

Eagle's Nest

HCCS Newsletter October 2014

This month's **Core Characteristic** is:

Diligence

Diligence is doing what needs to be done with devotion, dedication and determination.

"Patience and diligence, like faith, remove mountains." -William Penn



From The Desk...

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start! We've spent the past few weeks of school teaching our school expectations and delving heavily into academics. Our rules and expectations guide us to support students by recognizing and praising them when they make positive choices and helps us support them when they need help making better choices. As a school-wide Title school, we continue working on several school-wide initiatives in a continuous effort to meet the needs of **all** our students. This is accomplished through HCCS' phenomenal strength that is its highly qualified teachers, talented staff, and supportive parents. All groups have shown a great deal of dedication.

Fall season is here and with it brings several things to remember. Fall break for students will occur the week of October 27th through October 31st. Also, October 17th is a teacher work day; there will be no school for students as Teacher's work to wrap up Quarter 1. On October 2nd and 3rd we will be holding parent teacher conferences. Please be on the lookout for the invitation and requested time slot for your child's conference. I hope all parents take the opportunity to attend your child's conference and support your child in their educational progress.

On that note, I'd like to thank all our parent volunteers who work so diligently to support our work here at Heritage Community Charter School. Thank for your support during Picture Day, and the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences. Your support is invaluable. If you haven't done so, I encourage you to contact the school if you'd like to be involved in volunteering at the school, or supporting the school from home. We would be happy to connect you to our PTSO.

As we begin our year, I encourage parents to continue playing a positive active role in your child's education. It can take many forms including volunteering at school, helping with homework, or simply communicating with our teachers and staff. Together we can help our children reach their highest potential!

Thank you for all you do.
Mr. Castaneda, Principal

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday & Friday, Oct. 2nd & 3rd NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, Oct. 7th Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Friday, Oct. 17th NO SCHOOL End of First Quarter
- Tuesday, Oct. 21st PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization) Meeting 6pm
- Friday, Oct. 24th Assemblies
- Friday, Oct. 24th Harvest Festival 5:30-8:30pm
- Monday-Friday Oct. 27th-31st NO SCHOOL Fall Break

Other Side:

- Harvest Festival
- Girls' Basketball
- Book Fair
- Brax Cup Fundraiser
- Grant/Fundraising Committee
- Title I
- Elementary Math Tutoring
- Computer Class Project
- A Note from the Office
- Board

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All lunches are served with a choice of salad & Fruit Bar and one (1) milk. Lunches are subject to change without notice. Breakfast menu items will rotate.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Mandarin Chicken & Rice Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	2 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conference	3 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conference	4
5	6 BBQ Roasted Chicken Green Beans & WW Roll Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	7 Chicken Sandwich WwBun Baked Fries Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	8 Breakfast Burrito Seasoned Blk. Beans Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	9 Corn Dog UBR Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	10 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	11
12	13 Macaroni & Cheese WW Roll Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets UBR Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	15 BBQ Pork Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	16 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	17 NO SCHOOL End of 1st Quarter	18
19	20 Southwest Burrito Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	21 Mini Corndogs UBR Cookie Salad & Fruit Bar	22 Hamburger WW Bun Salad & Fruit Bar Milk	23 BBQ Roasted Chicken Green Beans & WW Roll Salad & Fruit Bar & Milk	24 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Salad & Fruit Bar	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	28 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	29 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	30 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	31 NO SCHOOL Fall Break	
	Breakfast Menu: French Toast & Sausage Patty, Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Breakfast Sandwich on WW English Muffin Fruit/Juice Milk	Assorted Cereal WW Bagel W/CC Cheese Omelet & Sausage Patty Fruit/Juice Milk	

Check the HCCS website at www.heritagecommunitycharter.com, your email or your child's backpack on October 24th for the November Issue. Contact us at newsletter@heritagecommunitycharter.com before October 15th for submissions for next month's issue.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will be held on Friday, October 24th from 5:30-8:30pm. This is a family event with many fun classroom activities and a silent auction on classroom baskets. This year students are allowed to wear Halloween costumes. No masks, blood, horror or anything too long to be a tripping hazard. Keep in mind we have little kids. Teachers are beginning to select the theme for their classroom baskets. Please be expecting a donation request for your child's class basket. Each basket will be auctioned off during the Harvest Festival with all proceeds going directly to your child's classroom. If you would like to volunteer to organize your child's class basket, please contact his/her teacher. If you are interested in volunteering in other areas of the event, please contact Elysa Skousen at 739-7036 or jedxqy@gmail.com.

Girls' Basketball

Girls' basketball (grades 7-8) will be starting on October 22nd! Practices will be Wednesday-Friday from 3-5pm. The cost is \$26. Our first game of the season will be on October 30th.

Book Fair

Our first Book Fair of the year will be held during Parent Teacher Conferences on October 2nd and 3rd. Please stop by before or after your conferences to browse the large variety of books. We are looking for volunteers to help run the book fair. Set up will be Wednesday, October 1st, after school in the library and will take approximately one hour. Clean up will be Friday, October 3rd at 3:00 and will take approximately one hour. If you are available to help with set up, clean up, or to work a shift during the actual book fair, please contact Jenny Mattravers at jmattravers@heritagecommunitycharter.com. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Brax Cup Fundraiser

Keep selling those Brax Cups! The proceeds will go directly to after-school sports events, P.E. and playground equipment.

There are awesome individual prizes including a free cup, an HCCS t-shirt, an Amazon gift card and more! Final prizes will be awarded before Christmas. Please make sure to add tax to the final sale and that checks are made out to HCCS. All money must be turned in by Friday, October 17th.

Grant/Fundraising Committee

The Grant/Fundraising Committee (Mr. Buck, Mrs. Rupp and Ms. Rodgers) is looking for 2-3 committed volunteers to help organize a family oriented car show this Spring. The Show and Shine has done well in the past, but planning needs to start earlier in an effort to make it more child friendly. Our goal is to raise funds for the school library. We need help with finding vendors, advertising, activities and whatever other skills you would like to lend for the short or long term. If you would like to be a part of this committee or help in any way please contact Archie Buck at abuck@heritagecommunitycharter.com.

Title I

Thank you to all families who joined us for the Title I meeting during Open House on October 9th! It was wonderful to see you and answer lingering questions regarding the school's transition to a school wide Title I program. As a reminder, please sign and return the orange Title I compact that was sent home with your student. As a school wide program, the compact serves as an agreement between Parents, Students and Teachers that we will all be diligent in our efforts to provide the best possible educational experience for every student at HCCS. (Note: The Title I Compact is not a permission letter to work with students. The Title I team has the opportunity this year to work closely with classroom teachers to help provide academic support and enrichment to all students within the regular classroom setting or in flexible small groups in the Title Room.) We are excited about this wonderful opportunity at HCCS and look forward to a strong academic year! If you have questions about the Title I program or how to get involved in the Parent Advisory Council, please contact Jenny Mattravers (jmattravers@heritagecommunitycharter.com) or Kimberly LaBerteaux (klaberteaux@heritagecommunitycharter.com).

Elementary Math Tutoring

Elementary Math Tutoring is starting October 15th! Tutoring will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:10-4:00pm. More information will be coming home at Parent Teacher conferences. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions. Tutoring teachers are as follows: Second grade-Mr. Olmos; Third grade- Mrs. Tams; Fourth grade-Mrs. Storey; Fifth grade- TBD.

Computer Class Project

Mr. Buck's 7th and 8th grade Computer Class is fundraising for special items for a computer project that will be presented to the elementary classrooms at the end of the year. The plan involves innovative uses of computers and household objects to make music and a variety of other uses. About \$900 must be raised before April to fund the project. The task is in need of a parent volunteer who would like to solicit donations from the community for our Harvest Festival Class Basket, as well as for an independent silent auction later in the year. If you would like to donate to the computer oriented class basket or join the cause in raising funds or seeking for donations, please contact Mr. Buck at abuck@heritagecommunitycharter.com.

A Note from the Office

If you will be changing your child's mode of transportation for the day please remember to call the office by noon to notify them. Your effort is anticipated and appreciated!

Board

Board meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, unless otherwise announced. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend. Attendance is the best way to learn what is going in our school!