

December 2023

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY

HURON
VALLEY
SCHOOLS
building futures...
one student at a time.

Mrs. Jenna Stevens,
Principal



HELP WANTED

We are looking for playground and lunchroom substitutes. If you are interested please inquire at the office.

(248) 684-8190

NO SCHOOL

Winter Holiday
Break

Dec. 25 -Jan. 5

School Resumes

On Jan. 8 2024



Seasons'
Greetings



Dear Heritage Families,

It is hard to believe that Winter Break is only a few weeks away! It seems like just yesterday the students were unpacking their backpacks and getting ready to start the new school year! While the students will enjoy some well-deserved time away from school, we know that this time of year is anything but a break for parents. This is a very busy, and often stressful, time for many as we prepare for the holiday season. Despite all of the distractions this time of year, it's important to take time to reflect on the things that really matter, and the things we are thankful for. I am thankful for being able to come to work each day and love every part of my job! I look forward to seeing your children and sharing in all the wonderful aspects that Heritage Elementary has to offer. May each of you have a safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season!

Thank you for your continued support!

Jenna Stevens

WE ARE LOST!

MANY ITEMS HAVE TAKEN A JOURNEY TO OUR LOST AND FOUND. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO TAKE A LOOK FOR ANYTHING THAT THEY MAY BE MISSING. ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY HOLIDAY BREAK WILL BE DONATED. THANK YOU FOR HELPING THEM FIND THEIR WAY HOME!



Recess Procedures.....

During the winter months, we will be experiencing many different weather conditions. Please make it a point to check the weather each day before sending your child to school so that he/she can dress accordingly. Students are expected to go outside for recess daily, and they look forward to it. Children will be excused from going out if you have a doctor's note excluding your child from recess due to injury or illness or is recovering from an extended illness. **PLEASE SEND A COMPLETE CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR YOUR CHILD** to keep in their locker for a necessary change if the need arises. **(ALL GRADE LEVELS)**

The district outdoor recess policy states that children go out for recess unless:

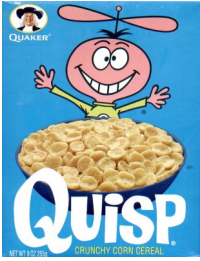
- The temperature is 15 degrees Fahrenheit or below.
- Wind chill factor is "0" or below

Early Release Day

Tuesday, December 5th will be a **early release**. Students will be dismissed at 2:37. These are Professional Development days for staff. Please plan accordingly for this day.



The Heritage Elementary mission is to provide a safe, high-quality educational environment where children are actively engaged in learning and where parents, teachers and children work together to achieve common goals.



KNOCK DOWN HUNGER CHALLENGE



This year Heritage Elementary once again sponsored a cereal drive. Camden and Gavin Gilbert spearheaded this campaign with help from several other students and Mrs. Stevens. We started bringing in boxes on October 30th and concluded on November 17th. Our goal was to reach 500 boxes donated, which we nearly received thanks to so many generous donations! On the last day, students set up the boxes like dominos and all Heritage classes lined up in the halls to witness the fall. All were super excited to participate in this activity.

The cereal will be distributed to Heritage families as needed and any extras beyond that will be donated to Community Sharing. Please take the time to view the video of this challenge on the Heritage Facebook page!!!



Planning for 2023-2024

Early Release and Half Day

The HVS Early Release and Half Days scheduled for the year are shown below. We hope this helps parents and caregivers to plan arrangements for students.

Early Release 2:37 PM release

December 5, 2023 February 6, 2024 March 12, 2024

Half Days 12:45 PM release

January 19th, April 5th, June 12th (last day of school)

At the elementary level, students arrive at their regularly scheduled time. Their day includes lunch time. Transportation will be provided for students who normally take the bus, but the dismissal time will be adjusted.

Will child care be available during half and early release?
Extended School Age Care will not be offered.



Holiday Shop



We will have our Holiday Shop this year on Thursday December 14th thru Friday, December 15th.

This is a fun way for your child to shop for their parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters or anyone else that is special to them. There will be a variety of items to choose from, so children can pick out the perfect gift for each person on their list. The price for every item offered is \$2.00 each.

Watch for more information to come home soon. A printed envelope will be provided so that you can write down the people that your child needs to buy for and the amount to spend on each. There will be adults to help your child "shop" from their list and items will come home bagged to keep the gifts a surprise!

Thank you and Happy Holidays!



GIVING TREE

Join in the holiday spirit at Heritage Elementary! Help make this season extra special for families in our community by participating in our Giving Tree program. Simply sign up on our Sign-Up Genius to buy a gift for a family in need. Return your unwrapped gift to the front office vestibule by December 18th. Don't forget to label your gift with the corresponding letter and number from the Sign-Up Genius. (Link is on the Heritage Website under "Giving Tree")

If you prefer, you can also donate money through our *Give Butter* link to support the Giving Tree. (Link is on the Heritage Website under "Giving Tree")

Contact Katie Stahly at ptopresident.heritage@gmail.com for any questions.

Your kindness and generosity mean the world to us.

Thank you for making the holidays brighter for everyone!

LIBRARY

newsletter

Susan Black Media Technician

Thank You

That was one amazing book fair! I was blown away.

Thank you for your support and patience! Our Fall Book Fair sales exceeded all the prior book fairs I have run in the past 10 years so thank you very very much! I have plans for a very special *March is Reading Month*. Look for more details to come in February!



BOOKS WE ARE READING

GRADES JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, FIRST GRADE AND SECOND GRADE-WE READ: THE BADDIES BY JULIA DONALDSON AND THE BIG CHEESE BY JORY JOHN

THIRD GRADERS ARE FINISHING ROWLEY JEFFERSON'S AWESOME FRIENDLY ADVENTURE.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE ARE READING BAN THIS BOOK BY ALAN GRATZ.

REMINDERS

Please remind students to bring back their library books back each week. Some students are waiting on some of the more popular titles. Thanks for your help!

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SKI CLUB

HUSKYSKICLUB@GMAIL.COM



SKI CLUB DATES:
THURSDAYS

JAN 4 - FEB 29



DECEMBER 2023



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	Early Release Day 2:37	6	7	8
11	12	13	14 Holiday Shop	15 Holiday Shop
18 GIVING TREE DONATIONS DUE	19	20	21	22
25 	26	27	28	29
WINTER HOLIDAY				

Winter Break is 12/25/23-01/05/24

HAPPY NEW YEAR

School Resumes
Jan 8, 2024

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