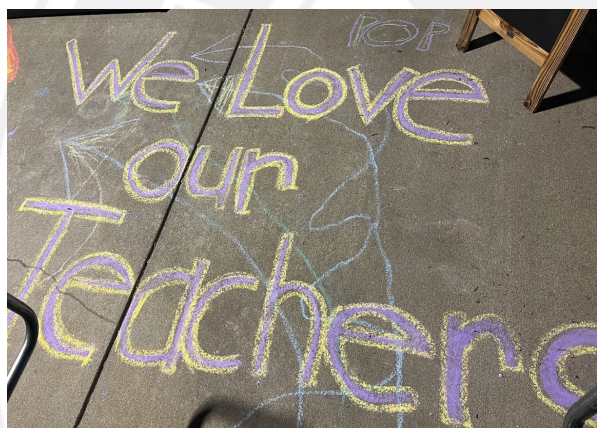


**October 7, 2023**

Dear HPA families,

What a week at HPA! Our teachers and staff were warmly welcomed Monday morning by chalk messages of appreciation that lined the sidewalks leading up to the school. Our scholars started their monthly walking trips over to the InfoZone and our 2nd-grade scholars experienced The Children's Museum's STEM activities. We capped off our week with our inaugural Fall Showcase and annual Fall Festival. It was a time to show what scholars have been learning about in their related studies classes and celebrate the fall season. The morning included violin and dance performances and visual arts displays. The afternoon ended our week with fall activities that included apple relays, pumpkin decorating, mummy wrapping, and autumn snacks.

What scholars and teachers experienced this week was only possible because of the many gifts of our growing family community. Your efforts, both big and small, of time and talent, put smiles on our scholars' faces and words of gratitude on our staff members' lips. As the weather cools and we move into a season of thanksgiving, we are truly grateful for your dedication and generosity – Thank you.



Please read on for important updates.

### **Asynchronous Learning Day on Wednesday, 10/11**

On or before Tuesday, 10/10, teachers will send home asynchronous work assignments for scholars in their class. Completed assignments will serve as evidence of attendance. Assignments should be submitted by scholars on or before Friday, 10/20, to be considered present on Friday, 10/11. BRAVE is offering Fall Break Camp that includes 10/11. Please check out information in their [BRAVE Fall Break flier](#) or reach out to [info@braveyouthprogram.org](mailto:info@braveyouthprogram.org) with any questions.

### **Fall Break, 10/12 - 10/16**

There is no school from Thursday, 10/12, through Monday, 10/16, for fall break. BRAVE is offering Fall Break Camp. Please check out information in their [BRAVE Fall Break flier](#) or reach out to [info@braveyouthprogram.org](mailto:info@braveyouthprogram.org) with any questions.

School resumes for all HPA scholars on Tuesday, 10/17, at 8:00 AM.

### **No HPA Weekly Update Next Week**

Due to the short week, we won't be sending out this newsletter. The next issue will be shared for the week ending Friday, 10/20.

### **Family-Teacher Conferences on Friday, 10/20**

There are no scholars in attendance on Friday, 10/20 due to conferences. Please reach out to your scholar's teacher if you have not signed up yet for an available conference time. Conferences may be held in person or virtually. BRAVE is offering a single-day camp on Friday, 10/20. Please see details in [their informational flier](#) or reach out to [info@braveyouthprogram.org](mailto:info@braveyouthprogram.org) with any questions.

### **HCS Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, 10/22**

Again this year, HCS's National Honor Society will be hosting a trunk-or-treat event in the Fessler Parking lot at Herron High School (110 E. 16th St.). Check out [this information flier](#) for event details or sign up to sponsor a trunk.

### **First HPA Lockdown Drill Scheduled for Tuesday, 10/24**

Taking scholar safety seriously means that we, unfortunately, prepare for situations in which we need to lock our building down. Like last year, we use a national program called H.E.R.O. through Safe Kids, Inc. to instruct and inform our lockdown procedures. When we return from fall break, teachers will deliver five age-differentiated lessons about what actions we take during a lockdown. These lessons will precede the drill scheduled on 10/24. Safe Kids, Inc. also provides a [Parent Companion Guide](#) that provides a bit of information about the program and ways you can support your child. If you have questions about the program, please reach out to LiAnn Wolfe ([lwolfe@herronprep.org](mailto:lwolfe@herronprep.org)).

### **Weekly COVID Update**

To keep you informed of the number of COVID cases reported at school, each HCS school is providing a weekly report to our family community. Please see [here](#) the number of positive COVID cases reported this week at HPA.