

Heritage Middle School

05/09/2025



Notes from the Principal

Panther Nation,

Today marks the end of Teacher Appreciation Week, and I want to take a moment to thank our incredible Heritage staff. The dedication, care, and creativity our teachers bring to their classrooms every day is what makes HMS such a special place to learn and grow. I'm so grateful for the support many of you have shown this week with kind words, thoughtful notes, and gestures of appreciation. It truly means a lot.

Today, all of our 8th grade students had the opportunity to experience *Civil War Day* during their Social Studies classes. Civil War reenactors set up camp on campus Thursday evening, spent the night in tents, and welcomed students throughout the day on Friday. Students learned about and experienced what life was like during this pivotal time in American history. It was an outstanding hands-on learning experience! A huge thank you to Mr. Eric Dameron for organizing this special event.

For our 7th grade families, earlier this week, I sent home information about our upcoming *Find Your Grind* field trip, scheduled for May

22nd. Please be sure to submit the signed [PERMISSION FORM](#) no later than May 16th.

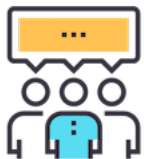
Today, we proudly hosted the annual Hilliard Battle of the Books competition here at Heritage. Our students competed against teams from Memorial and Weaver, and I had the chance to watch part of the event. What an impressive group of readers and thinkers!

Finally, a reminder that tickets for our 8th Grade Formal, Casino Royale, go on sale next week during lunch periods. Tickets are \$15. We look forward to celebrating our 8th graders at this special event on Friday, May 16th at 6:30PM. Parents, please refer to my message from last week for more details.

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

Joel Assenheimer

Principal



PTO

2025-2026 PTO Elections

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



Important Dates

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

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and at Hilliard City Schools, we're committed to supporting the emotional and mental well-being of every student—not just this month, but all year long. Mental health is a vital part of a child's overall development and academic success, and families play a critical role in helping students feel supported, connected, and understood. [Click here](#) to learn more about signs to look for and how to help.

FESTA Free Summer Lunch Camp Registration

Registration is now open for the 2025 Festa Free Summer Lunch Camp. There will be three locations this summer. They will also offer adult English classes for parents during camp. Families can register their children for camp and also register for English classes by visiting our website: <https://www.wearefesta.org/> There will also be in-person drop-in registration hours on June 4th at Hilliard Church of Christ, 4300 Avery Road, from 9am-Noon and 1pm-4pm

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