

Heritage Middle School

05/02/2025



Notes from the Principal

Panther Nation,

It's hard to believe we are heading into May! With just a few short weeks remaining in the school year, our focus remains on finishing strong—academically, socially, and behaviorally. We've already seen great momentum coming out of testing, and our students continue to impress us with their engagement and effort.

Looking ahead, May brings a number of end-of-year celebrations and events. Please keep an eye on upcoming communications and updates so you don't miss out on key dates and opportunities.

Digital Hall Pass Pilot Begins Monday

Starting Monday, May 5, we will officially launch a pilot of our new digital hall pass system. This tool helps us improve hallway safety, reduce class time disruptions, and ensure that restrooms remain safe and respectful spaces for

all students. It also provides staff with better visibility of student movement during the day, which is especially important in emergencies. Several schools in the area and in our district already use this system successfully, and our goal is to create a more consistent, accountable, and supportive environment for students. To learn more about the system and its features, please visit <https://myhomeworkapp.com/guardians-info>.

Have a great weekend —and as always, GO PANTHERS!

Joel Assenheimer

Principal



PTO

Teacher Appreciation Week: Caffeinating our Teachers

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9, and PTO is making it easy as possible to show your appreciation for Heritage Middle School's amazing staff!

We accepting donations, through PayPal, to purchase a new Keurig machine for the staff lounge. To make a contribution donate here: https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=YKDJCDWB958YC

We are also creating a coffee and snack bar for the teachers, and you can purchase those items (and have them delivered directly to the school!!!) by visiting the PTO's Amazon Wish

List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/281T5PMPARQM7?ref=lst_d_wl_lfu_nav_1

2025-2026 PTO Elections

Interested in joining the PTO? It's fun (we promise!). Please email current president, Amanda Wurst (amanda.wurst@gmail.com), for board and volunteer service opportunities.



Important Dates

May 5th	Archie Griffin Award Ceremony (8th Grade ONLY)
May 9th	Civil War Day (8th Grade Social Studies Classes)
May 16th	8th Grade Formal - 6:30PM - 8:00PM
May 22nd	Find Your Grind Field Trip (7th Grade ONLY)
May 26th	NO SCHOOL
May 30th	8th Grade Clap Out & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



District News

Hilliard Education Foundation Thank A Teacher

Hilliard City Schools is fortunate to have many wonderful teachers in our schools that care about students. In recognition of all of these educators and in cooperation with National Teacher Appreciation Week, the Hilliard Education Foundation wants to show our outstanding teachers and staff members the love and appreciation they deserve.

Together, we can "Thank a Teacher!" Parents and students, here is your chance to let the teachers and staff members who made a difference in your life know that they matter. Visit the [Hilliard Education Foundation](#) website to submit a heartfelt note, and we will deliver your personalized message of

appreciation to the staff member and their principal! While a donation is not required, a suggested donation of \$5 is greatly appreciated! Your generous donation in the staff member's name supports innovative learning experiences for Hilliard City School District students through classroom learning grants and student scholarships.

Learn more at <https://hilliardeducationfoundation.org/events/>

April Master Facilities Plan Update

During the April Board of Education meeting, the District Operations Team provided an update on upcoming work at the Darby weight room and elementary playgrounds. You [can click here](#) for the updates and more information on the MFP Blueprint for Tomorrow.

Every Day Counts

We're in the home stretch! With less than a month left in the school year, let's make every day count. Regular attendance helps students stay connected, keep up with their learning, and finish strong. Let's work together to build great attendance habits that last a lifetime!

Hilliard City Schools | Heritage Middle School

Joel Assenheimer, Principal
5670 Scioto Darby Road
Hilliard, OH
614-921-7500

hilliardschools.org/hms



Hilliard City School District would like to continue connecting with you via email.

Parents/Guardians: Please use [Home Access Center](#) to update your email address. To update your email preferences please use [SchoolMessenger InfoCenter](#).

Community Subscribers: Please use [SchoolMessenger Subscriber Portal](#) to update your email and preferences.

SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students, and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media. If you have received this message in error you can [remove your email](#)