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Upcoming Events

December

9th - Intermediate Gym
Holiday Program

16th - 7 AM
Early Riser Reader

20th - 1:30 PM
Birthday Sundaes

20th - 6:30 PM
PTO Meeting in LMTC

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 1st
WINTER BREAK

Volunteer for, or find out more about, any of these events by contacting either co-president.

Looking Ahead

January

12th - 6 PM
Family Learning Night
Click for details

24th - 1:30 PM
Birthday Sundaes

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Happy Holidays!

Heritage PTO would like to wish everyone a fantastic holiday season! We hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving and now we're moving on into busy times again! PTO is still looking for some helpful volunteers to assist with setup and tear down for the holiday program. We are asking for

help on Wednesday, December 7th at 3:30 until it is finished (or as much as you can offer!). This will allow the kids time to practice their songs on the risers during dress rehearsal. This helps to make the kids feel more comfortable going into the program. Then, we will need help after the program on Friday, December 9th at 2:30. As always, we so appreciate your help in this and we couldn't do it without you!

Please do try the delicious cookie samples (courtesy of MRZ's) in the classrooms after the program! These are just a few examples that will be available during our cookie dough fundraiser in February.

If you're going to be a guest at someone's home for the holidays, why not bring them a Heritage Cookbook as a host(ess) gift!? You can always purchase these in the office for just \$10.

Happy Holidays!!

PTO At Work in Heritage

Ever wondered just what the PTO does for Heritage? Well, recently we have decided to continue being the donor of books for the birthday books program! Has your child had a birthday at school yet? If they haven't, when it comes up they will get to go to the office and choose their own book from a selection donated by the PTO! How wonderful is that!? The books are ready to be replenished and we are always on the lookout for a great deal on a large quantity of books! If you ever spot a deal please do contact us!! That would be a huge help!

The art room has also been the recipient of the PTO's generosity. It was pointed out to us that a second drying rack would come in handy in the art room and so the PTO stepped up and offered the funds for that! It isn't in there yet, but soon you will be able to stop in and check that out if you want.

There are a few extra poinsettias floating around school and will be at the holiday program as well! Normally, we borrowed some flowers for the program from Prairie (thanks Prairie!!) so the PTO thought it might be nice to have our own stash and we have recently purchased some. We will be stocking up to have several more after the holidays (again, let us know of any good deals!!) to keep on hand for years to come! When they aren't being used for the program they will sure spruce up the office, staff lounge and various other spots around school!!

Sure is the season for giving!!





Who is Mrs. Soulier?



I have taught second grade for 6 years, third grade for 6 years and served in our Pathways program for 2 years. I'm very proud to share that all but 1 of these years has been as a Waunakee Warrior. I love learning and trying new things! My hope is that children enjoy coming to school and have an appreciation

for learning. As part of the Heritage Family, in Soulierville we become family, a place where we feel safe, experience learning, and accept everyone as a friend.

I live in Waunakee, with my husband, Chris and our children, Samantha and Braden. When I'm not cheering my kids on in whatever they choose to do, we enjoy being at the lake, fishing, cross country skiing, and just enjoying the simple pleasures of reading a book or playing a game at home. Spending time with family and friends is what I treasure most.



Why teaching?

Did you know that Mrs. Hartwig and I are cousins? I remember playing school together when we were little! Learning did not always come easy for me and I am so grateful for teachers who believed in me and truly made a difference in my journey, from elementary years all the way through to my Masters Degree. I enjoy learning about each individual learner and striving to provide what is best for them to be successful. While this can be a challenge, trying my best and working as a team to make a difference is what I strive to accomplish. Young people make me smile in so many ways. All of these experiences have inspired me to choose education, give back, and pay it forward.

If you weren't teaching what would you be doing?

That's tough...I did take a break out of the classroom the last 2 years and learned that I really missed the spirit of the children and the simplicity of young people. I find it fascinating to listen to elders share their stories and experiences. I would enjoy having free time to visit nursing homes or senior living facilities. I would love to embark on a mission trip with our church someday too, once my own children are a bit older.

What's the one thing you've heard a child say that caught you off guard?

Oh dear, there are so many. Several years ago, a colleague and I wrote a song to help students learn the names of the planets. We sang it to the Brady Bunch theme song. The kids had never heard of the Brady Bunch.

What is the most memorable bit of knowledge you've had the pleasure of imparting on your students?

Several years ago, one of my students was homebound for health reasons. I was fortunate enough to take different students each week to have a lunch bunch with this classmate. These are the moments when students are learning life skills such as compassion, acceptance, and friendship.