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Universal Pre-K Students Tour Elementary Schools

UPK students visited the school that they will be attending next year.



Herricks Universal Pre-K students had the exciting opportunity to tour the elementary schools they'll be attending next year!

Starting a new chapter can feel a bit scary and overwhelming, but getting a preview of what's ahead helps make the transition smoother. We're so excited to welcome these well-prepared students into our elementary classrooms next year!



BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT AND PARENT RECOGNITION

The Board of Education held its final meeting of the 2024–2025 school year — and what better way to wrap up the year than by honoring some of our outstanding students and parent leaders!

One student from each grade level at every elementary school was recognized for embodying the six competencies of the Portrait of a Graduate. We are proud to celebrate these students for demonstrating collaboration, communication, critical thinking, compassion, creativity, and confidence.

The Board also honored the PTA presidents from Center Street, Denton Avenue, Searingtown, Herricks Middle School, Herricks High School, the District Council, and SEPTA. We are incredibly grateful for these dedicated parents who work tirelessly to enhance the student experience and help make Herricks a better place for all.



STUDENT ATHLETES SIGNING DAY

Herricks student athletes commit to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level!



This year, 19 students from Herricks High School have committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. This is no small achievement and is a testament to their work ethic, determination, and strength. We are so proud of these Highlanders who have pushed themselves to reach this incredible milestone.

Thank you to our teachers, coaches, athletic boosters, and families who have supported our students and guided them every step of the way. A special thank you to Athletic Director Jim Petricca, who always goes above and beyond and truly cares about each and every student, encouraging them to be their very best.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIREES!



Congratulations to the 18 Herricks employees who are retiring this year! These dedicated educators have spent their careers serving the children of our community. They have been pillars of strength and support for both students and colleagues, and their legacies will live on through the countless lives they've touched and the lasting contributions they've made to the Herricks community. We are deeply grateful for everything they have done for the Herricks School District.



Thank you to the Herricks High School orchestra members who stopped by the May 22nd Board meeting to perform for our retirees, showing their appreciation for all the support the retirees have given our students!

HERRICKS MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION

Congratulations to our 8th grade students who are moving up!

On Wednesday, June 18th, the Herricks Middle School graduation took place at the Tillis Center. It was a wonderful ceremony that celebrated our students' accomplishments and honored them for all the growth they have made during their time in middle school.

Thank you to all the guest speakers who offered kind and inspiring words to our students—especially student government president Matthew Lee, who greeted and congratulated his peers; Claire Lee, who read her commencement poem; and Zayd Ashfer, who read his honor essay. Our students will carry the messages and words shared with them as they enter this new chapter.

These students are truly becoming compassionate and hardworking young people whom we know will thrive as they enter high school next year. We look forward to seeing all they will achieve. Congratulations, Highlanders!



"LOOK UP" - CLAIRE LEE, HERRICKS 8TH GRADE STUDENT

To the ones who count every test score
like stars in a sky that's never bright enough,
who rewrites already-perfect papers
because "almost" still feels like failure.

To the ones who cry over test grades,
and the ones who forget we even had a test.
To the ones who sprinted through the mile,
and the ones who walked half of it,
arms crossed like "Why are we running again?"

To the ones still figuring it out
what they like, who they are,
how to exist in a room full of eyes
This poem's for you.

Middle school was weird.
Sometimes we were too loud,
sometimes too quiet.
We laughed at things that weren't funny,
panicked over projects we started the night before.
We forgot lockers. Forgot passwords.

Some of us changed—
our voices, our friend groups, our confidence.
Some of us didn't.
And that's okay.

You walked the halls with your back straight,
your breath tight,
a to-do list marching through your mind
like it owns you.

You've built yourself out of deadlines and high-
lighters,
as if achievement is the only way
to prove you deserve the air you breathe.

But did you see the way the sun
spilled across the pavement this morning?
Did you hear your friend laugh
like they had nothing to prove?

When was the last time
you let silence be enough?

We are told to keep climbing,
to be the best, the brightest,
as if joy has a finish line,
as if we can't hold peace
until we've won it.

But look—
right now,
the wind hums against the school walls.
There's a crumpled paper plane on the floor
and someone's forgotten hoodie
that still smells like spring.

They told us to grow up,
to prepare, to plan—
But no one said how fast it would all go.

Remember that one day?
That one moment when
your friend said something
so dumb, so random,
you laughed until your stomach hurt?

Or maybe
That one person you keep
randomly locking eyes with
every time you turned down the same hallway?

To you—
the one waiting for something to begin,
for a sign, a spark,
a voice louder than your thoughts—

You don't need to have it all figured out.
You don't need a perfect plan.
You just need one step.
One word.
One moment to believe
something beautiful could come from your hands.

You won't remember every test or grade,
but you'll remember this moment—
so make it one worth keeping.

To the ones who carry too much—
and you, who feel like you're carrying nothing—
look up.

Let this moment be enough.
Let you be enough.