

Heritage Hill Elementary

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another successful and exciting quarter. We look forward to Madcap Puppets coming to Heritage Hill for the performance-Nutcracker.

This year's Holiday Program, taking place Tuesday, December 14, will showcase the 2nd and 3rd grade children.

Princeton City School District believes in and champions the cause of diversity and inclusive excellence. These themes can be seen in many aspects of the curriculum and other facets of student life in the schools. Heritage Hill will take part in the 2021 Inclusive School Week which will be held December 6-10. The theme this year is Rebuilding Our Inclusive Community Together.

As always, the staff and I truly appreciate your continued support and collaboration in developing thoughtful, independent leaders and fostering a community of support and affirmation.

We look forward to a FANTASTIC November!
Shari Hoskins, Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 10
Parent Engagement
Second Cup of Coffee
9AM

Covid Vaccination Clinic
4:00-6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 14
2nd/3rd Grade Holiday Program
6:00 PM

Thursday, December 16
Madcap Nutcracker Performance

Friday, December 17
End of Quarter- Remote Day
Google Classroom Assignments

Monday, December 20- January 3
No School- Winter Break

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Inclusive Schools Week-December 6-10

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

As part of the Inclusive School Week, the students at Heritage Hill will be reading the book, The Day You Begin by award winning author Jacqueline Woodson. This book is about a girl who comes to a new school and is confronted by the all too real experience of looking and being different from the children in her new class. This story can and often does represent the experiences of our children. The story helps bolster the confidence and validates that it is ok to be different, and that difference should be accepted and celebrated. Woodson, the author says of The Day You Begin:

“imagines being “an only” in the classroom—what it’s like to be the only one with an accent (“No one understands the way words curl from your mouth”), the only one who stayed home during summer vacation (“What good is this/ when other students were flying/ and sailing”), the only one whose lunch box is filled with food “too strange or too unfamiliar for others to love as you do.”

Without prescribing sympathy, Woodson’s poetic lines give power to each child’s experience. These experiences so ably captured in the book, will prompt your child to think about his or her experience feeling accepted.

For Inclusive Schools Week, a national program, children at Heritage Hill will read the book, The Day You Begin; all the while thinking of what it means to be accepted and accepting of others. They will do a writing prompt, in which they will answer the question: “I belong when.....”. Their well throughout expressions will be displayed on a class-decorated board and displayed on the walls of the school for all to see and learn from.

Second Cup of Coffee-December 10 at 9:00 AM-Parent Engagement Team

Due to the success of our first Parent Engagement Second Cup of Coffee, Heritage Hill has decided to host the third meeting on December 10 at 9:00AM. Again, our school knows the importance of the role of our parents. We strive to engage and involve all of you this year. We are combining all of our parent involvement, parent engagement and PTO to one group -PARENT ENGAGEMENT TEAM. The first meeting displayed the

willingness and interest of the parents to form a supportive, informed and active community that represents the core values of our PARENT ENGAGEMENT TEAM. So, thank you again for your attendance in October and November and we hope for your continued support as we champion the growth of your children. Our focus for the November meeting was planning and providing ideas for our Inclusive Schools Week -2021, and our aim for this meeting is Rebuilding-Our Inclusive Community Together-December 6-12. We hope you can be a part of this month's Parent Engagement Team. If you are unable to attend our meetings and want to be a part of our activities please contact Dr. Lynn Yosua at lyosua@vikingmail.org or 864-1400.

A Bugz Christmas Musical-2nd and 3rd grade

Every year in December your children engage in a holiday program to display their festive spirits. This year the 2nd and 3rd grade will put on a holiday program entitled: A Bugz Christmas Musical. The bugz are ready for the Christmas program infestation. The carpenter bees have built the sets, and the silkworms have made the costumes. Oh, no! The termites just chewed up the Christmas tree decorations and ate the lights! What are the bugz to do? This musical show features the clever writing of John Jacobson and John Higgins with five songs in a variety of musical styles. The songs; A Bugz Christmas, We're Hungry!, No Christmas Lights, Light Up The Tree, The Twelve Bugs Of Christmas, will be sang by the 2nd and 3rd grade students and directed by music teacher Jaclyn Ard. You will not want to miss this performance.

The performance of A Bugz Christmas Musical will take place on Tuesday December 14, at 6PM. Parents please have your children report to Heritage Hill at 5:30PM in their best bug outfit. Additionally all students will need to bring a working flashlight for the performance. Please make sure to label the flashlight with you child's last name by December 8, 2021.

Covid Vaccination Clinics at Heritage Hill-November 19 & December 10

The Springdale Health Department will be at Heritage Hill on November 19 and December 10 from 4:00-6:00 PM to provide free of charge covid vaccinations for Heritage Hill families and children (ages 5+). All vaccinations will be available. You will not need to make an appointment. For more information please contact Springdale Health Department at 513-346-5725.

