



“THE” NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19-23rd - Spring Break

April 2nd-6th - AIR State Testing

Archie Griffin Award Timeline:

- **Applications Due:** Tuesday April 3rd by 3:00
- **Finalists Interviews:** Tuesday April 17th
- **Awards Assembly:** Tuesday May 1st

STATE TESTING

AIR State Testing will take place the week of April 2nd each morning. Monday, April 2nd = ELA Part 1, Tuesday, April 3rd = ELA Part 2, Wednesday, April 4th = Math Part 1, Thursday, April 5th = Math Part 2, and Friday, April 6th = 8th grade Science Parts 1 and 2. During testing week, please make sure your student is well rested, and has their iPad with them and that their iPad is fully charged for testing each day.

Also, Mrs. Feeney has been meeting with classes to make sure student's iPads have the correct updates necessary for State testing. Students must have the following on their iPads for testing: AirSecureTest App 4.1 (downloaded from the district's App Portal) and iOS 11.2.6 or higher. Thanks

Attendance

Family Trip - If your student will be absent from school before or after spring break due to vacation, please complete a Family Trip Application form (JED-E). Forms can be picked up in the office or found on the school's website.

Washington D.C. Trip

Washington, DC Trip Registration: Current 7th graders can now sign up for their 8th grade trip to DC. The trip will be in October but the first payment is due April 10th. You can register and find information on the school website. Click here: <https://hmswashingtondc.weebly.com/>

Athletic News:

Archie Griffin Sportsman Award

Awarded to one male and one female 8th grade athlete.

Applications Due Tuesday April 3rd by 3:00 pm

Additional information can be found at <http://www.hilliardschools.org/hms/athletics/archie-griffin-sportsmanship-award/>

Spring Sports are up and running. Please visit our Athletic Website for coaches contacts and specific sports information.

Boys and Girls Lax has started. Please contact coaches if interested in playing.

Baseball and Softball Tryouts start February 26th.

Boys and Girls Track along with Boys Tennis and Volleyball Start March 5th.

<http://www.hilliardschools.org/hms/athletics/>

Media Center Info

Battle of the Books - It is the second week of February and we are already starting our eighth book (half way done!) Our BOB students meet each Friday during lunch to discuss the current title and answer questions about previously read books. This week's selection is Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John Anderson. For the upcoming 4-day weekend, students will get to read The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. Kudos to all participants for their time and effort!

Core Infusion with an Emphasis on Design Thinking

The focus of this program is to create critical thinkers and innovators. Students will experience curriculum through the lens of critical thinking and will become Design Thinkers, as they explore common themes in core subject areas and create authentic opportunities to apply those themes. Students will attend the ILC/Hub for 3 periods of their day.

7th Grade option: ELA, Science, Project Discover

7th Grade Honor's option: Honors ELA, Honors Science 7, Project Discover

8th Grade option: ELA, Social Studies, Media Explorations, and Visual Literacy

For more information about Core Infusion please click [here for the program of studies.](#)

PTO NEWS-

The PTO would like to say thank you to anyone who participated in the Flyers Pizza spirit night. We are still waiting to see what we made. We will keep you updated.

Also, we have decided that we are cancelling the shoe fundraiser. It has turned out to be more work than we are able to commit to at this time. The shoes that have been turned in we will donate to a local charity. Thanks to anyone who has donated shoes.

In the coming weeks, please watch for a sign up for items for staff appreciation week in May. Have a great weekend.

Thanks,
Julie Spencer
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Engineering Club

Engineering club will be starting Monday February 26. It is open to all Heritage students who are interested in coding, engineering, creativity, robotics or just having fun. We will start by using BBC Micro:bits (<https://www.microbit.co.uk/about>) to learn about computer coding and create projects. We will meet on Mondays beginning Feb. 26 after school in Room 168 until 4:00. Contact Mr. Kelch if you have any questions.

[Want to know a bit more about BBC micro:bit?](https://www.microbit.co.uk)

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Welcome to BBC micro:bit! This website will be your hub for all things micro:bit, from writing code to sharing your creations.

MATH COUNTS

Good luck to 8th grader Caleb Mann as he competes at the State MathCounts Competition on Saturday. Way to represent The Heritage!!!!

Watch the Heritage News

Did you know you can watch the Heritage announcements each and every day? Just click the "Watch Announcements" tab on the webpage. HBN News is on the World Wide Web. The students and teachers at THE Heritage have created a music video entitled "Imagine a Time"

Watch this video on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/246448110>. Don't have the Vimeo app? Get it from the App Store: http://bit.ly/vimeo_ios

Band Information

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP:

Capital's Winds and Percussion Camp will be held **June 4-8** and is open for musicians entering grades 7-9 next school year.

The Winds and Percussion Camp is a comprehensive day camp for woodwind, brass and percussion students designed to assist in the improvement of performance skills that relate directly to the positive experiences of playing in a large ensemble.

Families will be able to register and pay on-line. The application process will open on Thursday, March 1. Follow this link: <http://www.capital.edu/winds-percussion-camp/>

[Winds Percussion Camp | Capital University](#)

www.capital.edu

It's time to start making plans for the summer, and Capital University's Conservatory of Music is pleased to announce the dates for its popular Winds and ...

If this sounds like something that would interest your child, I would recommend that you register your child sooner rather than later. There are capacity requirements with each instrument and once the number has been reached the ability to register is closed (although you can contact Capital and be put on a waiting list). The camp fee of \$250 includes instruction, lunch and a camp T-shirt.

YEARBOOK

If anyone is interested in taking pictures for the yearbook. See Mr Martin in room 167.

Yearbook Order Deadline is Feb 28th.

TODAY'S HEADLINES

- **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT TO RETIRE**
- **LET'S TALK WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT**
- **MIDDLE LEVEL CLASS SCHEDULING DEADLINE**
- **MARCH STUDENT GATHERINGS**
- **IMPORTANT DATES**

Assistant Superintendent to Retire

After serving in Hilliard for more than two decades, Assistant Superintendent Leslie McNaughton announced she will be retiring at the end of June. You can read her letter to our community, and see whom Superintendent John Marschhausen will be recommending to take over her position in this week's [Ready for Tomorrow blog](#).

Let's Talk with the Superintendent

Get your questions ready for another round of coffee chats with Superintendent John Marschhausen. Next week he will host three sessions. You can find the dates and locations on our [web page](#).

Middle Level Class Scheduling Deadline

Tomorrow, Friday, March 9, is the deadline for all students going into 6, 7 or 8 grade next year to register for classes. This deadline was extended already and we need your help in getting the students registered. We can't finalize class schedules or staffing needs until our students are registered. You can find more information on your child's school web page.

March Student Gatherings

Over the past few weeks our High School principals have been actively engaging student leaders with how best to honor the students from Parkland, Florida. You can learn more about these [student driven plans](#) which are unique to each school culture on our blog.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Board of Education Meeting – March 12, 6:30pm at Horizon Elementary

No School Spring Break – March 19 through 23

No School – March 30

Middle School College Planning – April 3, 7pm at Bradley HS