-toe with a strap on the heel.
 - Students are expected to go outside unless the windchill is 20 degrees or below. Please make sure your child brings hats/gloves/jacket and (snow boots and snow pants if they want to play in the snow). We recommend you

label all items on the inside of clothing/item.

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 having their annual Holiday Boutique the week of December 11th. Students will have an opportunity to shop during their designated class time (items are \$3 each). 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.
- Please view our [Howard PBIS Matrix](#) in order to understand the expectations to behave respectfully, responsibly, and safely within our school building and community.
- 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 one of the tools.
- Please know that our School Social Worker, Ms. Katharine Johnston, is available for support. Ms. Johnston's [December/January Newsletter](#) is linked in order to contact her personally. Please click on the following link to participate in a [Do Good December](#) and a [Happier January](#)!

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