

Dear HPA families,

Happy March! Oh, how the school year is flying by. In just a few short weeks we'll recess for spring break, and we're already being greeted with warming weather. Buds are forming on months-dormant trees and tulip bulbs are resprouting. Spring is nearly upon us! You've undoubtedly noticed construction activity over the last few warmer weeks as crews get ever closer to finishing the exterior of the new building. Brickwork appears complete, frames for the art & music room windows on the northwest corner went in this week.

We continue to be on track for our summer move in. In the near future—as the weather is increasingly favorable to outside work—you'll start to see the lot being reworked for the new driveway and on-site parking we'll be enjoying before too long.

Please see important information for the week ahead.

### **IREAD-3 Testing, 3/5 - 3/7**

Scholars in 2nd & 3rd grade are scheduled to complete IREAD-3 testing on Tuesday, 3/5, through Thursday, 3/7. It's our scholars' time to show what they have learned in early literacy skills. Our 4th graders prepared "genius water," "brain snacks," and many messages of encouragement to keep our scholars feeling prepared and supported. Families of our 2nd & 3rd graders can encourage your scholars and ensure they are well rested and have a plan for breakfast for these days.

### **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.

### **StarPoint Summer Camp at The Children’s Museum**

There are seats still available in the Race Cars (11-12 year-old) camp week for interested families! Check out TCM’s [StarPoint Camp information page](#) if you’re interested.

### **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.