

## Heritage Middle School

01/19/2024



### Notes from the Principal

Panther Nation,

Happy SNOW DAY! What a pleasant surprise it was waking up to fresh snow. Hopefully your students were able to get outside and have some fun!

This week, we concluded our 'Winter STAR Assessment'. Thank you for bringing attention and focus to this at home with your students. Your students' results will be available in Home Access Center (HAC) in a roughly 2 weeks. I will notify when those results are live. As always, please communicate with your child's teachers with any questions or clarifications about your child's results.

Reminder that next Thursday, January 25th our current 8th grade families will have a 'Scheduling Information Night' at Darby High School. That meeting will be very informative and beneficial for all families. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM.

## **Attendance:**

We wanted to take a moment to celebrate some fantastic news and express our gratitude to the entire school community. Today, as we enjoy the beauty of the snow, we're thrilled to share that our first-semester attendance data is in! Our students' overall 'missed days of school' are down by an impressive 48% compared to last year at this same time. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the commitment of our students and parents to regular school attendance.

Further, we set a goal to decrease the number of students who miss 10 or more days of school this year by 5%, and we are on pace to achieve this goal! Your efforts in making attendance a priority are truly making a difference in our school.

Thank you to each and every one of you for making regular attendance a priority and helping us establish a strong culture of learning. Enjoy the snow day, and stay warm!

Have a great weekend and GO PANTHERS!

Joel Assenheimer

Principal



**Innovation Learning Campus**

Hello, families! As we begin the scheduling season, we would like to share with you some information about the Innovation Campus. We are excited to offer classes that

complement the wonderful things going on at the home buildings and look forward to helping your student schedule for next year. Please take a moment to check out [this link](#) to view videos about our specific course offerings. We look forward to seeing you at the Innovation Campus during the 2024/2025 school year!



## PTO

Kona Ice is coming next Friday, January 26 at lunch to help celebrate the end of winter STAR treating. Treats are \$4-\$7 and they accept cash or credit cards. Part of the sales will benefit Heritage Middle School PTO.

The dodgeball tournament is Friday, February 9 after school. PTO is looking for volunteers to help sell tickets and concessions. Message the Facebook page or email [HilliardHeritagepto@gmail.com](mailto:HilliardHeritagepto@gmail.com). Also, don't forget to encourage your student to sign up for a team. No team? No problem! See Mr. Gaston at lunch or recess.



## Important Dates

January 24	Winter Pep Rally
January 25 7PM	8th Grade Parent Meeting (Scheduling for High School) @ Darby -
January 26	Kona Ice - Lunch Periods
February 9	Dodgeball Tournament - 3PM
February 13	Parent Teacher Conferences

**February 16 & 19**

**NO SCHOOL**



## **District News**

### **K-12 Math Course of Study Revision**

The Hilliard City School District is in the process of revising its K-12 Mathematics Course of Study. We invite all families and the community to preview the K-12 Mathematics Draft Course of Study and provide feedback by [clicking here](#).

### **Kindergarten Registration – Open**

Hilliard City School District will begin Kindergarten Registration is open. If your child will be five years of age on or before September 30, 2024, they are eligible to start kindergarten during the 2024-25 school year. Parents can access the [registration website](#) (on or after January 8, 2024) to complete online registration.

### **National Veterans Memorial and Museum President’s Day Events**

As part of their ongoing commitment to education and community engagement, the [National Veterans Memorial and Museum](#) is thrilled to celebrate President’s Day with discounted admission and hands-on learning activities, and they want to invite our school community to be a part of it. You can [click here](#) to learn more about the day!

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