

Dear HPA families,

We come to yet another end of the quarter and welcome a brief reprieve, in the form of spring break, from the daily joys and toils of learning!

I'm excited to use this opportunity to highlight and appreciate one of the after-school clubs offered in the third quarter: The InfoZone's Coding Club.

Since January, Ms. Tarr and Ms. King made their weekly trek to HPA from the InfoZone each Thursday, oftentimes with a cart full of electronics in tow. Over the course of the quarter, scholars participating in the club learned how to code robotics and even design their very own video game! Ms. Tarr and Ms. King's efforts introduced ideas, wonderings, and curiosities to our scholars that extend what they are able to experience throughout the school day.

I've heard Herron and Herron-Riverside's liberal arts offerings referred to as students' "last free buffet," a varied sampling of knowledge and ideas, before they go to college. I think of Herron Prep as our scholars' "first free buffet," where we offer a variety of mind-nourishing experiences that begin to shape how our scholars understand themselves and the world around them. Thank you, Ms. Tarr and Ms. King, for contributing a rich, nutritious mental diet of ideas and experiences!

May you and your children enjoy a bit of that world, whether it's a familiar space or a far-off land, this break. Please be well and travel safely. We look forward to receiving your children next on Tuesday, 4/2.

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.

Vision & Hearing Screening on Thursday, 4/4

The Marion County Public Health Department is scheduled to conduct annual screenings for vision and/or hearing on Thursday.

- Vision screenings: 1st, 3rd, & 5th grade scholars
- Hearing screenings: 1st & 4th grade scholars

Opt-out forms for the screeners were distributed to teachers this week. Please return the opt-out form with your scholars only if you **not** like them to be screened.

Solar Eclipse Day, 4/8

As a reminder, we do not have school on Monday, 4/8, due to the solar eclipse. On Friday, 4/5, your scholar will be bringing home solar eclipse glasses so they are able to watch the solar eclipse safely! A handout with suggested activities will also be sent home with the glasses. This once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon will not happen again until 2153!

Lost & Found

Is your scholar missing a sweater, coat, uniform shirt, or water bottle? HPA's lost and found is at capacity, and items not claimed by Friday, 4/5, will be donated. Please stop by our waiting room or contact Ms. Jones (ajones@herronprep.org) to check for lost items.

Walker path will evolve through the next stages of HPA construction

You're already seeing the progress for our (future) onsite parking lot! In order to make this happen, when HPA reopens after Spring Break, walkers will have a new walking path for drop off and pick up. HPA staff members will support directing foot traffic for the updated path. As construction progresses with our new parking lot, the walker route may change but information will be provided before it occurs.

