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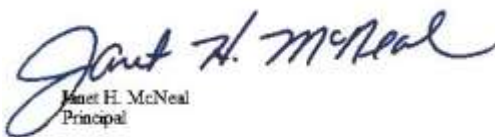
MAY 8, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, congratulations are in order to our students as well as our teachers. As noted in our press release sent out yesterday, Herron High School has been granted "Exemplary Progress" status according to Indiana's Public Law 221 (P.L.221), the states comprehensive accountability system established in 1999. The high school showing the most student improvement statewide is Herron High School.

P.L.221 utilizes ISTEP+ scores and federal Adequate Yearly Progress benchmarks to determine how a school places into the five categories: *Exemplary Progress, Commendable Progress, Academic Progress, Academic Watch or Academic Probation*. P.L.221 tracks student cohort groups from year to year, measuring both performance and improvement. In order to achieve Exemplary Progress a school must increase performance significantly. Herron ranked #1 in progress of all high schools in the state with a 19.6% improvement score. According to the report issued from the DOE, approximately 70 percent of Indiana high schools placed in the two lowest categories: *academic watch or probation*, making Herron's extraordinary achievement particularly noteworthy. Congratulations to our students, staff and faculty.

These kinds of results confirm that Herron High School is setting the tone for academic success and student growth, not only in Marion County but across the state. This is a great opportunity to contact your State House Representatives in both houses and ask them to support full funding for education and support for Herron High School in particular. During this recess before Special Session, legislators need to hear from voters that education should be their top priority. The successes we've shown at Herron are dependent on having adequate resources, yet under all versions of the compromise bill we are still looking at significant funding loss. Our PL221 success offers a great talking point.



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.

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.

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 ages 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.

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.

OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE STUDENT AD IN THE YEARBOOK!

Attention Parents of Seniors: You may purchase an ad in the 2008-2009 yearbook celebrating your student. Forms were sent home with all seniors, but if you have additional questions, contact Mrs. Dorsey at kdorsey@herronhighschool.org.

YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW

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.

SPEAKING VOLUMES BOOK CLUB

When: 4:15 – 5:15pm

Where: Mrs. Wilson's classroom (Rm 016)

What: Tuesday, May 12 at 4:10pm in Rm 016 to discuss "The Big Over Easy" by Jasper Forde
Tuesday, May 19 at 4:10pm in Rm 016 to discuss "Uglies" by Scott Westerfeld

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.

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.

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."

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/>.

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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