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Message from The PTO

What is the Heritage PTO and what do we do? You probably had a PTA or PTSA growing up, so it is similar in that the PTO dedicates its energy to making Heritage the best experience for our students and their families!

Our efforts can be felt school-wide: Sponsoring spirit nights, hosting family events, putting on teacher appreciation events, providing treats for school parties, supporting the academic departments with stipends, hosting supply drives, & much more!

We invite all Heritage Parents, Guardians, Faculty, and Staff to join us at one or all of the events the rest of this year.

We'd love to see you there!

Directory

Did you receive your digital copy of your child's class list from your teacher (of those who opted in)? These are great for play dates, parties, etc.

Chalk the Walk

Thank you for coming to Chalk the Walk the day before school. Hopefully you had fun and your child loved walking in on the first day to see their drawing. We have some really great artist in our school!



Water Balloon Fun With Principal Adams

Did you see the video of kids throwing water balloons at Principal Adams (Sept. 16th) for the Iowa vs. Iowa State game? If they wanted Iowa to win, they threw water balloons at Mr. Adams. If they wanted ISU to win, they threw at several brave Iowa fan volunteers.



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Upcoming Events

Childcare is provided for all PTO meetings

December 2021

Dec. 5th - Angel Tree (all items due back 12/5)
Dec. 1/8/15 - 1 hr Late Start
Dec. 8 - Spirit Night @ Scooters 3 pm - 7 pm
Dec. 13 - PTO Meeting @6:30 School Library
Dec. 14 - Heritage Night @ AHS BBall game
Dec. 15 - Yearbook Order **DUE** (only \$16 this year)
Dec. 17 - Gingerbread Contest **DUE**
Dec. 22-31 - Winter Break: No School

January 2022

Jan. 3 - Return to school
Jan. 11 - PTO Meeting @6:30 School Library
Jan. 12/19/26 - 1 hr Late Start
Jan. 14 - Ends Semester: 2 hr Early Dismissal
Jan. 17 - No school

February 2022

Feb. 2/9/16/23 - 1 hr Late Start
Feb. 14 - No school
Feb. TBD - PTO Meeting @6:30 School Library
Feb. 11 - Spring Class Party
Feb. 18 - Heritage Carnival/Fun Night
Feb. 28/March 1 - Spring Conferences

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PTO Board Members

2021-2022 Heritage PTO Board Members:

Co-Presidents: Nicole Beck & Luka Pelz
Co-Vice Presidents: Jessica Johnson & Angie Wood
Secretary: Laura Hutzell
Treasurer: Sara Palmer

Look for us at events in our purple PTO shirt or reach us at: ankenyeritagepto@gmail.com

Scooter's Coffee Dec. 8th

Don't miss Spirit Night at Scooters Coffee from 3pm - 7pm Dec 8th. It is drive through so perfect to not have to get the kids out but still get a warm drink!
REMEMBER TO SAY YOU'RE FROM HERITAGE!

25% of all sales will go to Heritage.
This includes drinks, tumblers, and gift cards. Just in time for a holiday gift!



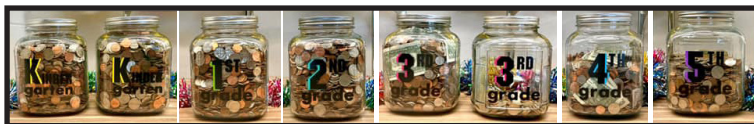
Thank You!

At Meet the Teacher night we asked families to donate school supplies or monetary donations and you guys rocked it!

We collected over \$100 in monetary donations and two **OVERFLOWING** large bins of school supplies!

This will help many students within our school.
Thank you so much!

Coin Battle Results



CONGRATS to Kindergarten on winning the coin battle with \$754.11, which means they received a pizza party Oct. 8th. (Total raised \$3,194.43) Funds were used to purchase a school wide subscription to Reflex Math.

Kindergarten jars filled = 3 (\$754.11)
1st grade jars filled = 2 (\$480.97)
2nd grade jars filled = 2 (\$449.01)
3rd grade jars filled = 2 (\$568.26)
4th grade jars filled = 2 (\$468.33)
5th grade jars filled = 1 (\$338.75)

Total # of gallon sized glass jars we had to lug into the bank using a broken wagon = 12 **WAY TO GO!**

Largest bill donated = \$50
of hours it took to count = 1.5
of times the coin machine broke = 3

*Interesting finds - money from Poland, Mexico, South Korea, Jamaica, Canada, the Bahamas, the Netherlands, Europe (5 pence & euros), Cinemark arcade, Disney, Nickelodeon Universe, a Susan B. Anthony \$1 coin, buffalo nickel, a silver bullion coin, washers, screws, and a piece of chocolate!

Spirit Night \$ Raised

Kona Ice - \$180
Rise & Grind Aug - \$570
Ben's Burger Sept - \$150
Panera Bread Oct - \$215
Glazed Expressions Nov - \$300



Pumpkin Decorating Contest



The media center held a pumpkin decorating contest (with almost 200 entries!) Those who choose to participate decorated a pumpkin as their favorite book character. Entries were anonymous and students voted on their favorite. The PTO also donated pumpkins to those who requested. Winners received \$25 Book Fair Credit.

WINNERS

K - Baby Yoda: Noah

1st - The Lorax: Tate

2nd - Garfield: Emmie

3rd - Pikachu: Isaiah

4th - Hedwig (From Harry Potter): Vera

5th - Oscar the Grouch: Kaedyn

Staff - Rainbow Fish: Ms. Feld



We Need YOU!

Everything we do is based on volunteers and we are looking to you to help make a difference in the lives of our children.

Many hands make the job easier and we are flexible enough to work around your schedule. We look forward to seeing you at school, meetings, events, and fundraisers. We look forward to getting to know you!

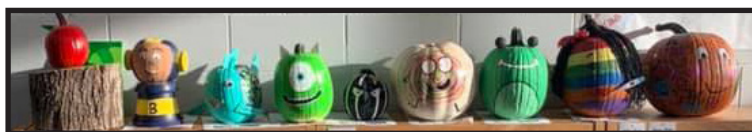
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AHS BBall Game - Spirit Night

Wear your Heritage or Hawk gear and join us for a fun night cheering on the girls and boys varsity basketball team vs. Des Moines Lincoln on Tuesday Dec. 14th.

Girls start at 6:15 PM

Boys start at 7:45 PM

Look for more information to come on this fun family night out showing our school spirit!



Thank You 5th Graders

The All 5th grade Heritage students were invited to submit their own design for the 2021-2022 yearbook cover. All submissions were standard paper size, created by a student that were drawn or designed on a computer.

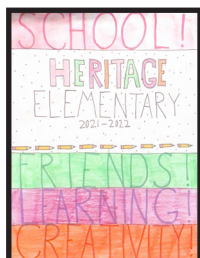
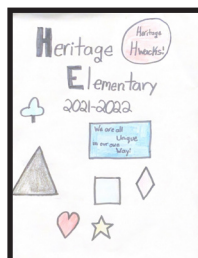
Students showed their interpretations of what Heritage is all about and represents our school values. Theme examples included respect, responsibility, inclusiveness, be kind, unity, or school spirit.

The entire school voted on the 5 entries. You won't find out the winner till spring when you see it on the front cover!

Yearbooks are \$16. Visit our Facebook or website to order online by Dec. 15th!

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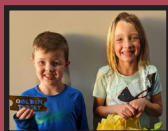
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Movie Night

Thank you to B&B Theaters and to everyone that participated in the Heritage Family Movie Night. We hope everyone had a great time. We had over 335 people sign up, with 3 full theaters.

Below are the 4 lucky golden ticket winners who won a home movie gift basket (Addams Family Movie, popcorn, candy, and drink).



The winners of the B&B Theaters #familymovienight giveaway, \$25 gift card giveaway are...

The Crouch Family!



Gingerbread Contest

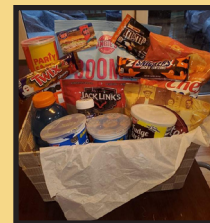


Look for more information to come on the disguise a gingerbread person contest Dec 1st! **(Entries due back Dec 17th to be in the drawing)**

Whomever enters will be put in the drawing for the gingerbread house kit and a coco bomb that was donated by Flour & Sugar Bakery! Each grade will have a randomly drawn winner.

National Principal Month

For National Principal Month in October, we showered Principal Adams with posters signed by all the kids in the school and a gift basket. Thanks for being the glue that holds our school together Principal Adams!



Fall Conferences - Thanks!

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who donated items for staff and to Garbanzo Mediterranean Fresh for donating Monday's Conference meal! Tuesday the PTO provided Panera Bread.



Angel Tree

Heritage is sponsoring 5 families with elementary kids this year for the holidays. Children will be able to go to the office to pick an ornament with an item of need to purchase. Items will also be on a sign up genius sent to your email.

Please be on the look for more information if you would like to participate in this. Items need to be back at the school before Dec. 5th.

Questions: ankenyheritagepto@gmail.com

Childcare Provided

Childcare is provided at PTO meetings to make it easier for you to join us and for the kids to have some play time! Just show up and bring the littles, we can't wait to see you there!

We **LOVED** all the first day/back to school photos! Hopefully everyone had a fantastic first day. Did you share your image to our Facebook page: @AnkenyHeritagePTO Can you find you or your friends!

Make sure to share images with us throughout the year on our Facebook page as it may end up in the yearbook!





Leader In Me Night

Heritage staff, teachers, and students put on an amazing Leader In Me event. This event allowed families to come into the school and learn more about the program with the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People as a key component. The 7 Habits is a synthesis of universal, timeless principles of personal and interpersonal effectiveness, such as responsibility, vision, integrity, teamwork, collaboration and renewal, which are secular in nature and common to all people and cultures. Teaching that every child can be a leader.

Children from 4th and 5th grade presented the 7 Habits. They then instructed a family activity that went along with the habits discussed. There were 150 families (or 600 total people) in attendance moving around to various parts of the building.

The PTO provided funds for the water, snacks, bracelets, and images to be printed from that night.

What's New?

- Blacktop paintings (basketball lines, foursquare, hopscotch) Discussion for additional paintings are in the works
- Buddy Bench - Purchased and awaiting shipment from manufacturer
- Sensory/fidget toys were purchased for each grade level to have for students who are struggling behaviorally
- 2 hallway bulletin boards for student connectedness - Delivered 11/9 to Heritage and pending installation
- Purchased \$250 worth of indoor recess equipment including legos and coloring books
- Purchased a school subscription to Reflex Math - Coin Battle Money
- Donated \$500 to Terrace Learning Center to help them get started as a PTO this year
- Donated \$150 to Mrs. Johnson & the SPED rooms to create task boxes

Heritage Elementary (school) now has their own Facebook page! Give it a like so you don't miss important communications and reminders! [f @heritageacsd](https://www.facebook.com/heritageacsd)