



HERRON PREPARATORY ACADEMY



February 4, 2022

Greetings Herron Prep Families,

I am so excited that we are in the month of February and celebrating Black History Month. A wise man, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., once said, "We are not makers of history. We are made by history." During this month, we plan to celebrate those individuals that have positively impacted American History and paved the foundation for us to continue to build on. Please see the list below if you are interested in reviewing resources to engage your family in Black History Month.

5 ways to celebrate Black History Month with your family – ChicagoNow.com

<https://www.chicagonow.com/raising-world-citizens/2015/02/5-ways-to-celebrate-black-history-month-with-your-family/>

8 Black History Month Books and Resources for Kids -JusticeJonesie

<http://www.justicejonesie.com/blog/2016/01/black-history-month-books-for-kids/>

45 Books to Teach Children About Black History – The Culture

<http://theculture.forharriet.com/2014/02/45-books-to-teach-children-about-black.html#axzz55g6irvsv>

Celebrating Black History and Diversity Builds Self-Esteem and Empathy -Too Small to Fail

<http://toosmall.org/blog/celebrating-black-history-and-diversity-builds-self-esteem-and-empathy>

African American History For Kids -University of Illinois Extension

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/bhm/historyforkids.html>

Top 15 children's books for black history month -Family Education

<https://www.familyeducation.com/black-history-month/25-must-read-childrens-books-for-black-history-month>

How to talk to your child about Black History Month (A script) -Mama Knows it All

<https://mamaknowsital.com/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-black-history-month-a-script/>

Best,

Dr. Holden-Flynn

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H.E.R.O. Program School Safety Program

Recently, Herron Classical Schools adopted a curriculum for teaching and training children to stay safe both in and out of school. Created by a group called Safe Kids Inc, the H.E.R.O. program teaches students to be prepared for many unsafe situations that they may encounter.

H.E.R.O., unlike some of the other school safety curricula, teaches strategies of safety and survivability to students in a non-threatening manner. H.E.R.O. is an acronym for: Hide! Escape! Run! Overpower!

Your child will learn these safe-thinking skills and empowerment strategies through age-appropriate activities, stories, classroom discussions, journaling, and student-parent discussion. Once they have been prepared in this non-threatening manner, the school will participate in school-wide drills that meet and exceed safety mandates determined by government officials.

The H.E.R.O. Program has been vetted by numerous focus groups consisting of students, teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, university faculty, law enforcement and most importantly, parents!

If you would like further information, we encourage you to visit Safe Kids Inc.'s website at www.SafeKidsInc.com to learn more about the program. You can also download the free H.E.R.O. Companion Guide for Parents by clicking on the "Families" tab. We value the safety of our children above all else and believe the H.E.R.O. Program will create a safer learning environment for our entire school community.

We will begin teaching HERO lessons to students on 2/7/21. Please visit this link to learn about the program: <https://safekidsinc.com>



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Our COVID-19 Protocols

Please remember that HCS has a mask mandate and that all current protocols still apply. It is important that masks fit properly for adults and students. Masks should fit snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin, and there should be no gaps around the sides. Students should arrive to school with their own clean, properly-fitting masks each day. Masks may only be removed while eating or drinking.

Additionally, we know that being fully vaccinated is our best protection against the spread of COVID-19. All individuals 5 years of age or older are eligible to be vaccinated, and we ask that all families please take this step. Individuals 16 and older are also currently eligible for the booster shot if initial vaccines were more than six months ago. To be considered fully vaccinated, an individual must get the booster if they are eligible. You can visit www.ourshot.in.gov or call 211 to find locations and schedule your appointment.

Finally, as the country battles the COVID-19 Omicron variant, we are awaiting updated K-12 guidance from our federal, state and local health agencies. We will communicate any updates to our protocols to families and staff as soon as possible. It is essential that all individuals continue to self-screen and remain at home if experiencing any COVID or cold/flu symptoms. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nasal congestion or rhinorrhea, vomiting or diarrhea, and skin rashes.

Symptoms or test results should be reported via email to contacttracing@herronprep.org



Guest Teachers NEEDED!

Herron Classical Schools is always on the lookout for great guest teachers. Guest teacher pay has increased to \$110 per day.

If you or someone in your community is interested in learning more about the criteria and role, please reach out to Thomasina Colbert at tcolbert@herronprep.org

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Upcoming Calendar Highlights:

Fri Feb 18 to Mon Feb 21 - No School, Mid-Winter Break

Tues Feb 22 - School Resumes 8:00am

Before and Aftercare Services

BRAVE before and afterschool youth program has taken over before and aftercare services for Herron Preparatory Academy. We will no longer be working with the YMCA so please stop your automatic payments immediately. If you need to request a refund from the YMCA please contact them at 317-484-9622.

Please visit <https://www.braveyouthprogram.org/registration> to register for BRAVE before and aftercare services.

Black History Month Expo

Scholars are working hard to present at our Black History Month Expo that will be held on March 5th. Details about how families can participate are cooking soon.

Dyslexia Screening

This week your child will participate in completing our annual Dyslexia screening. Indiana requires that all students in grades kindergarten through second grade are screened for dyslexia. Many pieces of this screening were already covered with our I-Ready assessment and you will be receiving those results soon. Once we have completed the screening, we will notify you if your student displays characteristics of dyslexia and discuss next steps for support.

Valentine's Day

Please note that students may only share non-edible treats (erasers, pencils, pens, stickers, etc.) with their classmates for Valentine's Day.



Recess

This is a friendly reminder that recess is held outside for all students unless it is raining, above 90 degrees, or below 32 degrees.

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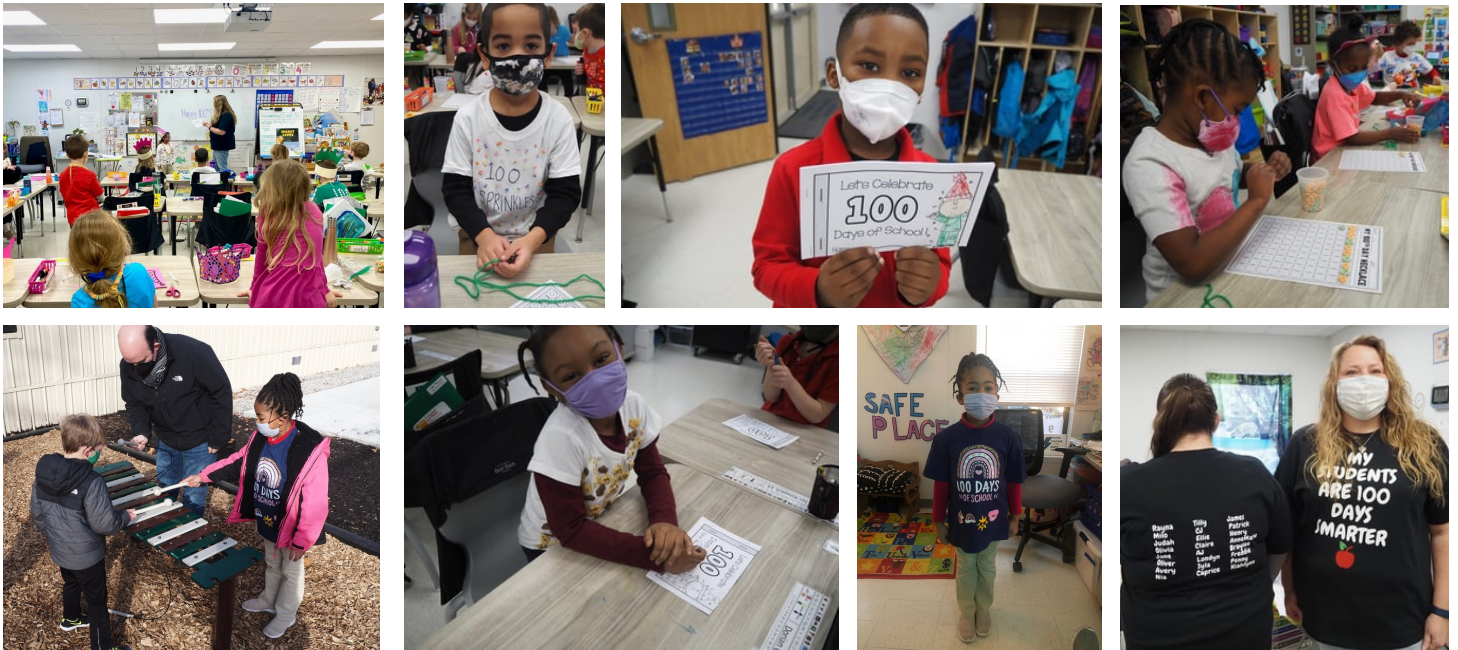
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100 Days of School Celebration

Our scholars had SO much fun celebrating ONE HUNDRED days of school on Tuesday! Here are a few photos from the day. We can't believe we've already reached 100 days with our scholars. We've loved the many ways we've seen them grow and learn this year, and we couldn't be more thankful for the ways we've been supported by you all as our Herron Prep community.



Virtual Learning Technology Needs

If you would like your child sent home with a school iPad in the event that we move to unplanned asynchronous virtual learning days, please sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzRmgr_4-N4c-lpuZjuAuqkOCgIT7vwdNBMTVQw2RQLT_G5g/viewform

You must complete this form as well as the technology agreement (accessible at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8OVibQQto6POxW9pTOP0tCdlltVtTqLW15vjhOG-tq_EA/viewform) to have an iPad sent home with your child. The form will close on February 18th.

Herron Classical Schools' Board of Directors Meeting

Herron Classical Schools' Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of alternating months. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:30am. The location is to be determined, but will likely be held virtually.

You can always access our Board Meeting agendas and minutes on our Herron Classical Schools website at:

www.herronclassical.org/our-people/board-of-directors

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Save the Date for Movie Night!

Herron Classical Schools Second Annual Movie Night will be held on Friday May 13, 2022 at Tibbs Drive-In. Our inaugural event in 2021 was a huge success, and we expect even more fun this year! Movie Night provides a fun, family-oriented and socially-distanced outing for attendees of all ages.

The HCS Advancement Team is currently looking for planning committee volunteers as well as sponsors for our event and items for our online auction. If you would like to help us plan movie night, have a donation for our auction or might be interested in sponsoring the event, please email Michelle Melton.

HCS is looking for parents/guardians to join our 2022 Movie Night Planning Committee. For the most part, our meetings will be held via Zoom, in the early evenings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17 at 6:00pm.

Please email Michelle Melton at mmelton@herronclassical.org to join, or with any questions. We hope to see your smiling faces!!

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Please join our school community in earning donations by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios, Paper Mate, Lysol products, etc.) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and they add up fast! Twice a year, our school receives a check to help pay for whatever we need - equipment, supplies or experiences the kids love!

Use the referral code P0TK7HCY when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/29/2022, while supplies last!

Download the Box Tops for Education app from the App Store or Google Play or use the link below:

https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=P0TK7HCY



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- Once you’ve established or signed into your online Kroger account, search for Herron Classical Schools (formerly "Indianapolis Classical Schools") OR our Kroger organization number, MD414 in the “Find an Organization” window.
- Next, click the “Enroll” button under Herron Classical Schools, and you’re enrolled!

*Be sure to scan your Kroger Plus Card or enter your Alt ID with every purchase A contribution will be sent to HCS quarterly, you don’t have to do anything else!

If you have questions or need assistance with Box Tops or Kroger rewards, please contact Michelle Melton at mmelton@herronclassical.org

Donate through Amazon Smile

Did you know that you can support Herron Classical Schools just by shopping on Amazon? With AmazonSmile a percentage of each of your purchases is automatically donated to a charity of your choice. We encourage you to use AmazonSmile and designate "Herron Classical Schools" as your charity of choice. Each purchase you make will help support our schools, at NO additional cost to you.

Check out the instructions at this link to activate AmazonSmile: <https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

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