

Dear Herricks School District Families,

Happy Friday Eve! I hope this email finds you doing well and that everyone is having a wonderful week. It has been a busy few days here in Herricks as we returned from our spring recess. Our students in Grades 3 - 8 are participating in the NYS ELA Assessments and this is the first year we are doing a district-wide implementation of the Computer Based Testing option. Transitioning to CBT in Grades 3 - 8 is no easy feat and I appreciate the members of our faculty, staff and administration who collaborated to figure out the logistics and prepare the students for a smooth and successful administration. I also want to thank our families for your support in ensuring that our students are prepared for this experience. In addition to NYS Testing, this week also featured another win by our undefeated Girls Varsity Softball Team, an incredible concert performance by our Herricks Middle School Tri-M student musicians, and our most recent Board of Education meeting. Overall, it has been an engaging and meaningful week for our students!

As we close out this week (*schools are closed on 4/21 for students in honor of Eid al-Fitr*), please take a few moments to review the important updates below.

Budget Update

As you know, we are in the midst of our annual budget season and are working diligently to prepare for the Budget Vote on May 16th. While we will be presenting our proposed budget during upcoming PTA meetings, we also want to provide an alternative for those who are unable to attend any of the budget presentation meetings. This year, we prepared a video of the adopted [Herricks Proposed Budget, which you can access here](#) and view at your convenience. Additionally, should you have any questions regarding the proposed budget after you review it, Ms. Rutkoske, our Assistant Superintendent for Business, and I will be available for a virtual Q & A session for families (*via Google Meet*) on Wednesday, April 26th at 6pm. We will be available for 45 minutes to answer your budget related questions. Please see the details below for the virtual Q & A session for families.

Budget Q & A for Families - Wednesday, April 26th at 6pm - [Click here to join](#)

Curriculum Update

We are excited to share that we recently published Herricks Curriculum Handbooks for Grades K - 5. You can access our [curriculum guides here](#) and review them to understand the content our students will experience at each grade level, across various curricular areas. We are excited to share this resource with our families! A special thank you to Ms. Guercin, our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and our instructional leadership team for putting these resources together.

In other news, at our May 4, 2023 Board of Education Meeting, we will be presenting a review of our K - 12 Science Curriculum. Curriculum Reviews are an annual practice here in Herricks and this year we will be focusing on our Science program. As part of the Science Curriculum Review, our team has collected feedback from students and teachers about their experiences with the science curriculum and now we would like to collect feedback from parents. If you are a parent of a student in Grades 4 - 12, [please click here to complete the brief survey](#) by Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Thank you in advance for your time and insights!

Herricks' Happenings: Update #11

In case you missed it earlier this week, I am also excited to share our latest Herricks' Happenings video with you. I am excited about sharing this particular update because it features our first guest of the year - Dr. GG! Dr. GG is a second grader from Denton Avenue School who won the opportunity to be Superintendent for

the Day. I am thrilled to spotlight her, and her perspectives, in this video. In addition to Dr. GG's appearance, the video provides information associated with the Budget Development process and specifically the upcoming Budget Vote. Please click on the picture below to access the Herricks' Happenings video update.



Other Important Updates

- Schools are closed for students tomorrow, 4/21, in honor of Eid al-Fitr.
- If you have missed any of our previous Herricks' Happenings Video Updates, you can [click here to access all the videos](#).
- Our next Board of Education meeting will take place on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at the Community Center with a 7:30pm start time.
- If you are interested in learning more about the [budget process, please click here](#). If you are interested in checking out the previous ['23-'24 Budget Presentations, click here](#).

Thank you so much for reviewing all of this information. We appreciate your support and engagement - our families are a critical part of our success as a school district!

Have a wonderful rest of the week!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tony Sinanis
Superintendent of Schools
Herricks School District