

Dear HPA families,

Back in January, Herron Prep & the InfoZone launched a reading challenge. As a result, you've likely been filling in dinosaur eggs for the last several weeks! The idea of a reading challenge was seeded nearly a year ago in a conversation with Liz Guynn, one of HPA's amazing teachers. Last spring, she shared how she had led a reading challenge at her previous school that was celebrated beyond her school building. When the InfoZone suggested a reading challenge last fall, we jumped on the opportunity to participate in the program they put together.

The result is that, in January alone, Herron Prep scholars logged over 50,000 minutes of reading outside of school! This is over 830 hours of scholars decoding words, practicing reading or listening comprehension, and accessing ideas that help us better understand our world or open our minds to new ones.

A reading challenge is just one small way we hope our scholars are exposed to ideas and topics that spark their interest and engage their imaginations. Thanks to Ms. Guynn for planting the seed. Thanks to InfoZone for providing the format. And thanks to our families for taking time to broaden our scholars' horizons through the power of the written word!

Please see important information for the weeks ahead.

### **Spring Showcase on Friday, 3/15, Morning**

We are thrilled to have our spring showcase on **Friday, 3/15, from 8:05 - 10:55 AM**. During this time:

- Scholars will showcase their learning from their Performing Arts classes. Scholars' culminating projects will be on display from Visual Arts and Classical Studies.
- Only performing scholars will be available during their performance times. Scholars with work on display (Classical Studies & Visual Arts classes) will be in class during the showcase.
- See [this informational flier](#) for scheduled performances and RSVP info.
- **Family members are invited to join via the open-house format**, coming and going as you please.
- As we did with previous showcases, we ask that guests complete our pre-screening process to ensure a timely entry process while maintaining an appropriate level of security in the building. Please provide this information by Tuesday, 3/12, via our [Google Form linked here](#).

- Please note that **all visitors must have a valid photo ID** to enter the building.

### **Spring Festival on Friday, 3/15, Afternoon**

In the afternoon, scholars—with the generous support of our PST and HPA families—will celebrate the close of the quarter by participating in a series of seasonal activities, either at HPA or The Children’s Museum. Please see the attached [Spring Showcase and Festival flier](#) for sign up information. Please reach out to Cari Roush at [croush@herronprep.org](mailto:croush@herronprep.org) if you have questions regarding this fun-filled afternoon.

### **Spring Picture Retake Day for New HPA Scholars Only on Wednesday, 3/20**

If your scholar enrolled at HPA after fall picture day (September 8), they will have the opportunity for school pictures on Wednesday, 3/20. Scholars who had fall pictures taken will not have their pictures taken. By next Friday, Ms. Jones will reach out directly via SwiftK12 to families with scholars who are eligible for spring picture retakes.

### **Spring Break Monday through Monday, 3/25 - 4/1**

There is no school from Monday, 3/25, through Monday, 4/1, for spring break. Due to construction activity, there are no on-site activities at the school over break including BRAVE. School resumes for all HPA scholars on Tuesday, 4/2, at 8:00 AM.

### **HCS Movie Night Tickets – Early Bird Sale**

Tickets sales are now open for one of our most anticipated network events of the school year! Our Herron Classical Schools Movie Night will be held on Friday, 4/26. Gates open at 6:30 PM, and your ticket purchase includes dinner by Bru Burger, access to our pre-movie activities (including our KidsZone!), and our feature film presentation: “Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire.”

Purchase your tickets early and save with our exclusive Early Bird Sale. Use promo code HCS\_EARLYBIRD at checkout to receive an exciting 10% off your ticket purchase! Early Bird Discount runs through March 24th. Make sure you buy your tickets today!

Purchase your ticket today: <https://support.herronclassical.org/MovieNight2024>

Promo Code: HCS\_EARLYBIRD

### **HCS Movie Night**

We sincerely hope that you can join us for the all-ages evening of fun of our 4th annual HCS Family Movie Night fundraiser. We also understand that the cost of a ticket may not be financially feasible for everyone to attend.

For the first time, we are offering the opportunity to enter a drawing for a free general admission ticket donated by event sponsors and supporters. If you would like to be eligible for the drawing of

one of these donated tickets, please fill out [the form](#) here. If the number of requests for free tickets exceeds the number of donated tickets, recipients will be chosen in a randomized drawing. Recipients will be notified via email by Friday, 4/19.

Questions? Please reach out to [thill@herronclassical.org](mailto:thill@herronclassical.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.