

March 2024



Daylight Savings Time
Begins on Sunday,
March 10h at 2:00 a.m.
Be sure to Spring
"FORWARD"

Looking Ahead:
Spring Break
March 25– March 29
School Resumes
April 2nd



KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION
MARCH 14th
6:00PM

MARCH 12th
STUDENT
EARLY
RELEASE
2:37

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY

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

Student Placement Process

Every year at this time, we begin to hear from some parents who want to request a specific teacher for their child for next year. They want "the best teacher" at the grade level for their child, and they believe they know who that is based on what they've seen and heard.

I have confidence in every teacher at Heritage Elementary and believe we are fortunate to have such a wonderful staff and so many choices for your child at each grade level.

Please understand that student placement is a complex job and one that we do not take lightly. The entire instructional staff spends a tremendous amount of time working to find the best possible classroom placement for all children. Although we appreciate parent input, **we do not accept "Parent Request Letters," but instead ask parents to give us input, if you feel the need to do so, by using a "Student Profile Form."** The form asks you to share with us your child's academic/social strengths, and any special needs that may be relevant to your child's placement. As a parent, you know your child best and as the instructional leader of Heritage Elementary, I know my staff.

Please keep in mind that a teacher's grade level assignment can change from year to year. Also, please refrain from talking to your child about next year's possible teacher until finding out who it will be in late August. The Student Profile Forms are currently available in the office. All forms need to be **returned to the main office and not the current classroom teacher.** In order to complete classroom placement in a timely manner, Student Profile Forms will be accepted until **Friday, April 19, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.** This input will be taken into consideration, along with other criteria, during placement meetings.

In Partnership,
Mrs. Stevens

23'-24' YEARBOOK



THIS IS YOUR **ONLY** CHANCE TO BUY A
YEARBOOK!

ORDER ONLINE @
book.hrimaging.com

No extra yearbooks will be ordered. The deadline
is Friday, 03 May 2024

* a link to the ordering site is on the Heritage website page

The Heritage Elementary mission is to guide students to become responsible learners and leaders of their lives.

HEARING & VISION SCREENING



What Parents Should Know

What is the Hearing & Vision Screening Program?

Michigan law (The Public Health Code 368 of 1978) requires Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) to provide no cost hearing and vision screenings to preschool and school-age children.

Screenings occur in most Oakland County public, private, and charter schools, preschools and at Health Division offices. The program is done in three steps over the course of a child's school years:

1. Screenings before kindergarten entry
2. Screenings in select grades up to 9th grade.
3. As needed, medical referrals for children not passing the screening

OCHD Public Health Technicians help identify potential concerns related to a child's ear or eye health. They are not doctors and do not diagnose conditions or prescribe treatment. Technicians complete a Michigan Department of Community Health & Human Services Technician Training Course and receive continuous training.

Screening Requirements	Hearing	Vision
Pre-school	X	X
Kindergarten	X	
1st Grade		X
2nd Grade	X	
3rd Grade		X
4th Grade	X	
5th Grade		X
7th Grade		X
9th Grade		X

Why screen children's hearing and vision?

Hearing and vision difficulties can affect school performance, speech and language skills, self-esteem and social development. Regular hearing and vision screenings identify any problems and ensure they are caught early. Screenings are safe and help children get prompt medical care to reduce disease, physical damage to ear/eye and permanent loss of sight or hearing. They also help parents and teachers make accommodations to help children succeed.

How are hearing and vision screenings performed?

Vision: An age appropriate vision screening instrument screens for eye muscle imbalance and clearness of vision. Children with glasses are screened with glasses/contacts on so they are not referred for further medical evaluation unnecessarily.

Hearing: A pure tone audiometer is used. Tones are presented through headphones.

Will I be notified if a problem is found during my child's screening?

Yes, you will be notified if your child does not pass the screening, is absent, or the technician is unable to screen your child. A referral letter to follow-up with the appropriate doctor will also be provided. State of Michigan law requires OCHD to request follow-up documentation that a child who has received this referral receives further evaluation by a physician. If a child does not pass a hearing screening, they may be referred to their physician or invited to an OCHD sponsored Otology Clinic. Otology clinics are offered at community sites throughout Oakland County and allow the child to be evaluated by an ENT (ear, nose and throat) physician and audiologist at no charge for further recommendations.

How will I know when my child is screened in school?

Schools are responsible for communicating to parents about when screenings are scheduled. All children are screened unless the school office is notified otherwise by a parent/guardian. Notify the school if your child has an implanted medical device such as a shunt, pacemaker, vagus nerve stimulators for preventing seizures, Baclofen pumps for spinal cord injuries, etc. Children with implanted medical devices will not be screened for hearing because they may be at risk for unintended changes in device settings. Children with cochlear implants also are not screened in school. If your child has a medically implanted device and you would like a hearing screening, contact your physician for a referral to an audiologist.



Does my child need hearing or vision screening for Kindergarten Entry?

Hearing and Vision screening is required by State of Michigan law for kindergarten entry.

What are signs of hearing or vision problems in a child?

Hearing

- History of ear infections or drainage
- Wants the television or radio louder
- Misunderstands directions or asks to have things repeated
- Complaints of headaches and/or dizziness
- Chronic congestion, allergies or mouth breathing

Vision

- Squints, closes one eye, or tilts head to see
- Droopy eyelids
- Eye crosses or wanders even if only when child is ill or tired
- Holds objects close to the eyes
- Redness, frequent tearing, pain, and/or itching in the eyes

If you notice any of the above signs in your child, contact your health care provider or Oakland County Health Division.



Where can I get more information?

Call (248) 424-7070 or email: hearingvision@oakgov.com

www.oakgov.com/health

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/

NURSE ON CALL PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION
800.848.5533 NOC@OAKGOV.COM
OAKGOV.COM/HEALTH



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The Oakland County Health Division will not deny participation in its programs based on race, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. State and federal eligibility requirements apply for certain programs.
19-264 Info Sheet_Parents KA 8.18.22



STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child will be absent or late, remember to call the attendance line @ (248) 684-8191 to let the office know. Please leave your students name, teacher's name and reason for absence which should include any illness symptoms if your child is sick. Our office staff may contact you if your child is sick. When a student is absent and we do not hear from a parent, we will try to reach you to be sure that the student is safe and accounted for. The attendance line is available after hours, around the clock, so you can leave a message at any time. We thank you for your help in this matter. Also, if your child will be out for an extended time for vacation, etc, we have "prearranged absence" forms in the office that we can send home for you to fill out ahead of time. We will then put the absences in the computer, so as not to call the parent needlessly. * Please always let the office **and** the teacher know of these absences.



Medications



If you need us to distribute prescription medications or over the counter medicine, you will need to fill out an **Administering Medication** form giving us parental permission to administer the medication and listing any special conditions and side effects. A "**Plan of Care**" form may need to be filled out, as well, for certain medical conditions.

No medication will be given without a Doctor's signature.

Forms are available in the office and on the HVS website.

Go to "For Parents" choose Health and Wellness, Care Plans.

A parent must bring in the medication to be checked in. Students are not to transport medications to or from school. Please call with any questions.

Early Dismissal

If your child will be leaving early due to an appointment, come to the new main entrance doors and push the call button on the right. Let us know which student you are here for and we will then have the student come down. Please **do not** call for your child to be waiting in the office before you get to school.

***Per Mrs. Stevens-** If it is 3:40 or later, please wait until dismissal for your child. We will not be calling classrooms after this time. We need to alleviate the many disruptions to the classroom during the final minutes of teaching and instruction time. Be sure to discuss pick up instructions with your child in the morning, **before school**.

Remember to have a form of identification with you when coming to the school.

March is Reading Month!





YEARBOOK ORDERING

Heritage Elementary School

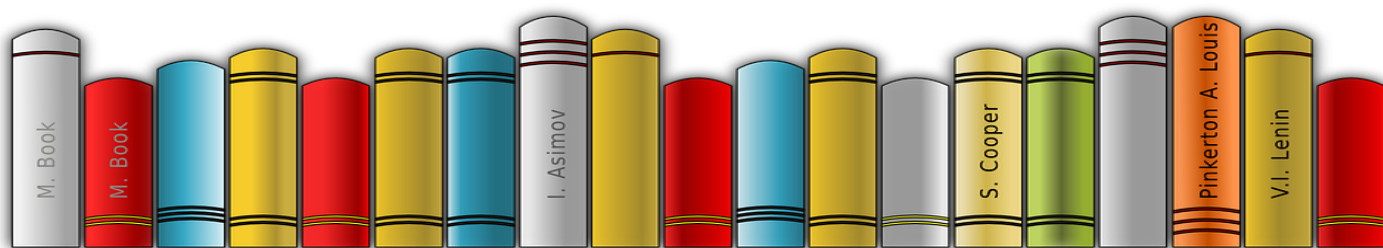
Purchase Your 2023-2024 Yearbook

**It's not too late to order yours! Deadline for orders is
Friday, 03 May 2024**

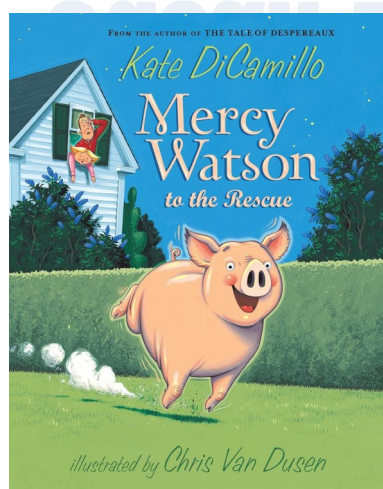
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(There is also a link to order on the Heritage Elementary Web Page)



Susan Black, Media Technician



Don't forget to read! Books have been sent home for March is Reading Month. *The Secret Zoo*, because it is longer, will start a week before *Mercy Watson*. We have our masked Readers ready to go: a unicorn, cow, horse, yeti, pug and bear! Can you guess them? Look for our Masked Reader videos on our social media platforms. A special "thanks" to our participants and to Ms. Morgan for her video expertise!



Don't forget the author of *The Secret Zoo*, Bryan Chick, our grade 2-5 book selection, is local. He will be coming to our school on **Friday, March 22, 2024** for two assemblies. One assembly is for grades Pre/K-2 and one assembly is for Grades 3-5 to talk about



Thank you so much for your support of the Spring Scholastic Book Fair! Each teacher was able to choose \$50 of books for their classroom library. In addition, I was able to get some new books for the school library. Thank you also for your patience as I am exploring what the best options for parent shopping at the book fair looks like.



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT GLOW-GOLF EDITION

Free Glow Golf Event with
Milford Township Parks & Rec



REGISTER HERE!



Join us &
Milford Twp
Parks & Rec

Saturday,
March 2, 2024
6-8pm




Free and open
to the
community!

Registration
required. Scan the
QR code to register

Contact Carls Family YMCA
carlsymca@ymcadetroit.org



MARCH 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
4	 Hungry Howies Night	6	7	8  TALENT SHOW 6:00 PM
11	12 EARLY RELEASE DAY 2:37	13	14 Kindergarten Parent Orientation Night 6:00-6:45 pm	15
18	19  SPRING IS HERE	20	21 Hearing Screening K-2-4	22 Hearing Screening K-2-4
25	26	27	28	29
SPRING BREAK!				
 “Despite the forecast, live like it’s spring.” - LILLY PULITZER				

A large, stylized illustration of a red and white striped circus tent with a star on top, set against a blue background with radiating lines and stars.

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY

FAMILY FUN FAIR

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Stuff-a-Husky
- ★ Food

- ★ Midway Games
- ★ Cake Walk
- ★ Raffle

A smaller illustration of a red and white striped circus tent with a star on top, set against a blue background with radiating lines and stars.

5:30 - 8:00 PM