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Dear Students, Parents/Guardians:

We'd like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt appreciation to all the parent volunteers that give of their time and talents to the Herron High School community. We couldn't do it without your generous participation and support. It really does take the broader school community working together to create the strong learning environment we enjoy at Herron. When schools and families work together to support learning, everyone benefits.

Studies show that parental participation improves the school climate, increases student interest and builds relationships with the child's teachers. If you are already an active parent or guardian, we salute your dedication to your child's educational process. If you are looking for ways to help your child succeed in school, please consider becoming a Herron volunteer.

There are many ways for parents and families to participate at Herron. Whether it is helping the administrative team, assisting in the supervision of students before classes begin, serving a teacher during special projects, or joining in some of our wonderful community services projects, your talents are needed! Please contact Laurie

Guerrettaz at LGuerrttaz@herronhighschool.org for more information.



Janet H. McNeal
Principal

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

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.

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.

PROM COMMITTEE MEETING

Herron High School's first PROM is coming up soon! The theme is "A Night on the Town." The prom will be located on the top floor of the Project School at 1145 E. 22nd Street. Students may purchase advance tickets for \$20 next week (April 6th – 10th). After next week, tickets will be \$25. Students may purchase tickets until April 24th. However, students must have a signed permission slip on file BEFORE purchasing tickets. Students may buy tickets at Student Services, or in Mrs. Cox's or Mrs. Stephen's rooms.

PROM DONATIONS NEEDED

You may still donate items for prom. We are collecting formal attire for students who cannot afford dresses and tuxes. We also need Christmas lights. We will be collecting these items until April 10th. You may drop items off in the front office during regular school hours. Thanks in advance for your donations!

SPEAKING VOLUMES BOOK CLUB

The upcoming meetings of the Speaking Volumes Book Club are:

Tuesday, April 7 at 4:10pm in Rm 016 to discuss "Eyes of the Dragon" by Stephen King

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

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR VITALLY ESSENTIAL TASK!

Last year as you enjoyed the Herron High school production of *The Tempest* you probably wondered, how did they fit that stage through the Cafetorium doors? Does it fold up? Is the ceiling hinged to open? Well, it took quite a number of people to bring all the pieces in and put it together, and the Theatre Department would like to ask **YOU**, parent and student volunteers alike, to help us do it again this year.

On **Saturday April 18th, 9 a.m.**, we will begin this astonishing feat of construction. 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 like frosting **AND** sprinkles. 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, so we can pester you about showing up, to volunteer. Craft services (refreshments) available. Community service awarded.

Thank you in advance for helping set the stage (literally) for this year's Herron High School theatrical production of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, on May 1-3.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Herron High School's Theatre Arts & Music Department will be presenting William Shakespeare's A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM this spring. They have tentatively scheduled evening performances on May 1 and 2, a Sunday Matinee on May 3, and a performance for Herron students on Monday, May 4. Be sure to mark your calendars to keep an evening open!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NURSE'S OFFICE

Parents are welcome to send in donations of cough drops and facial tissue for the school nurse's office.

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.

GROCERY RELIEF

In light of the current economic hardship, we would like to share the following unique opportunity with our families in hopes of providing additional aide to those in need. **Angel Food Ministries** is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. Everyone is encouraged to participate. By buying food from first rate suppliers at substantial volume discounts, Angel Food Ministries is able to provide families with approximately \$65 worth of quality, nutritious food for \$30. (Angel Food Ministries does not use out-of-date food.) There are 19 sites throughout Central Indiana. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com and enter your zip code to find the closest local host site.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS

During these difficult financial times, we understand that every cent counts. We would like to remind each family that they can submit a free and reduced meal application **any** time their financial situation changes. Below, you'll find the current Indiana Department of Education income guidelines for receiving free and reduced meals. If you think there is a chance you might qualify, we strongly urge you to submit an application. Applications are available at school or at our website.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.	FEDERAL INCOME CHART FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009		
	Household Size	Yearly	Monthly
1	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$ 370
2	25,900	2,159	499
3	32,560	2,714	627
4	39,220	3,269	755
5	45,880	3,824	883
6	52,540	4,379	1,011
7	59,200	4,934	1,139
8	65,860	5,489	1,267
For each additional person:	+6,660	+555	+129

**Applications will be randomly verified based on current paystubs

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 231-0010 or email me at cbrowning@herronhighschool.org

Regards,
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