MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, Aug 23  Back to School Night 5:30-6:30 PM
Thursday, Aug 24  1st-6th Grades’ First Day of School
Monday, Aug 28  First Day of Preschool
Tuesday, Aug 29  Dibels/Acadia Testing
Wednesday, Aug 30  First Day of Kindergarten
Monday, Sep 4  Labor Day, No School
Thursday, Sep 7  School Picture Day
Friday, Sep 8  PTA Meeting, ALL Parents Welcome
               (Meet at 9:30 AM in the Art Room)
Friday, Sep 22  Professional Development Day, No School
October 5-6  PTC Conferences, No School on 6th
October 12-13  Fall Break, No School
October 20  Vision Screening
November 22-24  Thanksgiving Break, No School
November 27  Teacher Prep Day, No School
December 22  Professional Development Day, No School
Dec. 25 - Jan. 1  Winter Break, No School
January 15  Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
February 16  Professional Development Day, No School
February 19  President’s Day, No School
February 26  Teacher Prep Day, No School
Feb. 29 - Mar. 1  PTC Conferences, No School on 1st
March 22  Professional Development Day, No School
April 1-5  Spring Break, No School
May 27  Memorial Day, No School
May 31  Last Day of School

PTA Meetings will typically be held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Art Room. All parents are welcome to attend and be involved to see what the PTA does for our school.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Dear Heritage Elementary families,
I would like to welcome each of you to the 2023-2024 School Year! For those of you who are new to our school, know that you are coming to an absolutely wonderful place. Our teachers and staff are passionate, caring, hardworking, and always learning something new for the benefit of your children. We are a collaborative and driven group of people who take learning seriously while also making personal connections that help kids succeed.

I would like to welcome the following new staff to our building:
Alvaro Cosín, 4th Grade DLI Teacher
Yulissa Chavez, 5th Grade DLI Teacher
Brian Heinsohn, Reading & Math Facilitator
Austin Brandley, Computer Specialist
Courtney Walker, Art Specialist

Each new teacher comes highly regarded from previous positions, and we feel fortunate to add them to our team. Additional information is on the "Our Teachers" link under the "Our School" tab.

I look forward to working with you and your child.

In Partnership,
Lance Robins, Heritage Elementary Principal

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

Our school day begins at 9:00 AM every day. Please be sure to have your child/children here on time. Students who are consistently tardy are at a clear disadvantage and usually arrive feeling frantic and unprepared.

All students who arrive after 9:05 AM must sign in at the office with a parent. If your child will not be present, please call and inform our school office at 435-792-7696.

In the interest of safety, please do not drop off your children before 8:45 AM, as there is no supervision before that time. Also, please be sure to pick up your children by 3:45 in the afternoon.
FROM OUR NEW PTA PRESIDENT

Hello Heritage families! My name is Natalie Peterson and I’m excited to be involved at Heritage Elementary this year as the new PTA president. We have a lot of fun events planned and I know it will be a great year! I have four kids and three will be Huskies going into 1st, 3rd and 6th grade. We have enjoyed many of the activities the PTA has put together in past years and look forward to helping with the fun things planned for this year. Heritage is such a great school with incredible teachers and staff!

All the events and fun activities the PTA does every year happen because of the amazing parents volunteering to help. We couldn’t do it without you and would love your help in any area this year! You can be involved as much or as little as you would like. Even if you don’t want to join PTA, we would love to have your help as a volunteer for any of the activities. Below is a list of some of the events the PTA will need help with. There will be a handout at back to school night and coming home with your children where you can circle the activities you would like to be involved with.

We have PTA meetings every 2nd Friday of the month at 9:30 AM in the art classroom and all are welcome to come. I would love to hear any ideas or suggestions you might have or answer any questions or concerns about PTA.

I am excited to start this year and get to know more of you as we work together to make it a great year for all our students! Thank you for being the wonderful supportive families that make Heritage Elementary so great!

Natalie Peterson, 2023-2024 Heritage Elementary PTA President

PTA 2023-2024 ACTIVITIES:
Vision Screening: Oct 20
Dbilts/Acadience Testing: Aug 29, Dec 12, April 23
Safety Week (Ashley Nielsen & Heidi Burton): Oct. 30-Nov. 3
Reflections (Emily Rigby): October-November
Science Fair (Catherine Wells): January
Maturation Program: March 21
Literacy Event (School-Wide Book): March
Walkathon (Heather Holmes): April
Teacher Appreciation (Natalie Peterson): May
Super Kids Day (Gentri Fairbourn): May 30
6th Grade Celebration (Jami Stokes): May 31
Birthday Treats (Taylor Jewel): Monthly
Teacher Luncheons (Kendal Weiker): PTC Oct 5-6, Feb. 29-Mar. 1
Book Fair: 1-2 times during the year
Room Parents: Halloween & Christmas class parties

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

The school shirts this year will be navy with a maroon and white logo on the front. We will also be offering pullover hoodies and zippered jackets.

Regular T-Shirts: $8 (youth & adult)
Pullover Hoodies: $16 (youth & adult)
Zipper Jackets: $22 (youth), $25 (adult)

Shirts will be on display at the front office to check sizes until the first order is due. Watch for the order form to be sent home.

The FIRST deadline to order will be September 8.

Cash and checks accepted. Please make checks payable to Heritage Elementary PTA.

SCHOOL MEALS

Lunch menus will be sent home monthly and can also be accessed from our school website. Click on the "Lunch Menu" box on the school’s homepage, or under the school lunch section on the "For Parents" page, or go to: https://www.ccsdut.org/Page/6152.

Breakfast is served from 8:30-9:00 AM, Monday through Friday. To determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced lunch, please fill out the online form at: https://bit.ly/EZMealApply

Prices:
Breakfast: $1.40  Adult Lunch: $3.65
Lunch: $2.05  Milk Only: $0.35

FROM THE COMPUTER LAB

We are excited for another exciting year of learning coding for all our students at Heritage Elementary. Our computer science curriculum is ever-changing, and we are excited about the new changes made this year and hope to have a fun year learning new things together. CCSD has partnered with a program called Code115 to establish a great curriculum for elementary schools. All of our elementary students will have computer class each week to code, as well as our 3rd through 6th graders will have time to learn essential keyboarding skills. Our Kinder through 4th grade students will be learning Block coding using drag-and-drop tools to learn basic coding concepts, while our 5th & 6th grade students will be learning text-based coding.

Here’s what your students will be using:
Kinder & 1st: Block coding Scratch Jr.
2nd, 3rd & 4th: Block coding Scratch
5th grade: Text-based Javascript
6th grade: Text-based Python
3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th: Keyboarding Edutyping

We are excited for another great year in the computer lab, and can’t wait to get started! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Heritage Computer Lab Specialists

JOIN HERITAGE PTA

You can join our PTA by using this QR code or going to the link below: heritage-pta.membershub.com/store
You can also join our Facebook group: “Heritage Elementary PTA”.

HERITAGE ELEMENTARY
WHY CAN’T I SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT?

**STUDENT “A”**
- reads 20 minutes each day
- 3,600 minutes in a school year
- 1,800,000 words

**STUDENT “B”**
- reads 5 minutes each day
- 900 minutes in a school year
- 282,000 words

**STUDENT “C”**
- reads 1 minute each day
- 180 minutes in a school year
- 8,000 words

By the end of 6th grade, **STUDENT “A”** will have read the equivalent of **60 WHOLE SCHOOL DAYS**.

**STUDENT “B”** will have read only **12 SCHOOL DAYS**.

Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

**THE MATTHEW EFFECT**

Starting in Kindergarten, if a student reads at least **20 MINUTES** a day at home, they will hear **1.8 MILLION WORDS** per year.

They will have read for **851 HOURS BY 6TH GRADE** and on standardized tests, they will likely score **BETTER THAN 90% OF THEIR PEERS**.

This is compelling data on the benefits of encouraging your child to read.

**SOURCE:**
NAGY & HERMAN, 1987