PTA Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars:

Thurs. Jan. 8:  9:30 am, PTA mtg., all parents welcome
Thurs. Jan. 8:  2nd grade Lunch w/ the Deputy
Jan. 14-15:   Helping Huskies (see pg. 2 for details)
Fri. Jan. 16:  No School, Teacher Professional Development Day
Fri. Jan. 23:  Reading Counts cut off
Jan. 28 & 29:  Western Night
Jan. 30:  1:30 pm- Reading Counts assembly
Feb. 4- 6:  Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb. 12:  9:30 am, PTA mtg., all parents welcome

Please note the upcoming events:

Feb. 16:  President’s day, No School
Feb. 23:  5th grade Maturation clinic
Feb. 27:  No School, Teacher Professional Development day
March 2-6:  Teacher Appreciation week
March 11:  Literacy Night
March 26:  Science Fair
March 30- April 3:  Spring Break, No School
May 15:  Last Reading Counts cut off
May 26:  Last day for quizzes & earn points
May 28:  Reading Counts Breakfast
May 29:  Super Kids Day

Western Night

You’re invited to the Heritage Elementary Western Night Barn Dance!

Grab your partner and shine your boots, it’s time to strut your stuff at square and line dancing.

Wed. Jan. 28 for the Guys
Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd Grades:
6:00- 7:00 PM
3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades:
7:00 – 8:00 PM
Bring your Ma, Grandma, Auntie, or Sis

Thurs. Jan. 29 for the Gals
Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd Grades:
6:00- 7:00 PM
3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades:
7:00 – 8:00 PM
Bring your Pa, Grandpa, Uncle, or Bro

Be sure to come on time to be eligible for the great Door Prizes
This year!!! Western Wear is encouraged, but not required. Refreshments will be served, and remember to bring your camera for the Photo Booth!!!

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”
– Martin Luther King Jr.
I have a Dream Speech, August 28, 1963
Librarian’s corner
Welcome back! Thanks to all of you who participated in Cozy Up and Read! As we get started in our new year we are working towards our 10,000 point goal to help us reach the next checkpoint on the Iditarod trail, Eagle Island. If we reach our goal we will celebrate with a “sports” day!
The Reading Counts cut off is on Friday, January 23rd and the assembly will be on Friday, January 30th.

~Mrs. Barber, Librarian

ART Room
The Art room is still trying to collect plastic bottle caps, any color. We are going to be using them to make pictures in art. They are also in need of yarn, any color. Please send bottle caps & yarn to the Art room. Thanks!

Remember: The Art room is still collecting Campbell’s soup labels for the Labels for Education program. We can use the points from the labels to earn free art supplies for our school!
Thanks,

~Teresa Bertolio, Art Specialist

Box Tops
It’s time for another Box Tops party! Be sure to turn in all your box tops you collected over winter break. The class with the highest average per student will win a hot chocolate and donut hole party. Be sure to get them in by no later than January 30.

School hours
Monday thru Thursday:
Grade 1-5: 9:05 am – 3:25 pm
AM Kindergarten: 9:05 am–12:05 pm
PM Kindergarten: 12:25 pm – 3:25 pm
Fridays:
Grade 1-5: 9:05 am – 2:10 pm
AM Kindergarten: 9:05 am–11:35 am
PM Kindergarten: 11:40 am – 2:10 pm

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! A look ahead we will have new open enrollment for February Clubs starting on January 21st and ending January 28th. Remember that you only need to enroll each month if you are enrolling for clubs. We are super excited about the new Harry Potter Club that started in January and will be continuing on until the end of the year. Those parents that are involved in the ASC received a letter last month that indicated the end of our grant funding this year for the ASC here at Heritage. Due to the loss of our eligibility status as a Title 1 school for next year, we as an After School Program will no longer be eligible for a new grant to support the Heritage After School Clubs. I am encouraging those parents that have not enrolled for free or reduced lunch that may qualify to please do so. This is one of the largest determining factors for both Title 1 status and the grant funding through the Department of Workforce Services that supplies our grant monies to sustain this program. (See Mrs. Smith in the office for more information.)
I am hopeful that if we can show an increase in the need for this funding through the lunch program eligibility, than we will be able to reapply for this particular grant in February. However, I would like to regretfully announce that there is an increasing possibility that this will be the final months and year that we will be able to offer the ASC services to Heritage Elementary. Please note that starting in the 2015-2016 year there may or may not be an After School Program available and I wanted to give a substantial notice to those parents that will be effected by this momentous change that could possibly be coming. Thank you for all your support these last couple of years and we will continue to give it our best in these next few months. I will also keep you posted on our eligibility status and grant funding opportunities.
Thank you parents!

~Mrs. Harris, ASC Coordinator