



APRIL 17. 2009

Herron High School Meets Annual Yearly Progress Goals

Dear Parents/Guardians,

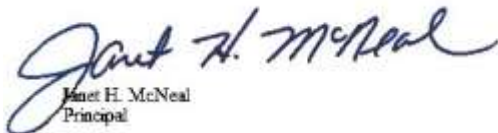
Congratulations are in order to our students as well as our teachers!

Herron High School is one of only three public Marion County schools to receive a passing grade from the Department of Education, meeting the adequate yearly progress goals established by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

The accountability system established under NCLB holds schools responsible for educating students based on high standards, and challenges them to continuously improve achievement. Each year, the Indiana State Board of Education requires all public schools to administer mandatory annual assessments of student progress in English and mathematics. For the first time, every traditional high school in Marion County was rated as failing to make adequate yearly progress. Herron High School and two other charter schools were the only schools in the County to have achieved the performance goals.

We are very proud to have achieved the yearly progress goals established by NCLB, as it shows that our liberal arts educational approach is working for our students. We are constantly striving to provide the best possible liberal arts education for our students. This annual assessment is just one of the measures that we use to track the progress and achievement of our students.

Congratulations to our students, staff and faculty.



Janet H. McNeal
Principal

There are still a few openings at each grade level for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Please tell your friends and neighbors that Herron might be the perfect educational choice for their family.

APRIL 17TH - OPEN HOUSE

Herron High School is hosting an Open House for prospective students and their families. Current students and their families are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors to come and tour the school and meet the faculty and staff. The Open House is Friday, April 17th, from 6 to 8 p.m. Herron High School is now accepting applications for the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

HERRON-MORTON SPRING GREEN-UP

Herron students, families, and faculty have been invited to participate in the Herron-Morton Place Neighborhood Spring Green-Up Event taking place on Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The day will include clean-up of neighborhood streets, tree and flower planting, and eco-friendly kids' activities in the park at 19th and Talbot Street. If you are interested in volunteering to help on this day, please contact Mrs. Stephens at istephens@herronhighschool.org.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER IN THE HERRON MAIN OFFICE

We at Herron High School are grateful to our core group of parent volunteers. We understand how valuable your time is. The office staff is looking for more volunteers to help with Student Services duties and receptionist lunch coverage, as well as processing Labels for Education (can be done at the school or offsite). Additionally, teachers have expressed interest in having parents volunteer as assistants in their classrooms. If you have a two or three hour opening in your weekly or monthly schedule, please email lguerrettaz@herronhighschool.org.

FREE MICROSOFT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

We are proud to announce that Herron High school is now part of the Microsoft DreamSpark High School program. Our students can download a variety of Microsoft programs for free. If you wish to receive an access code, either email me at cbrowning@herronhighschool.com or stop by student services **after school** to receive an access code. Limit one code per student. The following downloads are currently available: MS Visual Studio 2008 professional Edition, MS CCR & DSS Toolkit 2008, MS Expression Studio 2, MS Visual Studio 2005, MS SQL Server 2008 Developer, MS Robotics Developer Studio 2008, MS Server 2003, MS SQL Server Express, Xna|Game Studio 3.0, MS Windows Server 2008 Standard, MS Visual Studio 2005 Profession Edition, VS Virtual PC, MS Visual Basic 2008 Express Edition, MS Visual C++ 2008 Express Edition, MS Visual C# Express Edition, MS Visual Web Developer 2008 Express Edition. In addition to the Microsoft programs, other free web sites are available that offer programming tools and instruction to students. If you are interested, navigate to: <http://www.alice.org/index.php>; <http://scratch.mit.edu/>.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Herron High School's Theatre Arts & Music Department will be presenting William Shakespeare's A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Performances are on May 1 and 2 at 7:30, a Sunday Matinee on May 3 at 3 p.m. Please come and enjoy the Herron High School thespians' creative interpretations of this well-known work.

STAGE CONSTRUCTION SATURDAY

On **Saturday April 18th at 9 a.m.**, the Theatre Department will begin construction on our stage. We urge all interested parents and students to come and lend a hand, both hands would work too. No special skills are necessary but, if you have carpentry or mechanical skills that would be helpful. Fun, moderately complex work, camaraderie and that sense of satisfied accomplishment in completing THIS VITALLY ESSENTIAL TASK await all volunteers. Please send an e-mail to lguerrettaz@herronhighschool.org with your name and your telephone, or hand held number. Refreshments available. Community service awarded to students.

AP EXAM FEES DUE; ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

It is time for us to begin ordering AP Exams for our courses this year. We will be ordering an exam for every student enrolled in an AP ordering an exam for every student enrolled in an AP Course this year. The cost for the exam is \$86.00. While this seems like a lot of money, please remember that if your student scores well and his/her choice of college accepts the credit, it will be far less expensive than paying for three credit hours of college work. All students who are on Free and Reduced Lunch status will be eligible to take the exams for free. If you have any questions about your status or how this program will work, please contact Mr. Hurst, thurst@herronhighschool.org, Cindi Browning, cbrowning@herronhighschool.org, or Mr. Harris, jharris@herronhighschool.org. Herron will work with parents on payments. We would like to receive half of the

payment for the exam by the end of April and the remainder by the end of May. If you have financial hardships but do not qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch Status, please contact us to discuss other possible options. Exams that are ordered but not taken will be charged \$13.00. If a student does not take the exam, his/her transcript will be designated "honors" rather than "AP."

IMPORTANT: NEGATIVE LUNCH BALANCE NOTICE

Beginning Monday April 20, any student with a negative lunch balance will not be served lunch until their balance has been taken care of. For questions or to make financial arrangements, please contact Mrs. White or Mrs. Westerfield.

HHS YEARBOOK ON SALE!

Herron's 2008-2009 Yearbook is now on sale! You will be receiving an order form with the Quarter 3 Grades mailing. This year's 48-page *Catalogos*, themed "You Are Here," is \$25.00, and can be purchased until May 15th. Please make checks payable to *Herron High School* and include "Yearbook" in the memo. Additionally, you may visit our publisher's secure online website, www.myYear.com, to purchase a book with credit card. Please contact Mrs. Dorsey at kdorsey@herronhighschool.org with any questions.

"A NIGHT ON THE TOWN"

Prom is next Saturday, April 25th. It will be located at the Project School (1145 E. 22nd St.) Tickets may still be purchased from Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Stephens, and Mrs. Westerfield. The last day for Ticket Sales will be this Wednesday, April 22nd. If students would like to receive a FREE ticket, they may volunteer for four hours at the Project School. We will be cleaning and setting up at the site this Saturday April 18th from 10-1. Please contact Mrs. Cox if you have any questions.

SPEAKING VOLUMES BOOK CLUB

The upcoming meetings of the Speaking Volumes Book Club are:

Tuesday, May 5 at 4:10pm in Rm 016 to discuss "Uglies" by Scott Westerfeld

Tuesday, May 19 at 4:10pm in Rm 016 to discuss "The Big Over Easy" by Jasper Forde

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR

Would you like to have our calendar automatically added to your calendar in Microsoft Outlook, Apple iCal, or Google Calendar? You can subscribe to our calendar using the following link.

webcal://herronhighschool.com/eventsCal

BOARD MEETINGS

Herron High School's Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are located in the Herron library and are open to the public. The next regular meeting at Herron will be April 21st at 7:30 a.m.

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