

HERRON HIGH SCHOOL

AN INDIANAPOLIS CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL



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MAY 1, 2009 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Herron is closely monitoring the ongoing reports on the Influenza A (H1N1)/North America/Human virus. While we have had no reported cases we are taking all recommended precautions to prevent the spread of this flu. In addition to the regular disinfecting of all rooms we continue to promote good basic hygiene practices by posting signs and making announcements over the PA. We have provided hand disinfectant in every classroom and encourage its frequent use. We will have masks available if students begin to present flu-like symptoms.

This flu causes similar symptoms to any seasonal influenza: fever, lethargy, lack of appetite and coughing. Some people also have reported runny nose, sore throat and gastrointestinal upset. If your student shows milder flu symptoms, you are encouraged to keep them home and contact your health care provider for advice.

The health, safety and well-being of our students is always our top priority. HHS will continue to seek guidance from the Indiana Department of Health and the Department of Education and will keep our families informed.

On a more positive note, today, Friday May 1st, while your children are enjoying a break, Herron High School teaching faculty is spending the day engaged in a dialogue about professional development and growth. Using topic-based sessions Herron teachers are sharing the successes and challenges of teaching, discussing best practice, and modeling how they think critically, productively and progressively about what they do and how they do it.

The teachers have been preparing for this opportunity to reflect and share ideas with their peers and we anticipate event will yield enormous benefits to our faculty as well as our student body as the teachers return to the classroom with fresh inspiration. We believe that proactive professional development is the key to Herron High School's longevity.


Janet H. McNeal
Principal



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.

HHS STUDENTS IN MINI MARATHON

Four Herron students will be running in this year's 500 Festival Mini Marathon this Saturday, May 2nd. The race starts slightly after 7:30 am on Washington Street, goes to the Indy 500 Race Track, and ends back downtown. Our runners should be at the track around 8:45-9:00 and at the finish line around 9:45-10:15. Elizabeth Dewes,

Rebekah Taft, Audrey Brinkers, Sara Swan, and Mrs. Cox are all running in the race. Please come and cheer them on!

P.R.I.D.E. MENTORING "CORE OF IT ALL" SUMMER YOUTH WORKSHOPS

MSD Pike Township College preparation Institute partnering with P.R.I.D.E. Mentoring Program presents "Sister 2 Little Sister" and "Brother 2 Little Brother" Summer Empowerment Series Workshops. Session 1 of a three part series will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pike Freshman Center, located at 6801 Zionsville Road for age 6th grade through entering college freshmen. The topics in session 1 are "Birds of a Feather Flock Together (True friends are hard to find)," "Look in the Mirror – Be Real! What do you really see? (A self-analysis of the issues that are blocking your growth to self-love)," and Role Models vs. Stereotypes – Are you what you see on TV? (Which one are you)". For more information and to register, please go online at www.pride-mfc.org or you may pick a flyer/registration form up from the front office at Herron High School.

HHS WINS SECOND PLACE IN INDY BUTT-OUT COMPETITION



Herron High School was the second place winner of the Great Indy Butt-Out competition. Sixty of our students collected cigarette litter from around the community to help beautify the neighborhood and bring attention to the amount of litter cigarettes create. We collected over 102,000 "butts" as we braved the sleet, rain and hail. This was a contest to help kick off the Keep Indy Beautiful campaign this month. We will be painting a mural on a recycling bin as our prize to remind others to sustain the earth's

environment. Many of our students also participated in the Herron-Morton spring clean-up under the direction of Ingrid Stephens. Mayor Ballard congratulated Hannah Laliuff, a student representative of Herron High School, at the kickoff of the Great Indy Cleanup on April 25th at Charles A. Tindley School.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NURSE'S OFFICE

Your donations of Kleenex/facial tissue for the school nurse's office would be greatly appreciated, as we are in short supply. Please leave donations in the main office next to the north doors.

PLEASE DROP OFF LABELS FOR EDUCATION IN THE MAIN OFFICE

Herron High School is now accepting Campbell's Labels for Education and Pure Life labels. Donations can be brought to Laurie Guerrettaz in the main office.

ORDER PROM PICTURES THURSDAY

Prom pictures are in! Student Government will be helping students order prom pictures after school on Thursday, May 7th. All pictures will be taken to CVS to ensure fair prices and speedy delivery. If you prefer to print your own pictures, you may get a digital copy of your picture(s) by emailing Mrs. Cox at jcox@herronhighschool.org. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Cox. Please thank Mr. Swan (Sara Swan's dad) for all of his assistance with the pictures!!

BRINKERS AND SWAN QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Two HHS students, Audrey Brinkers and Sara Swan, qualify for the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. This is quite an honor and will make them eligible to be National Merit Semifinalists, the next step in the process. Please congratulate them!

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.

STUDENT LUNCH AND FEE BALANCES

Please check PowerSchool for your student's lunch and fee balances. If your student's lunch account is negative, please pay the balance immediately. Students with a negative lunch balance will not be served lunch. As for textbook rental and lab fees, fees were originally due November 8, 2008. If your student has an outstanding textbook rental and lab fee balance, please pay the balance immediately. If you would like to speak with someone about either balance, or to fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch application, please contact Katie White at kwhite@herronhighschool.org or by selecting option 5 after calling 231.0010.

HOURS OF THE NEW DOOR LOCKING SECURITY SYSTEM

Visitors to the school now encounter our new security system, which allows the main office to screen visitors before allowing entrance to the building, making Herron High School a more secure place for our students. Herron High School still has an "open door" policy for parents and guardians.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

On May 9th, Campbell Soup Company and The United States Postal Service are partnering once again with the National Association of Letter Carriers to sponsor Stamp Out Hunger, the nation's largest single-day food drive. Your participation will not only help stock local food banks, it will also earn Herron High School 500 points for Campbell's Labels for Education. **Important:** If you plan on participating, please stop by the main office or send an email to lguerrettaz@herronhighschool.org so that we can get 500 bonus points. You may donate items like canned meats and fish, canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal and rice. Please do not include items that have expired or those in glass containers.

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 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/>.

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."

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

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 May 19th at 7:30 a.m.

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