

HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring has finally arrived and with that hopefully some warm weather and sunshine will too! I'm happy to say that with the nicer weather, we have been able to allow our students outside towards the 2nd half of the lunch period to get some fresh air, socialize with friends and or play a pick-up game of soccer, football or four-square during our designated recess period.

Earlier this month, the cast and crew of "The Lion King, Jr." did an amazing job of displaying the wide array of talents that our students possess. Many thanks go out to Mrs. Biss and Mrs. Egipciano for their roles as co-directors of the musical. Our students will be fortunate enough to see an encore presentation of the performance during the afternoon of one of our state testing days.

While on the topic of testing, this is also a reminder that on next Monday, April 29th, we will begin with our state standardized testing for ELA. The testing will last three consecutive days with any make-ups that need to be administered to happen during the remaining days of the week. Also, please be certain that your child arrive to school on time during those dates as once we

start testing we cannot admit them into their testing centers.

Our Career Day is on schedule to take place for our 8th grade students on Wednesday, May 1st. We have over 20 different professionals from various fields such as law, finance, healthcare, law enforcement and even a performer on Broadway; all who have volunteered their time to share some insights about their careers and the journeys that they took to get there with students.

Lastly, our annual 8th Grade Dance will take place on Friday, May 17th from 7:00 – 9:30 pm in the HMS Gymnasium. Our theme this year, as selected by our students is "Light Up The Night". Various glow in the dark and neon lights will be involved in our décor! Tickets can be purchased in advance in the main office for \$15 or at the door that evening.

Best Regards,

NJSLA TESTING @ HMS

The ELA portion will be held on Monday, 4/29, Tuesday, 4/30 and Wednesday, 5/1. Please make every effort to ensure that your child has a good breakfast, arrives on time, and has adequate rest on testing days.

Heritage Middle School's own Science Olympiad team made its first trip to the State Tournament on March 12, 2019 at Middlesex County College. Students who medaled were as follows:

- Jeffrey Xu and Lucas Zhu: 1st place, Anatomy and Physiology
- Bridget Wu and Kathleen Zhang: 2nd place, Disease Detectives
- Jeffrey Xu and Timothy Wu: 3rd place, Potions and Poisons
- Sophia Chiparus and Matthew Zhang: 5th place, Dynamic Planet
- Jeffrey Xu and Kathleen Zhang: 5th place, Heredity

Congratulations to all who participated!



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

MRS. REIS & 8TH GRADE
G/T ART ARE ALMOST
FINISHED FRESHENING
UP THE AMERICAN FLAG!



HMS STUDENTS SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

The 8th grade Enriched Business and Web Design along with Lifestyles of Today's Teen have joined together to compete in their annual competition. Groups from both classes are working together to create a 'New Jersey' themed ice cream that represents our great state! They are working hard to design a delicious recipe as well as create a branded marketing campaign. Winners from both classes will have their ice cream featured at 'Frozen in Time Ice Cream Parlour' in Livingston in May. Winners will be revealed in next month's newsletter. Follow these unique ice cream groups on Instagram! @Jerseydevilicecream2

@dontbeblueberrythecheesecake @salty_much_ice_cream @jerseyy.pie @ladylibertys
caramelcrunch @jersey_shmores @creamoftheivy1 @jerseyshoreofficial2019
@goodmorninggardenstate

Livingston Public Schools
ELEMENTARY and MIDDLE SCHOOL
Gifted and Talented
Annual Art Show

Livingston Public Library
April 10– June 3, 2019

Reception
Wednesday April 24, 2019
5:30-7:00 pm



***PLEASE NOTE NOT
ALL G/T STUDENTS
ARE IN SHOW**



BAND NEWS!



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MATH in the MATH LEAGUE NEWS NEWS

Heritage Middle School's math team did really well on the New Jersey Math League this year. Our school came in 3rd place in the state and 1st place in Essex County in the 7th grade division of the New Jersey Mathematics League Contests, with student Harsh Akunari coming in 4th place. Top scoring students in Essex County include Harsh Akunari who came in 1st place, Andrew Deng in 3rd place, and Chelsea Peng in 4th place. The 8th grade team came in 4th place in the state and 2nd place in Essex County, with students Renee Hong and Jeffrey Xu coming in 6th place in the state (and 2nd place in Essex County) and Kishan Bava in 10th place in the state (4th place in Essex County). Congratulations to our great mathletes and their teachers for preparing them for the challenge!

NJSLA- MATH NEWS

The NJSLA Math Assessments are a few weeks away! Over the course of this year, teachers have been preparing students for this assessment. Our math curriculum is based on the same content standards (Common Core and New Jersey Student Learning Standards) after which the assessment is modeled. As part of the math department's efforts to prepare students for the NJSLA Math tests, practice questions have been infused in class notes, homework assignments, and assessments. In the weeks prior to the test, teachers will also navigate students through a tutorial and online sample questions to ensure students are comfortable working with the assessment's web-based platform. The NJSLA mathematics questions involve many interesting mathematical concepts and their applications as they relate to each specific grade level. We invite you to have discussions at home in which you work with your child on practice questions. The link below will take you to the website where you will be able to access sample questions, answer keys, and sample responses from students.

<https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>

MEDIA CENTER NEWS



Over the past month lots of research has been going on in the media center. The 7th grade science classes spent time researching and making claims about different biotechnologies such as xenotransplantation, cloning, and genetic fingerprinting. As part of their research, they were looking for evidence that supported and went against the technologies.



Family and Consumer Science classes have also come to the media center for research. The 7th graders researched different nutrients and how they help our bodies, while the 8th graders were looking for information about different countries as they design a restaurant.



On April 12th, Booked for Lunch will be discussing *The Sun is Also a Star*, by Nicola Yoon. Over 40 students checked out the book, and they can't wait to discuss the book.



The March Madness Tournament of Books is in the Championship Round. The two top titles are: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas and *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. The Winner will be announced on Friday, April 12th.



FBLA NEWS

FBLA members took a field trip to Rutgers Business School in March to compete in the NJ State Future Business Leaders of America Middle Level State Competition. Members competed in a variety of workshops, competitions and public speaking events against other middle schools across New Jersey. Kevin Li placed first in the state for Computer Science and Coding.

COMPOSER VISITS 7TH GRADE BAND

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