

## Heritage Middle School

04/12/2024



### Notes from the Principal

Panther Nation,

It is with great excitement that I share with you that Heritage Middle School has been recognized by the Ohio Department of Education with the 'Momentum Award'. This award recognizes schools who improved their performance rating on the state report card by 3 or more points AND received a value-added rating of 4 or more starts. Only 10% of ALL Ohio Public schools fell into this category. We are extremely proud of our students and teachers and appreciate the positive recognition.

Next Wednesday, April 17th, will be our next Ohio State Testing day. This time around, testing will only be occurring for our 8th grade students in the area of Science. 7th grade students are still expected to report at the regular time and will rotate through an alternative schedule while the 8th graders test. If your student starts their day anywhere on the Innovation Campus, they should report to Heritage first. Bussing to and from the Innovation Campus will resume once testing concludes.

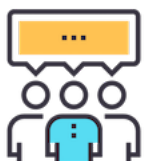
Please mark your calendars for our HMS Luau Social for ALL students on Friday, April 26th at 6PM. Tickets will be on sale during lunch periods starting April 23rd. This will be our final social of the year and it will be full of music, games, prizes, food and more. Thank you to the members of our Heritage PTO for all the planning and work that they have put into making this a special event for our students.

Have a great weekend and GO PANTHERS!

Joel Assenheimer  
Principal

### **Attendance Update**

As the end of the year begins to near, we want to encourage you to keep up the good work when it comes to having your child in school every day. Already, you have helped us stay on track for our year-end attendance goal. So far this year, we have seen a drop in the percentage of students missing 10 or more days from 57% to 52%! The number of students who are chronically absent this year is just 39%. We still have work to do, but are grateful for your partnership in making school a priority.



**PTO**

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Heritage PTO is starting planning for the spring social which will take place April 26 and will have a luau theme. We are looking for help with decorating, photo props, snacks and activities. Please email [HilliardHeritagepto@gmail.com](mailto:HilliardHeritagepto@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping or donating items.

PTO is hosting a spirit night at Graeter's Ice Cream in Hilliard on Tuesday, April 16 from 6-9 p.m. A portion of proceeds will benefit PTO.

PTO is seeking officers for the 2024-25 school year. Open positions include President, Treasurer, and ISPTO rep. Chairs for socials, spirit nights and spiritwear are also helpful. Please email [hilliardheritagepto@gmail.com](mailto:hilliardheritagepto@gmail.com) to express interest or ask any questions.



## Performing Arts

### Musical Instrument Drive

If you are starting your spring cleaning and find band or orchestra instruments just lying around, we'd love for you to consider donating them to our district. These will be used for beginner students with financial needs. You can bring them on April 27 to Station Sixth Grade School, door C6, from 10am-Noon. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Emily Thomas@hboe.org](mailto:Emily.Thomas@hboe.org)



## Important Dates

April 16	Honors Night @ Darby HS
April 16 6:30PM	Middle School College Planning Night @ Bradley HS -
April 17	Science OST (8th Grade Only)
April 24	Math OST - PART 1
April 25	Math OST - PART 2
April 26	HMS Luau Spring Social - 6PM



## District News

### **Two More Hilliard Schools Earn Purple Stars**

We are proud to announce that Hilliard Darby High School and Washington Elementary have been recognized as a Purple Star School by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

This award celebrates the school's dedication to supporting military-connected students and their families. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement! These two join Davidson and Bradley High Schools which have already been designated as Purple Star Schools. To learn more about the Purple Star Award, click [here!](#)

### **Hilliard Schools Summer Enrichment Registration Open**

Hilliard City Schools will offer summer exploration and enrichment workshops for students in kindergarten through eighth grade, and online high school credit classes. All offerings will be based on the availability of staffing. Registration is based on the students' current 2023-2024 grade level. Should our student registration exceed our available staff, we will let parents know by May 10th.

[Click here to register.](#)

### **Fine Arts Web Page Re-Design**

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly revamped Fine Arts Web Pages! With a fresh design and improved navigation, it's now easier than ever for parents and community members to explore the amazing fine arts programs offered across our district.

From vibrant visual arts to captivating musical performances and inspiring theatrical productions, our fine arts department is dedicated to fostering creativity and talent in every student. With the new web pages, you can stay up-to-date on upcoming events, performances, and opportunities for involvement.

You can [click here to access](#) the new Fine Arts Web Pages.

### **Parent and Community Preview of New Math Curriculum Resource**

The Hilliard City School District is in the process of adopting a new math curriculum resource for grades/courses 6th-8th, Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 called Imagine Learning Illustrative Math. This resource was also adopted last year for K-5 Math. We are excited to have continuity and a rich and rigorous math resource for kindergarten through Algebra 2. The Board of Education and the community have the opportunity to preview this new resource. We invite all families and the community to preview Imagine Learning Illustrative Math and if so desire, use the [Feedback Form](#) to provide feedback. Clicking on [this link](#) will provide a preview for our families. A sample display of the curriculum resource by grade level and course have been available at Central Office since March 26. You can look over the resources through April 17. Visitors may come in person to preview the samples between the hours of 9:00am-11:00am and 2:00-4:00pm Monday - Friday.

### **Davidson Theater Performs The Little Mermaid**

You are invited to attend a performance of the Little Mermaid presented by Hilliard Davidson Theater. There are shows on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm. and Saturday April 27, and Sunday the 28 at 2 pm and 7pm. You can [click here](#) to purchase tickets.

### **Webinar for High School Seniors Entering the Workforce**

Families across Ohio want to know more about their child's options after high school including credentials earned through the Ohio Technical Centers are invited to attend a zoom on April 23 at 6:30pm. This is for families with soon to be graduates unsure about their next step. You can join this live webinar to learn about fast-paced, high-impact education to prepare for in-demand 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs. Register here:

<https://bit.ly/OTC-April23>

### **We Grow Scientists**

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will host the second annual "[We Grow Scientists](#)" event on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 3:00-7:00 PM at Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory.

This afternoon of hands-on learning and activities will showcase the many STEM fields offered and will include a look at Waterman facilities such as the newly constructed Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Complex. "We Grow Scientists" is a free event open to learners of all ages looking to learn more about STEM in their community as part of the COSI Science Festival (May 1-4, 2024).

### **4- H Walk and Serve – Community Event**

You are invited to participate in this Community Service Opportunity with 4-H. The free event is on Saturday, April 13 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds from 9:30 am to Noon. There will be Hands-On Community Service Opportunities and free food. The 4-H Walk & Serve will showcase over 10 non-profit organizations that serve Central Ohio. 4-H members along with their families, friends, and community members will complete service projects benefiting the non-profit organizations. [Click here](#) for more details.

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