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What Is It?

The PTA Reflections Program

The PTA Reflections Program is a national program to celebrate the artistic talents of students in grades Pre-K through 12. The program provides an opportunity for students to express themselves creatively while receiving positive recognition at the school level and, for some students, at the county, state, and national level. Each year students are tasked with submitting entries inspired by a particular theme. This year, the theme is "Wow!"

The PTA is in the final planning stages to implement Reflections at Heritage Elementary. During the month of September, all students will learn more about the categories of entry (literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts) and the theme. The visual arts and literature contest entries will be completed during school hours while photography and musical composition must take place at home. All entries will be submitted by the end of October.

In early November, an independent panel of judges will review the entries and select a 1st and 2nd place winner from each classroom. The classroom winning entries will then proceed to the age division level of judging and then for an opportunity to compete at the county, state, and national level. All participants will receive a newly designed custom made Heritage Elementary pencil. Classroom and Age Division winning entries will receive a certificate and award ribbon. Winning entries will also be posted on the Heritage PTA website. A Recognition Reception for Hurricane families to celebrate the artistic achievements of our students will be held in early November.

More details will be released via the Heritage Herald, Heritage Headlines, and the PTA website. We are excited to bring Reflections to HES and know our students will enjoy participating in this program.

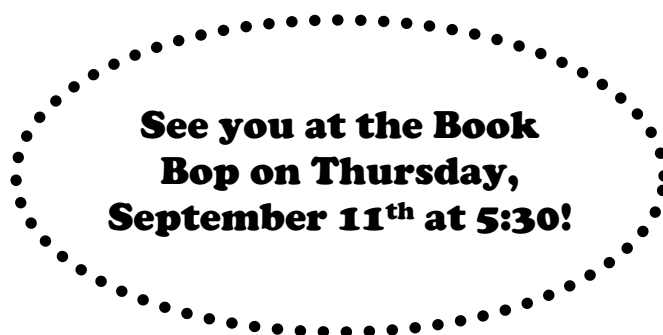
Golden Cone Ice Cream Spirit Night Earns \$147 for Heritage Elementary

A sore arm on any one of our celebrity scoopers would not be surprising given the number of ice cream orders at The Golden Cone Spirit Night last Thursday. Hurricane families enjoyed meeting our new principal, Mr. Risinger, and students watched the teachers in action while enjoying a scoop of ice cream at the fun and widely attended event.

The Golden Cone has been a very generous sponsor to Heritage Elementary over the last few years. We are grateful for their support and remind Heritage families that ice cream is a great dessert all year round. We encourage you to treat yourself and family to show our appreciation. Thank you to those families who made time in their busy schedules to support our Spirit Night.

New Parent Education Links Added To Website

Parents seeking resources to aid with homework strategies, behavior, television watching guidelines, healthy lunch ideas and fitness need look no further than the HES PTA website (www.heritagepta.org). A new link "Parent Education" was added to the website last week and provides links to articles on a variety of topics. Stay tuned for more parenting tools to be added in the coming months.



5th Grade Yearbook Cover Contest Deadline Fast Approaching

The Yearbook Committee is seeking cover design entries for the 2008-09 Heritage Elementary School yearbook. The content is restricted to Heritage fifth grade students but all grade levels will participate in the vote to select the winning entry. Though the Track One deadline has passed, Tracks 2, 3 and 4 are required to have their entries in no later than Friday, September 19th.

Brightly colored artwork must be created on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of white paper and should include the artist's first and last name and teacher's name on the back. Entrants are reminded to check spelling and encouraged to include our new character mascot, Hes, in the cover design. All questions should be e-mailed to yearbook@heritagepta.org.

Did you know ...

Daily School Snacks Can Earn Dollars for Hurricanes

It's not just soup labels anymore! Goldfish Crackers are a participating product in the Campbell's Labels for Education rebates program. Be on the lookout for the label at the bottom of Goldfish boxes or on the sides of the package.

There's more good news. The plastic Ziploc bag you use to send the Goldfish to school can help too. New to the Box Tops for Education program, Ziploc products are an easy household item to clip, collect, and drop in the rebates bin. The bin is located in the central hallway just outside the Media Center.

Be sure to stop by the Rebates table set up outside the cafeteria at the Book Bop. Bring your Harris Teeter VIC Card and we will register your account to benefit Heritage Elementary School. It's the easiest way to raise funds for HES!

Fall Fundraiser Sales Set to Close Next Week

Students on Tracks 3 and 4 are reminded that order forms were due today, September 8th. If you missed the deadline, you can still send it in but it must be received no later than Thursday, September 11th. Thank you for participating in our efforts to support PTA programs.