

All About Your Heritage



Practicing STaRR Behavior Every Day

Principal's Message

STaRR Update



Sitting in Mr. Carter's chair? What's that all about? Part of the Heritage PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program includes an acknowledgement plan, where students are noticed when they are behaving in a STaRR manner (a reminder that STaRR stands for Safe Trustworthy and Respectful Responsible). An analogy that we can relate to is that if we do our job at work, we get a paycheck! Students are given STaRR cards and can redeem them for things that motivate them. At this point in the year the capstone choice is to have a chance to sit in my chair for a half day of school, and I can tell you it is a popular choice. As a matter of fact, I never sit in my official chair anymore.....and I'm thinking of buying another one to give more students a chance at this! Another popular choice is to have their names read as an acknowledgement during the daily morning announcements. Students get so excited to be recognized by the entire school as a STaRR!

I believe behavior is a skill that can be sharpened with coaching and practice. It's very much like shooting a free throw, casting a fishing line, or playing the guitar. A coach or teacher can provide feedback on growth areas and offer suggestions for improvement. This is what we are doing with behaviors. Within our STaRR program we use "Cool Tools" which are lesson plans that specifically teach behaviors. For example, one Cool Tool teaches students something called voice leveling. A "0" voice is silence and a "10" is the equivalent to screaming as loud as possible. Heritage students know what voice level is acceptable in the different areas of the school (hallway, classroom, cafeteria, etc.). Students also watched videos (made here at Heritage) to learn about appropriate STaRR behavior.

The points of emphasis for the upcoming month will be helping students do a super job when lining up (not talking with friends and/or touching others) and responding appropriately at the end of recess (stopping play and putting equipment away when the first bell rings and running to line up to enter the building).

We welcome the partnership you can offer as your children learn about being STaRR students. One way

you can help is by asking your son(s)/daughter(s) what STaRR stands for, and for examples of STaRR behaviors that can be acknowledged while at school. Please visit the Heritage website to find the links to the various videos that were made to help students learn what the desired STaRR behaviors are. You can also see the posters that are hanging throughout the school that detail Above The Line, Below the Line and Bottom Line behaviors. These can be found at www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/heritage, click on "[PBIS Information](#)" link on the left sidebar.

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At Heritage Elementary, we help each other learn and grow every day in a safe and positive environment.

Upcoming Events

Fire Safety Week



Firefighters will visit classrooms to talk about fire safety on Tuesday, October 11th. Kindergarten classes will visit the fire station on Thursday, October 13th.

Family Book Club

A great way to encourage reading and library use is through the Family Book Club for students in third and fourth grades. Our first Family Book Club will be held on **Monday, October 24th, 6:30-7:15 PM.**

Early Riser Reader

Our first Early Riser Reader will be held on **Wednesday, October 26th.** This program is designed for parents and our kindergarten, first and second grade students. Parents and students are invited to come to the library at 7:00 AM to enjoy reading books together, grab a light breakfast treat, enjoy the library and head off for work and class by 7:30 AM. **Please RSVP by calling the office at 849-2035 by Monday, October 24th.** You can also **RSVP** online by going to the Heritage Calendar and clicking on the Early Riser Reader event and following the RSVP instructions (or Ctrl+click on "RSVP" above.)



Birthday Sundaes

Mr. Carter will be celebrating October birthdays with ice cream sundaes provided by the Heritage PTO on **Tuesday, October 25th at 1:30 PM** in the cafeteria. Parents are welcome to join their children for a birthday sundae.

These monthly celebrations will take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Food Drive: Oct. 31 - Nov. 11

Heritage Elementary will be participating in a food drive to help benefit the community. Children may bring canned goods and other packed items to school and we will collect them for you. Please do not send perishable items.



The food drive will run from **October 31 through November 11.** This would be an excellent opportunity for children to learn about sharing, caring and citizenship. Please consider donating items for the drive.

Halloween Parade

Heritage Elementary will host an indoor parade of ghosts, goblins and characters on **Monday, October 31st at 8 AM.** Students are to wear costumes to school and bring a change of clothing for later in the day. Students should not wear any costumes with a violent theme or that contain toy weapons as accessories (guns, swords, knives, etc.). Please keep makeup to a minimum. If a costume includes a mask, make sure the child can safely see with the mask on. Families are invited to come and watch the parade, which will be held **indoors.** The following are parade **viewing** suggestions:



The **lunchroom and gym** are the largest areas and are great places for parents to use to view the parade. If parents choose to view in these areas, ***please be prepared to stay there until the parade is over*** (signaled by the P.A.), as leaving these areas to go to the hallways/ classrooms will disrupt the parade and create congestion in the narrow hallways.

If viewing in the hallway, some areas that might be suitable would include:

The corner by the Kindergarten - third grade hallway.

The corner by the Kindergarten - second grade hallway

By the main office

The hallway between the office and the fourth grade hall

Parents are asked to PLEASE REFRAIN from viewing the parade in the 1st & 2nd grade hallway, as this area will be very congested.



Breakfast Program at Heritage

Eating breakfast is essential for your child's best learning to occur at school! Heritage Elementary continues to offer breakfast at 7:15 AM this year. The breakfast menu is included on the school lunch menu. Students can select between a daily choice, such as pancakes or a Belgian waffle, or choose cereal. Each breakfast meal also comes with milk and juice. Perhaps having your child eat breakfast at school would help the morning routine at your home run more smoothly? Consider having your child eat breakfast at school. Elementary student breakfast price is just \$1.25/day.



Taher Food Service

If your student's lunch account is not yet set up, please contact Taher with questions or concern. Heritage office staff do not have access to food service account information (balance or identification numbers).

Food Service Phone Numbers:

Food Service Office 849-2185 for lunch account questions
Kelly Regali

Free/Reduced information at 849-2327 Carie Abarca

Food Service Director 849-2197 Vicki Hoyer

Assistant Food Service Director 849-4137 Ami Shimanek

A link to the Food Service website is available through the Heritage school website: www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/heritage.



Mark Your Calendar!

NO SCHOOL

Friday, October 21
(PT Conferences 8 AM—Noon)

EARLY RELEASE

Students will be dismissed at 12:40 on
Wednesday, October 26

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, October 27
Friday, October 28
(WEAC Convention)



Spirit Day

Football Friday

Friday, October 14

**Wear your favorite team's jersey,
or team colors!**

Heritage STaRR Spirit Day

Wednesday, October 19

**Wear your Heritage STaRR
t-shirt or other blue shirt!**



From the Health Office...

Share a toy, share a slide
Share the feelings deep inside,
But never share a hat or comb,
Or lice could make your head their home.



Poem from www.headlice.org (check this website out)

Anyone can get head lice. It is not from poor hygiene or neglect. Lice do not jump or fly. However, they are easily spread from person to person through direct head-to-head contact or indirect contact with objects such as combs, brushes, hats, and scarves.

Head lice are tiny insects about the size of sesame seeds that live only on humans. They move quickly when exposed to light, making them difficult to see. You may only be able to find nits, which are the lice eggs. Nits are tiny, yellowish oval specks that are firmly glued to the hair shaft. Nits can often be confused with dandruff, but unlike dandruff, a nit will not easily fall off the hair. If you can blow or flick it, it is not a nit. Nits are usually found behind the ears or at the back of the neck.

Remind your children about the importance of not sharing combs, hats, brushes, scarves, etc. Watch for signs of lice, such as frequent head scratching. Check your child's hair regularly. Prevention can protect our kids from exposure to the chemicals in lice shampoos.

If you discover your child has lice, please notify the health office. We will help guide you through the treatment information that can be confusing during a stressful time for your family. Besides using a lice shampoo and cleaning the environment, removing lice and nits with a special comb is essential. There is a great video at www.headlice.org/video about how to do this effectively. Please contact our school nurse, Katie Homar at 209-9950, if you would like more information.



Sari Zirbel's Outdoor Classroom: A Memorial

You may have noticed work done just north of the parent loop in the grassy, hilly area that is south of the school. This is a memorial to Sari Zirbel, who taught second grade here, but passed away last January. The brick walkway leads to a large, centrally located rock that serves as a teacher chair. The smaller rocks serve as student chairs. The backdrop is a lattice that will provide a place for clematis to climb and flower on in the spring. A number of bulbs will be planted this fall to provide many flowers for us all to enjoy in the spring. Special thanks to the Heritage PTO for paying for the signage telling guests about this special space. Due to the sentimental nature of this space, we are working to teach students to sit (not stand/climb) on those special rocks! We appreciate all the help you can give us with this.

The project could not have been completed without the help of Tom & Joan Ensign who set the rocks, Shane Ziegler & Cody Faulkner (Pinnacle Landscaping) who built the brick walkway, Waunakee Rental who provided an auger for the posts, Jerry Wipperfurth for the rocks, and a group of dedicated Heritage staff who put in hours of work moving bricks, shoveling dirt and sand, and building the lattice backdrop.

Sari's legacy as an outdoor enthusiast, a teacher, and friend will live on through this outdoor classroom. I invite you to visit it. Grab a book and a friend or two. You will be amazed what a comforting feeling you will experience.

Live-Love-Laugh.



Parent Teacher Conferences

October 17 & 21

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Monday, October 17 (3:30-7:30 PM) and Friday, October 21 (8 AM—Noon) this year. Each conference is scheduled for 15 minutes. Parents signed up for conference times on Registration Day. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unsure of your scheduled time, or if you have any other questions about conferences.

Some teachers at Heritage Elementary work in other schools. Below are the dates that shared staff will be at Heritage for conferences.

Ms. Emily Bordeleau, Spanish	Oct. 17 (5:45-7:35 PM) Oct. 21 (8 AM-12 PM)
Ms. Valerie Clevenger, PT	Oct. 21 (8 AM-12 PM)
Ms. Cindi Dahler, OT	Oct. 21 (8 AM-12 PM)
Mrs. Janell Dorn, Pathways	Oct. 21 (8 AM-12 PM)
Mrs. Ashley Taylor, ELL	Oct. 17 & 21
Ms. Mary Wright, Art	Sign Up individually

mwright@waunakee.k12.wi.us

Heritage Elementary Book Room

We are continuing to build a "book room" at Heritage with the purpose of sharing non-fiction leveled books for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. This project is put together by numerous teachers but posted by Amy Fassbender on the website DonorsChoose.org. You, your family and/or friends, your employer, and/or your business can help by making a donation to this project. Although this is listed under one teacher's name, this is a project Mrs. Fassbender is working on for all students in the building. Any donation amount is very much appreciated!

Click here for more information: [Heritage Book Room](#) or go to DonorsChoose.org and search for keyword "Fassbender" to locate this project.

Heritage STaRR Values:



Safe!

Trustworthy



And



Respectful

Responsible

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Fri.	Oct. 7	1st gr. to Appleberry Farm
Tues.	Oct. 11	Fire Safety Program
Thur.	Oct. 13	Kdg. to Fire Station
Fri.	Oct. 14	Spirit Day: Football Friday
Mon.	Oct. 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 PM
Tue.	Oct. 18	PTO Meeting (6:30 PM—LMTC)
Wed.	Oct. 19	Kdg. to Indian Lake
Wed.	Oct. 19	STaRR t-shirt (blue shirt) Day
Thurs.	Oct. 20	RAIN DATE: Kdg. to Indian Lake
Fri.	Oct. 21	NO SCHOOL
Fri.	Oct. 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences 8AM-Noon
Mon.	Oct. 24	Family Book Club (6:30 PM—LMTC)
Tues.	Oct. 25	Birthday Sundaes 1:30 PM
Wed.	Oct. 26	Early Riser Reader (7:00 AM—LMTC)
Wed.	Oct. 26	Early Release – 12:40 dismissal
Th-Fri.	Oct. 27, 28	NO SCHOOL WEAC Convention
Mon.	Oct. 31	Halloween Parade—8 AM
Fri.	Nov. 4	End of First Quarter
Fri.	Nov. 4	PTO Harvest Dance
Tue.	Nov. 22	Early Release – 12:40 dismissal
Wed.	Nov. 23	NO SCHOOL
Wed.	Nov. 24	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving
Thu.	Nov. 25	NO SCHOOL – Day After Thanksgiving
		<i>Oct. 31-Nov. 11 Community Food Drive</i>
		<i>Oct 26-Nov 27 WKCE Testing Window</i>
Tue.	Nov. 29	Birthday Sundaes
Fri.	Dec. 9	Heritage Holiday Program
Tue.	Dec. 20	Birthday Sundaes
Fri.-Sun. Dec. 23-Jan. 1		NO SCHOOL—WINTER BREAK

Parent Checklist

- Share plans for early release (Oct. 26) with your child.
- Return field trip permission slips.
- RSVP for Early Riser Reader
- Plan your child's Halloween parade costume.
- Check contact information in Infinite Campus. Notify school office of any changes or updates as needed.
- Send notes or call office before 1 PM if after school arrangements change.
- Post events calendar at home. Check website for updates.
- Check your child's Thursday folder and return permission slips or other information to school as needed.

