# February 2023 FLEMENTARY

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Mrs. Jenna Stevens, Principal





### A Note from the Principal...

Dear Families.

#### Happy February! It is so hard to believe that we are over halfway through the school year. Next year's kindergarten is just around the corner. While this is an exciting and important year, it is just the beginning of a successful educational experience with Huron Valley Schools. HVS offers both junior kindergarten and a traditional kindergarten. Both run all day, Monday-Friday. Age requirements are identical for both programs: Your child is eligible if he or she will turn five on or by Sept. 1, 2023. Children who turn five between Sept. 2 and Dec. 1, 2023 can be enrolled with a parent waiver. Our junior kindergarten is designed for children who could benefit from a two-year kindergarten experience. This includes those who may need more time to develop kindergarten readiness skills, or those who could use extra help to enhance social, self-monitoring or fine motor skills. Students who have not attended preschool may also benefit from two years of kindergarten. Parents who are interested in the Junior Kindergarten program should fill out the inquiry form.

To get your child off to a smooth start, we will be having a Kindergarten Roundup meeting on March 16th. Parents are asked to fill out the online student registration as soon as possible. You are also encouraged to turn in their student's paperwork, to Heritage, as soon as you are able.

Questions? Please contact the Heritage Office at 248-684-8190 or email pupil services@hvs.org.

In partnership,

Jenna Stevens



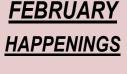
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2/4- Kid's Heart Challenge 2/6-12/10 Book Fair 2/7- Early Release 2:37 2/8- Spring Count Day 2/17- 2/21- No School







We have had colder than usual temperatures this past month but would like to remind you to be sure that your child is prepared EVERYDAY for cold, snowy weather. They need to have warm coats, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves each day, due to the fact that we never know if they will be outside or inside for recess. Students stay inside if the temperature is 15 degrees or below or if the wind chill factor is below zero. The children love being outdoors and have fun in the snowy weather, but need to stay dry and warm. If you are in need of cold weather gear, call our office and we will check into helping you get these things. Also, we would like each child (even the older students) to keep a change of clothing in their lockers in case they get wet. (Pants, shirt, underwear and socks.) This will help us to not bother parents to bring dry clothing.

Thanks for your help in this matter!



#### **Kids Heart Challenge**

When: Saturday February 4th, 2023

Time: Check in 12:30pm-1:00pm

Start time- 1:00pm-3:00pm

**Where: Milford High School** 



Wear/Bring: Turquoise Heritage shirt or a Turquoise T-Shirt, tennis shoes, and athletic clothing DO NOT bring water bottles. We will have water at the event!

This year marks the 16h annual district-wide Heart Jump Rope Event for Huron Valley Schools raising money for the American Heart Association. If you have any questions, Please contact Mr. Priebe His e-mail is jason.priebe@hvs.org



#### Attendance Line for Absences And Emergency Contact Information

We would like to remind everyone to call the attendance line if your child will be late or absent. (We can also take their lunch order at this time if they will be late.) We have many students absent this time of year and all students need to be accounted for. Our district automated system calls/messages you as a reminder for you to contact us, if we have not heard from you, concerning your child's absence. Please make sure to call us as our office staff must call you if we do not hear from you. We appreciate your attention in this important matter. This ensures that your child is safe and accounted for. The attendance line is available at any time of the day or night @ (248) 684-8191.

Please let us know if you have a phone number change. You can also change this in "Family Access."

Pre-arranged absence forms are available from the office in the event that your child needs to be absent from school for non-medical reasons.

Also, we are in need of LUNCH/RECESS Supervisors, please call Jan in the office for more information 248-684-8190

## **Media Center News**

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Get ready to Read! We have an extra special Reading Month planned this year. We are planning on having a school wide book club called , One School, One Book again this year. Mrs Black is working on getting the books, making a nightly reading schedule and creating daily trivia questions. The goal of the One School, One Book is to get familes reading together and to get the whole school reading and talking about the same book. Look for books with reading schedules to be sent home February 22. As a very special treat we will have the author of the books visit our school on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>!



Dear Heritage Elementary Parents,

We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair the week of February 6-February 10. The Scholastic Book Fair is a fundraiser for our school. Students (if they have shopping money) can come down to the library during their class shopping time to purchase books. We also have before and after school shopping times to accommodate shopping with your student. Purchases can be made using cash, check (made payable to Heritage PTO), credit card and Scholastic Ewallet. This will be our only book fair of the year. Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase new books for our library and to help fund our March is Reading Month book selection and prizes. Book Fair hours will be Monday 2/6 8:30-4:00, Tuesday 2/7 8:30-5:30, Wednesday 2/8 8:30-6:00, Thursday 2/9 8:30-4:00, Friday 2/10 8:30-11:30.

#### What we are reading:

Fourth and Fifth Grade: Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Third Grade: The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony
Diterlizza

Second Grade: A Boy Named Bat by Elana Arnold

Kindergarten and First Grade: Turkey's Valentine's Surprise, I am Ruby Bridges by Ruby Bridge, Ten Ways to Hear Snow by Cathy Camper

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 Open Enrollment / School of Choice Be- gins	2	3 Kids Heart Challenge SATURDAY- FEBRUARY 4
6	7 Early Release 2:37	8 Spring Count Day	9 Report Cards online after 4pm	10
	ABC	Fair		
13	VALENTINE'S DAY	15 PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.	16	No School- Mid Winter Break
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