

November 3, 2023

Dear HPA families,

Our 2nd-grade scholars have been studying Ancient Greece in their ELA blocks. In this unit, they learn about Mount Olympus, the Olympic Games, the democratic government of Athens, great Greek thinkers, and Alexander the Great among other topics. On Tuesday, Mrs. Bryant's classroom extended their learning by going to the Take Me There: Greece exhibit at The Children's Museum, researching more about Greek life and completing a scavenger hunt in the exhibit. Today, Mrs. Bryant's scholars participated in an Ancient Greece Dinner Party where they were able to taste and see foods from that era and civilization.



In the grammar stage of the Trivium, we intend to build scholars' knowledge of the world, introducing them to ideas and concepts that have withstood the test of time and that spark creativity and curiosity. Making what we read about in ELA more tangible—where our scholars can see artifacts and taste foods from the time period they are learning about—is just one example of how we are trying to advance timeless ideas at HPA.

Limited Vehicle Access Wednesday, 11/8, between 8:30 - 2:00

Following dropoff and before pick-up, active construction will be taking place on the south side of the school in the drop off lanes from approximately 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM on Wednesday. The gate at Sports Legend Way and the HPA drive will be closed for those hours. If you need to drop off or pick up scholars during those hours, please park on Meridian St. If you are able to safely use our one-way exit to pull in by the handicapped spots, please do so with extreme caution as you will not be able to drive through.

Cold Weather Recess

Please ensure your scholar is coming to school with outerwear appropriate for colder days. We will continue using our playground for outdoor recess as long as wind chills are above 20 degrees. If you need uniform or clothing assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Leonard (bleonard@herronprep.org).

Uniforms Reminder

As scholars come to school with more clothing layers, it's timely to reshare HPA's uniform guidelines. Upon entering the classroom, coats and hoodies will be hung up on their designated hooks while inside. You can check out HPA's Uniform Guidelines on pp. 47-48 of the [23-24 Family Handbook](#).

Candy at School

Candy abounds this time of year. Please refrain from sending candy to school with your scholar, including packing it in school lunches. See pg. 51 of the [23-24 Family Handbook](#) for guidelines and rationale for sending items from home.

Lost & Found

Is your scholar missing a sweater, coat, or uniform shirt, or water bottle? HPA's lost and found is full of loose scholar items accumulating over the last several weeks. If you know you're missing something, please stop by the front desk or contact Ms. Jones (ajones@herronprep.org) to check for lost items. Items not claimed by Friday, 11/17, will be donated.

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Reminder: Miracle on 34th Street Holiday Gift Assistance

Circle City Relief is offering an event called [Miracle on 34th Street](#). It is a free holiday gift assistance event. Please see this [informational flier](#) to learn more. There are no eligibility requirements.

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.