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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we have already completed one marking period of school already! We ended the month of October with a special presentation from motivational speaker, Eric LeGrand, who reminded our entire student body and staff to stay true to their core values and to persevere when faced with some of the challenges and obstacles that life often presents us with.

With November, we have also had the opportunity to host Challenge Day for some of our students



and staff, which was empowering and reminded all involved of the importance of being accepting and compassionate to everyone around us.

Next week, all of our students will visit our Fall Book Fair which is being hosted in the media center. Additionally, our Fall Drama Performance, *A Wrinkle in Time*, will feature three showings on November 22nd and 23rd. Please see the attached flyer for additional information about showtimes. We hope that you take the opportunity to come and see some of our many talented students put on a wonderful show!

Enjoy the weekend.

Shawn Kelly



STUDENT COUNCIL – THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE

The Builder's Club and Student Council are having their annual Thanksgiving Food and Frozen Turkey Drive for the less fortunate. "In the Spirit of Giving" is a drive that supports those families who simply do not have the funding to purchase a real Thanksgiving meal. Many of these families rely on the love and support from our Heritage family to supply them with even just the minimum on a day that is supposed to remind us all of what we are thankful for.

The drive will run from Monday, November 12th through Monday, November 19th, 2018. The 7th and 8th grades were given a list that specifies what items each grade is responsible for, but obviously any non-perishable donation would be welcomed and accepted regardless of what grade a student is in. Just a friendly reminder though not to donate any items that are in glass bottles.

Your child(ren) may bring their non-perishable items in and place them in their team box any day until the 19th. In addition, we are asking every student to bring in \$1. This money will go to-wards the purchase of a frozen turkey to donate along with all of the non-perishable items that we collect.

Thank you so much for your support! Heritage Middle School Student Council & Builders Club



MATH NEWS

American Mathematics Competition - AMC 8

Each year, our students taking Algebra 1 and Geometry at Heritage Middle School take part in the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) examination, sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. The exam gives students an opportunity to apply concepts they are learning in class to a wide range of real-world applications. The AMC exam will also be used



as part of the students' mathematics placement matrix for the 2020-2021 school year. High scoring students are invited to participate in the AMC 10 at LHS which is given in February. This year, the AMC exam is being given on Thursday, November 14, 2019, immediately after school at Heritage Middle School. Please, make transportation arrangements accordingly. A late bus will be available at 4:10 p.m. for students who are bused.

SCIENCE UPDATE

Our 8th grade scientists have been working hard this fall designing their own experiments! From frozen bouncy balls, par-



achute egg drops, to melting points of



cream there has been a lot of sciency stuff going on throughout the halls of HMS! Many teachers



throughout the district, including many of our own HMS teachers have enrolled in prejudice reduc-

tion courses through Kean University. They recently visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as part of their studies. Here are some of our awesome teach-

MEDIA CENTER NEWS



"Booked for Lunch", a lunchtime book club cohosted by Mrs. Tannler and Miss Karen from the Livingston Public Library, discussed met in October. The discussion revolved around the book, The Stars Beneath Our Feet, by David Marclav Moore.



Some 7th and 8th graders participated in a Halloween Breakout called "Dentists Against Halloween". Students worked together in teams to solve clues and puzzle leading them to combinations for different locks. If they were able to open all the locks within a specific time frame, they received a prize.



Heritage Middle School will be hosting our fall book fair the week of November 18-22. Students will be coming to the media center during the week with their teams. There will also be opportunities for students to come to the book fair before school, after school, or during lunch with a pass. The book fair will be open 1 hour before each performance of

SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS

Ms. Morano and Mrs. Newman's 8th grade social studies students created interactive models to demonstrate how one of the river valleys overcame a challenge. This project helped students to understand that when confronted with challenges each of the river valleys humanity. guide responded in similar ways



demonstrating a common students through the pro-

ject, they followed the design process similar to what is used in science classes. The students then presented their research and models to their 8th grade peers in Mr. Rynone's classes. The project was a big success and students enjoyed going through the design process to teach their peers.

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