

March 2023



Daylight Savings Time
Begins on Sunday,
March 12h at 2:00 a.m.
Be sure to Spring
"FORWARD"

Looking Ahead:
Spring Break
March 27- March 31
School Resumes
April 3rd



KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION
MARCH 16th
6:00PM

MARCH 14th
NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS
(TEACHER PD DAY)

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY

**HURON
VALLEY
SCHOOLS**
building futures ...
one student at a time.

Student Placement Process

Every year at this time, we begin to hear from some parents who want to request a specific teacher for their child for next year. They want "the best teacher" at the grade level for their child, and they believe they know who that is based on what they've seen and heard.

I have confidence in every teacher at Heritage Elementary and believe we are fortunate to have such a wonderful staff and so many choices for your child at each grade level.

Please understand that student placement is a complex job and one that we do not take lightly. The entire instructional staff spends a tremendous amount of time working to find the best possible classroom placement for all children. Although we appreciate parent input, **we do not accept "Parent Request Letters," but instead ask parents to give us input, if you feel the need to do so, by using a "Student Profile Form."** The form asks you to share with us your child's academic/social strengths, and any special needs that may be relevant to your child's placement. As a parent, you know your child best and as the instructional leader of Heritage Elementary, I know my staff.

Please keep in mind that a teacher's grade level assignment can change from year to year. Also, please refrain from talking to your child about next year's possible teacher until finding out who it will be in late August. The Student Profile Forms are currently available in the office. All forms need to be **returned to the main office and not the current classroom teacher.** In order to complete classroom placement in a timely manner, Student Profile Forms will be accepted until **Friday, April 21, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.** This input will be taken into consideration, along with other criteria, during placement meetings.

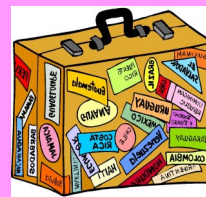
In Partnership,
Mrs. Stevens



WANTED

We are looking for part time and full time help to supervise our precious children in the lunchroom and out on lunch recess. It is a paid position if you choose to complete the paperwork. We also invite volunteers to help out as well (CRC required). If you would like to experience what this is all about, we can arrange to have you job shadow. Also, if you have further questions, please call the office at 248-684-8190.

The Heritage Elementary mission is to guide students to become responsible learners and leaders of their lives.



STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child will be absent or late, remember to call the attendance line @ (248) 684-8191 to let the office know. Please leave your student's name, teacher's name and reason for absence which should include any illness symptoms if your child is sick. Our office staff may contact you if your child is sick. When a student is absent and we do not hear from a parent, we will try to reach you to be sure that the student is safe and accounted for. The attendance line is available after hours, around the clock, so you can leave a message at any time. We thank you for your help in this matter. Also, if your child will be out for an extended time for vacation, etc, we have "prearranged absence" forms in the office that we can send home for you to fill out ahead of time. We will then put the absences in the computer, so as not to call the parent needlessly. * Please always let the office **and** the teacher know of these absences.



Medications



If you need us to distribute prescription medications or over the counter medicine, you will need to fill out an **Administering Medication** form giving us parental permission to administer the medication and listing any special conditions and side effects. This form as well as a "**Plan of Care**" form needs to be filled out and signed by you and your doctor.

No medication will be given without a Doctor's signature.

Forms are available in the office and on the HVS website.

Go to "For Parents" choose Health and Wellness, Care Plans.

A parent must bring in the medication to be checked in. Students are not to transport medications to or from school. Please call with any questions.

Early Dismissal

If your child will be leaving early due to an appointment, come to the new main entrance doors and push the call button on the right. Let us know which student you are here for and we will then have the student come down. Please **do not** call for your child to be waiting in the office before you get to school.

***Per Mrs. Stevens-** If it is 3:40 or later, please wait until dismissal for your child. We will not be calling classrooms after this time. We need to alleviate the many disruptions to the classroom during the final minutes of teaching and instruction time. Be sure to discuss pick up instructions with your child in the morning, **before school**.

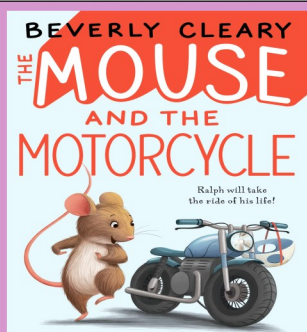
Remember to have a form of identification with you when coming to the school.

March is Reading Month!



Media Center News

Susan Black, Media Technician



We will be reading a whole school book this year for March is Reading Month. Books (one per family) and a reading schedule were sent home on Monday, February 28th. This is our fifth year participating in the One School One Book program. We have read The Lemonade War, Frindle, The One and Only Ivan, and The World According to Humphrey. A big shout out and thank you to the Huron Valley Educational Foundation for awarding us a \$1,000 grant to help pay for our books. Book fair funds supplied the remaining funds and prizes. Get ready to read!



Thank you for your support of the Spring Book Fair. Even though we lost a half day, sales were good. I was able to purchase over \$1000 for our library and support our One School, One Book Program.

GENRE CHALLENGE

Don't forget the Genre Challenge Pizza Party is coming up soon. Participants need to turn in their sheets with a parent signature by April 2. If you have lost or misplaced your sheet see Mrs. Black for a replacement. The pizza party will be by grade level April 12 in the library. I look forward to celebrating fourth and fifth grade students reading accomplishments!

What we are reading:

Fourth and Fifth Grade Things Seen From Above by Shelley Pearsall




Third Grade Willodeen by Katherine Applegate

Second Grade The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade: The Everybody Club by Nancy Loewen & Linda Hayen, Pete and Cat and the Great Leprechaun Chase by James Dean



MARCH 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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6	7 Hungry Howie's Night	8	9	10
13	14 No School	15	16 Kindergarten Orientation Night 6:00-6:45 pm	17 
20 	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31
