

June 2019

# Heritage Middle School

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is right around the corner! There are still many fun and exciting things left on our calendar for the remainder of this school year. For more information, please look at the calendar on the front page of our newsletter.

The end of the school year is a busy time for everyone. It is also a time for us to reflect upon our goals and accomplishments and to continue to see where we as adults as well as our students want to focus our attention to grow even more next year.

It has been an honor and privilege to get to know and work with so many wonderful and talented students this school year. I wish our 8th grade the best of luck in high school and hope that everyone has a fun, safe and relaxing summer!

Best,

Shawn Kelly, Principal  
Heritage Middle School



## PLAY IN THE PARK!

The HMS Spring production of the from "The Lion King, Jr." performed a few selections at a

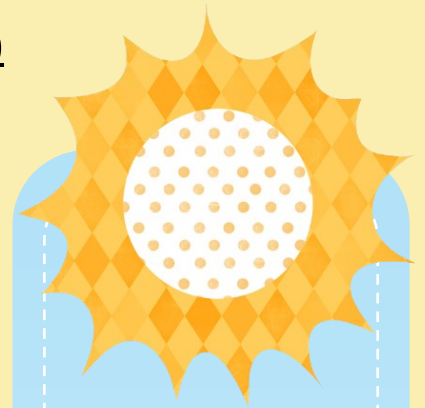
Theater Festival at Founders Park in South Orange/Maplewood on Saturday, June 8th.



Some of the cast and crew from left to right:

On ground: Prisha Bhargava, Leah Waessa, Giana Shmueli, Joseph Jean-Marie

Standing: Keana Gamaro, Nick Zaster, Max Wasserstein, Dasara Kurti, Rori Gruber, Ethan Rivera, Risa Tanenbaum, Alina George

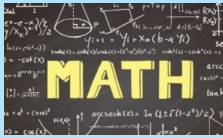


## IMPORTANT DATES!

- ⇒ June 12th—Algebra final Part 1
- ⇒ June 13th—Algebra final Part 2
- ⇒ June 14th—Field Day 1-3 p.m.
- ⇒ June 17th—Yearbook distribution/moving up practice in gym, cake & yearbook signing
- ⇒ June 18th-1/2 day (12:45 p.m. dismissal)
- ⇒ June 18th-8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony—LHS Wellness Center 2:45 p.m.
- ⇒ June 19th—Last Day of School (1/2 day—dismissal 12:45 p.m.)

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!





## SUMMER

### ASSIGNMENTS

Students taking Algebra 1 and Geometry next year are expected to complete a summer assignment prior to the start of the new school year. Students' math teachers will be providing them with the work. Students can also download the assignment by visiting the math department website:

[https://  
www.livingston.  
org/Domain/848](https://www.livingston.org/Domain/848)

## HMS DEBATE TEAM

Debate (left to right): Hafsa Ahmed, Myra Pan, Chelsea Peng, Vivian Zhang, Madeline Ha, Miriam Grodin, Julia Zhang, Janine Nangini, Tanirika Singh, Nidhi Gosalia, Anna Weiner

They took home 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places!



Academically Speaking team  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alisa Gluhovsky,  
Kevin Ha, Jeffrey Xu, Max  
Israel, Hafsa Ahmed, Lucas  
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## STUDENT COUNCIL

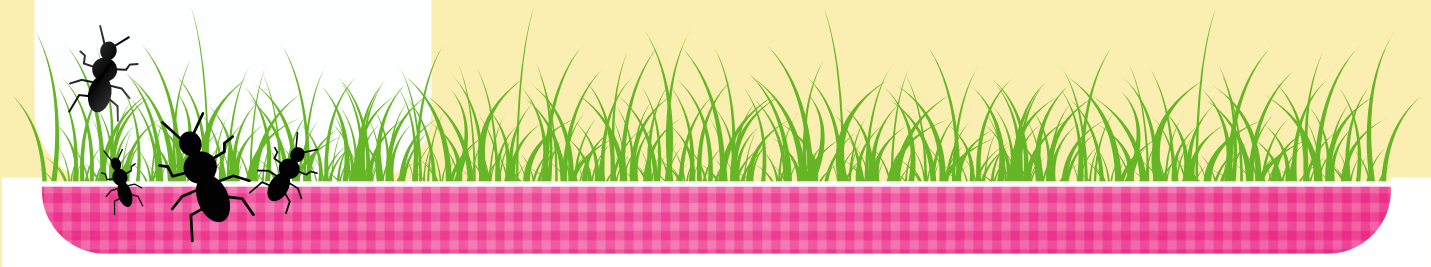
Student Council raised over \$500 for the Alzheimer's Association through the walk-a-thon!

## MEDIA CENTER

Please be sure to check your houses for any books belonging to the media center as we prepare for the end of the year.

Our final Booked for Lunch discussion was on *Hunted*, by Jason Reynolds. The Livingston Public Library will be hosting "Booked for Dinner" in July and we will be discussing *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram.

Heritage Middle School will be once again having a summer reading program. Please check the Heritage Website for the lists. Books will be available at the Livingston Public Library and Barnes & Noble.



## **BAND NEWS**



was totally unexpected. He came into the 8<sup>th</sup> grade concert band rehearsal, as he does every week, as our school's road representative from The Music Shop. Mr. Bychek is a retired band director, so Mr. Donough invited him to the podium, and he jumped into action! (fun fact: Mr. Bychek managed the Region Band when Mr. Donough was a student member back in the early 90's.)

Wednesday, May 22 was a day of multiple music clinics for Mr. Donough's bands. One, with Dave Bychek,

In the afternoon, Alex Foster (SNL band) and Richard Boulger (Allman Brothers, Randy Brecker) presented a super-exciting clinic to The Eagle Jazz Band brought to the school by Les Silver and R. S. Berkeley.

(fun fact: Mr. Donough was in the Heritage & LHS bands with Les' daughter, Lori.)

HMS music students are so fortunate to work with great teachers every day who continue to inspire the next generation of musicians!



## **MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**

The students of Mrs. Biss and Ms. Morano's classes have been working on a cross-curricular documentary project. The students are explaining a Renaissance value present in the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and during the time period of the Renaissance. They are then showing how that value demonstrates continuity and change throughout other time periods and novels studied in class. The students are using WeVideo, an online video-making platform, to put together their documentary films. To culminate the project, the students will take part in an "Oscar" themed awards ceremony to celebrate some of the best

films for categories such as best soundtrack, best narration, best connection of the past to the present, best editing and transitions, most powerful visuals and best picture. The students will also have the opportunity to vote on the best introduction and hook as well as a best picture.

