



APRIL 24, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Remember the old public service announcement that asked: *It is 11:00 p.m. - do you know where your children are?* While I usually like to write cover stories that are positive and celebrate Herron High School faculty and students for their accomplishments, I find it necessary this week to focus on something very serious and a problem that we all need to solve together.

Some Herron High School students are behaving in ways that do not speak well for the school or for their own person integrity. Each day before and after school, there is a group of students who gather at the 16th and Meridian Street McDonalds. Some of these students are there eating breakfast and talking quietly. This is certainly not a problem.

However, there are several other students who are there and who do not purchase anything. Some of these students have been rude to customers and are displaying behaviors that the school does not tolerate. The McDonald's managers have contacted me many times, and we have tried to stop this behavior. We have not been as successful as we would like.

The other point of concern is when our students are riding on Indy Go busses. We have been informed by passengers and bus drivers that our students are misbehaving and acting in rude ways as they go to and from school.

Clearly, we must solve these issues. I have talked with the McDonald's managers and asked them to call the police if our students are loitering or disturbing their customers. I have also given my business cards to some of the people who have seen our students misbehave on the bus. I have asked them to call me immediately if there is a problem.

Students are allowed to be at school one hour prior to the beginning of school and one hour after school dismisses. If they stay at school, we can ensure their safety and we can monitor their behavior. If you know your student goes to McDonald's and/or rides IndyGo, please talk with your student about their behavior.

Also, we would really appreciate it if any parent would like to volunteer to monitor students at McDonald's before or after school.

So, when it is 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., please ask: Do I know where my child is and what my child is doing?

Thank you for your help and cooperation with this important manner.


Janet H. McNeal
Principal

There are still a few openings at each grade level for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Please tell your friends and neighbors that Herron might be the perfect educational choice for their family.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Herron High School's Theatre Arts & Music Department will be presenting William Shakespeare's A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Performances are on May 1 and 2 at 7:30, a Sunday Matinee on May 3 at 3 p.m. Please come and enjoy the Herron High School thespians' creative interpretations of this well-known work.

THANK YOU to the volunteers who came to construct the stage last Saturday. Your help is greatly appreciated!

BRINKERS AND SWAN QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Two HHS students, Audrey Brinkers and Sara Swan, qualify for the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. This is quite an honor and will make them eligible to be National Merit Semifinalists, the next step in the process. Please congratulate them!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT DONATIONS!

We have received many wonderful donations of prom dresses in recent weeks. Thank you for making this a special event for our students.

HERRON ATHLETICS WINS \$500 IN CONTEST

Herron High School recently won \$500 from Red Gold for our athletic program. During the 2009 Indiana High School basketball season, Red Gold and IHSAA announced a program for the 410 IHSAA member schools to potentially win **\$500.00** cash for their athletic programs by participating in the Red Gold Ketchup Secret Play Contest. All Indiana High Schools proudly displaying and using "made in Indiana", Red Gold Brand Ketchup at their sports concession stands were eligible to enter the contest. Congratulations, Athletics!

HHS WINS SECOND PLACE IN INDY BUTT-OUT COMPETITION

Herron High School took second place in the Indy Butt-Out competition. A big thanks goes to Mr. Bailey's environmental science class, and Mrs. Torres' and Mr. Taylor's Health classes. Herron students collected a total of 38.6 pounds of cigarette butt litter this month. 20 cigarette butts weigh .12 ounces*, which means that they collected approximately 102,946 butts! The prize is to create a mural to put on one of the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful recycling containers. There will be a school-wide contest to choose artwork for a mural, so let your students know that their art work could be in the city for everyone to see. Mayor Greg Ballard will be congratulating us at the **Great Indy Cleanup** kick-off event. The ceremony begins at 8am at Charles A. Tindley School, 3960 Meadows Drive.

HERRON-MORTON SPRING GREEN-UP

Herron students, families, and faculty have been invited to participate in the Herron-Morton Place Neighborhood Spring Green-Up Event taking place on Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The day will include clean-up of neighborhood streets, tree and flower planting, and eco-friendly kids' activities in the park at 19th and Alabama Street. If you are interested in volunteering to help on this day, please contact Mrs. Stephens at istephens@herronhighschool.org.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

On May 9th, Campbell Soup Company and The United States Postal Service are partnering once again with the National Association of Letter Carriers to sponsor Stamp Out Hunger, the nation's largest single-day food drive. Your participation will not only help stock local food banks, it will also earn Herron High School 500 points for Campbell's Labels for Education. **Important:** If you plan on participating, please stop by the main office or send an email to lguerrettaz@herronhighschool.org so that we can get 500 bonus points. You may donate items like canned meats and fish, canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal and rice. Please do not include items that have expired or those in glass containers.

PLEASE DROP OFF LABELS FOR EDUCATION IN THE MAIN OFFICE

Herron High School is now accepting Campbell's Labels for Education and Pure Life labels. Donations can be brought to Laurie Guerrettaz in the main office. Please do not send box tops, as these are only eligible for points toward schools grades K-8.

STUDENTS WILL HAVE A FULL DAY OFF ON FRIDAY, MAY 1ST

The early dismissal on Friday, May 1st has been changed to a full day off for students.

FREE MICROSOFT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

We are proud to announce that Herron High school is now part of the Microsoft DreamSpark High School program. Our students can download a variety of Microsoft programs for free. If you wish to receive an access code, either email cbrowning@herronhighschool.com or stop by student services **after school** to receive an access code. Limit one code per student. The following downloads are currently available: MS Visual Studio 2008 professional Edition, MS CCR & DSS Toolkit 2008, MS Expression Studio 2, MS Visual Studio 2005, MS SQL Server 2008 Developer, MS Robotics Developer Studio 2008, MS Server 2003, MS SQL Server Express, Xna|Game Studio 3.0, MS Windows Server 2008 Standard, MS Visual Studio 2005 Profession Edition, VS Virtual PC, MS Visual Basic 2008 Express Edition, MS Visual C++ 2008 Express Edition, MS Visual C# Express Edition, MS Visual Web Developer 2008 Express Edition. In addition to the Microsoft programs, other free web sites are available that offer programming tools and instruction to students. If you are interested, navigate to: <http://www.alice.org/index.php>; <http://scratch.mit.edu/>.

AP EXAM FEES DUE; ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

It is time for us to begin ordering AP Exams for our courses this year. We will be ordering an exam for every student enrolled in an AP ordering an exam for every student enrolled in an AP Course this year. The cost for the exam is \$86.00. While this seems like a lot of money, please remember that if your student scores well and his/her choice of college accepts the credit, it will be far less expensive than paying for three credit hours of college work. All students who are on Free and Reduced Lunch status will be eligible to take the exams for free. If you have any questions about your status or how this program will work, please contact Mr. Hurst, thurst@herronhighschool.org, Cindi Browning, cbrowning@herronhighschool.org, or Mr. Harris, jharris@herronhighschool.org. Herron will work with parents on payments. We would like to receive half of the payment for the exam by the end of April and the remainder by the end of May. If you have financial hardships but do not qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch Status, please contact us to discuss other possible options. Exams that are ordered but not taken will be charged \$13.00. If a student does not take the exam, his/her transcript will be designated "honors" rather than "AP."

HHS YEARBOOK ON SALE!

Herron's 2008-2009 Yearbook is now on sale! You will be receiving an order form with the Quarter 3 Grades mailing. This year's 48-page *Catalogos*, themed "You Are Here," is \$25.00, and can be purchased until May 15th. Please make checks payable to *Herron High School* and include "Yearbook" in the memo. Additionally, you may visit our publisher's secure online website, www.myYear.com, to purchase a book with credit card. Please contact Mrs. Dorsey at kdorsey@herronhighschool.org with any questions.

SPEAKING VOLUMES BOOK CLUB

The upcoming meetings of the Speaking Volumes Book Club are:

Tuesday, May 5 at 4:10pm in Rm 016 to discuss "Uglies" by Scott Westerfeld

Tuesday, May 19 at 4:10pm in Rm 016 to discuss "The Big Over Easy" by Jasper Forde

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR

Would you like to have our calendar automatically added to your calendar in Microsoft Outlook, Apple iCal, or Google Calendar? You can subscribe to our calendar using the following link.

<webcal://herronhighschool.com/eventsCal>

BOARD MEETINGS

Herron High School's Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are located in the Herron library and are open to the public. The next regular meeting at Herron will be May 19th at 7:30 a.m.

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