

Hilliard City Schools | Ready for Tomorrow



# THE HERITAGE E NEWS

Heritage Middle School Electronic News and Information

*October 6th 2017*

## THE NEWS

### **Upcoming Events**

October 10<sup>th</sup>- 5pm-9pm Spirit Night at Chic-Fil-A

October 11th Parent/ Teacher conferences

October 16th-19th- Washington D.C. Trip for 8th graders

October 20th- No School for Students- COI Day

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

We have our first Parent/Teacher conferences of the year on October 11th. The sign-ups for conferences will be released Monday Oct 2nd, and will be posted on the school website

### **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.

## **Heritage Fundraiser CANCELED**

We want to let you know that we need to cancel our Middle School Fundraiser. You might have seen information come home with your student this week. We are sorry for the confusion but due to a shift in our fundraising practices, we want to re-evaluate our programs.

We will put into place practices that alleviate distractions to the school day and that put pressure on our families and children. We want to keep our students from feeling badly if they are unable to participate in a fundraiser. Competition is a part of life, but it should not be used in our schools to pressure a child, or parent into selling items or asking for money.

We know that our parents and volunteers devote hundreds of hours to support our students. These organizations raise hundreds of thousands of dollars that is put directly back into our athletic, music, and academic programs. We simply wouldn't have the extra programs and number of opportunities without raising outside funds.

We are sorry for any confusion and we thank you for all the support you give our school every day.

## **Important Contact Information**

In the event of an emergency, it is so important that we have accurate contact information! Please take a couple of minutes to review & update the contacts and phone numbers listed on Home Access. When reviewing your contact information, make especially certain that each guardian has an updated email address and correct phone numbers and there is at least one additional emergency contact.

While updating your information, please also view the Documents section to access the new handbooks for the 2017/18 school year. Please acknowledge that you have received the handbook. There is an instructional video at <http://www.hilliardschools.org/time-to-update-contact-information/> or step by step instructions at <http://www.hilliardschools.org/wp-content/uploads/Home-Access-How-to-Update-Student-Information.pdf>. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hartman at (614) 921-7512.

## **ART News**

On October 4<sup>th</sup> HMS hosted environmental activist and eco artist John Sabraw in partnership with the Wexner Center and HEF. It was an inspirational day on so many levels! Sabraw turns toxic river sludge from coalmine polluted streams into the most beautiful range of iron oxide pigments. Students learned the chemistry behind this process in a hands-on demonstration before making their own artworks using Sabraw's techniques. The connections between art and science, the environment and our actions, enabled students to see that they too can be part of the change to help our planet...and make great artwork too!

[Artist Visit Picture #1](#) [Artist Visit Picture #2](#) [Artist Visit #3](#)

## **Athletic Information**

Students interested in Heritage Winter Sports

All athletes must have a "CURRENT" Physical on file before your student can participate in tryouts for Winter Sports. Physicals are good for one calendar year. Please see the Heritage Website, under Athletics, for updated information.

Any 7th/8th grader girl interested in basketball there will be 2 open gym dates on Monday-October 23 & Wednesday-October 25, at the Heritage main gym, after school from 3:00-4:30. You must have an updated physical to participate. Team tryouts begin October 30. See Mr. Dameron if you have questions.

Girls Lacrosse new player clinic on October 22, 2017 at Darby Stadium on the NEW turf. Grades 3-9 are invited. 20\$ if you come alone or FREE if you bring a friend new to the sport. Yes FREE for you AND your friend. Follow the link to sign up! <http://events.eventzilla.net/e/hilliard-darby-girls-lacrosse-clinic-beginnerintermediate-2138925585>

## **Panther Ambassadors**

Please don't forget to sign up to help with the Orchestra Concert this coming Tuesday, Oct. 3. Report time for us is 6:00 pm. We also need volunteers to sign up and help at the Cardboard Challenge. Sat. Oct 7 9:00 –noon. See Mrs. Reasinger in room 151.

## **NJHS**

Attention 8th graders. If you are interested in applying to the National Junior Honor Society, the application for 2017-2018 is now available on the Heritage webpage. The application is due by Friday, January 5th 2018. Please see Mrs. Geoit or Ms Jasper if you have questions.

## **Cardboard Challenge**

Hilliard City Schools will host a COMMUNITY CARD BOARD CHALLENGE on OCTOBER 7th from 9:00-12:00 at Heritage Middle School. Several schools from Hilliard are participating in this event to create a cardboard masterpiece.

You may be asking, what is the community cardboard challenge? The inspiration came from Caine's Arcade please check out this short video clip. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=falFNkdq96U> In this video you will see a little boy who through his imagination and creativity created an entire arcade out of cardboard. Our Community Card Board Challenge is not necessarily promoting the creation of arcades...but the creation of ANYTHING during this event from 9:00-12:00 on October 7th. The purpose of this event is to celebrate and embrace CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, and COMMUNICATION within the community. All supplies will be provided and students can take home what they make. We do hope you will be able to join us for this fantastic family event!

## **Media Center Notes**

The pumpkins are coming! Each year Miss Miller paints four pumpkins for students and staff to enjoy. The orange vegetables become super heroes, movie characters, Brutus the Buckeye and even Gene Simmons! The freshly painted pumpkins go on display outside the media center the first week of October. Students can vote for their favorite – automatically entering them into a contest to win one.

Down the road....

We will once again rent the AMC Columbus 10 theater on Friday, November 17th for the grand opening of Wonder. The movie is based on the book by the same name written by R.J. Palacio. WONDER tells the inspiring story of August (Auggie) Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream school for the first time. The running time of this PG film is just short of two hours. Look for more details to come as the debut draws closer.

## **Supplies**

The media center offers the following items for sale:

Pencils                    10 cents

Poster board        50 cents

Foam board        \$2.00

Tri-fold boards \$3.00

Stylus pens        \$1.00

Earbuds            \$2.00

Charging cords \$4.00

If your child is in need of any of these items this school year, have them stop by the media center. You will find that our prices are lower than the big stores because we buy in bulk.

## **PTO NEWS-**

October 10th is CHIC-FIL-A spirit night from 5-9pm. Say Heritage Middle School when you order your food!

### **[Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night](#)**

Parent Teacher Conferences are Oct 11th, please sign up to help!

Here is the link for conference meal: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0D4AA5A928A31-conference](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0D4AA5A928A31-conference)

We still have some spirit wear in stock. If you are interested please email me [atjspence71@columbus.rr.com](mailto:atjspence71@columbus.rr.com) and we will see what we can do for you.

The PTO is going to do a shoe collection for the less fortunate. This will also be a fundraiser for the PTO. We are looking for slightly used shoes that are in good shape. You are welcome to send those into the office anytime. The big push will be in January. Please keep us in mind if you have shoes that you no longer need. This is an easy fundraiser.

Also, we are collecting Tyson food labels (chicken). This is also an easy fundraiser. Please go to [www.projectaplus.tyson.com](http://www.projectaplus.tyson.com) to see what products are eligible. We receive \$.24 a label, that is free money. If we are successful with these fundraisers, then we don't have to ask you to sell or buy anything to raise money.

We as a PTO do not have a large budget. If we can make these fundraisers successful without having to buy or sell products, that makes us happy. We have a goal to give back to the students (like the solar glasses we purchased) and provide for the staff when needed.

Please help us make this a successful year.

## **Ready for Tomorrow Video Series**

Over the next month, we will be releasing a video series that features our students, teachers, alumni and parents talking about what Ready for Tomorrow means to them. In [this first video](#), you will hear the vision from our superintendent, Dr. John Marschhausen.

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## **2017 Band Invitational**

As part of the upcoming 2017 Hilliard Marching Band Invitational on October 7 the Hilliard Music Boosters will be making a \$100 donation to each of the Hilliard Elementary Schools Music programs in support of the arts. They also have a [coloring contest](#) under way. Every Hilliard Elementary student who does their best to color the [Hilliard Marching Band Invitational logo](#) will be given Free Admission to the Invitational along with a paid adult.

Additionally, one Hilliard Elementary school will be the winner of an additional \$100 for their school's music program. The Elementary school that has the most coloring contest entries submitted at the ticket gate on the day of the Invitational will be named the school winner.

## **State of the Schools in Partnership with the Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce**

Please make plans to attend the 2017 State of the Schools address on Thursday, October 26. This year we will host the event at the Makoy Center in Hilliard in partnership with the Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce. We are grateful to our sponsors of the evening, Credit Union of Ohio, Elford and Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. We will have light appetizers and music from a Hilliard High School Quartet made up of students from our three high schools beginning at 6pm. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm.