



**HERITAGE
E-STEM
MAGNET**

Heritage Update

Summer Newsletter

Notes from the Principal

Welcome back to a new school year that is going to be exciting and challenging! Our staff has dedicated in excess of 2000 hours this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year by attending many workshops, trainings, and improving our curriculum. We have found new apps for the iPads, and have spent a considerable amount of time putting curriculum in electronic form to get ready for our students when they arrive in September.

There have also been many changes in the building happening over the course of the summer. Live rock is being added to our aquatic tank and hopefully will be fully operational sometime this fall, and our Geckos are growing and are much more active now that they are familiar with their surroundings. You will notice that we have added some signage throughout the building and in the parking lots that identify our school as an E-STEM magnet school, and the updated colors and new pictures are sure to make students feel great about being in the building.

Fall, and the beginning of school are a great time of year. Everyone has a

fresh start and plenty of opportunities awaiting them. I strongly encourage parents/guardians to persuade their students to get involved in as many activities as possible. We want students to be active, but we also want them to be challenged and find their interests, whatever those may be. Active students are happy students, and happy students are successful students!

I would like to remind everyone that we will be sending out most of our information electronically. We want you to sign up for our List serve, and our parent portal. By doing this, you will know what is going on in the building at all times, and have a chance to see upcoming events and activities that are offered or taking place. Please stop in or call the office to get acquainted with these, or sign up at our back-to-school jamboree.

I can't wait to get our students back in classes. I am really excited at all of the opportunities for learning that we have in store for the 2011-2012 school year. Enjoy your final few weeks of summer vacation, and come ready to learn on September 6!

Upcoming Events

August 2011

- 8/17: E-STEM Magnet Open House
5:00 - 6:00PM
- 8/31: Back-to-School Jamboree
12:00 - 6:00PM
- 8/31: Meet and Greet 4:00PM - 6:00PM

September 2011

- 9/5: Labor Day - No School
- 9/6: First Day of School
- 9/7: Student Picture Make-Up Day
- 9/15: E-STEM Advisory Meeting
6:30 - 7:30PM
- 9/20: Family Fun and Info Night
6:45 - 8:00PM

October 2011

- 10/3: Butter Braid Sale Kick-Off
- 10/7: Professional Day - No School
- 10/11: Student Picture Retakes
- 10/11: Conferences 3:30 - 8:30PM
- 10/13: Conferences 3:30 - 8:30PM
- 10/18: Conferences 3:30 - 7:30PM
- 10/18: Last Butter Braid turn in date
- 10/19: Grandparent's Day
- 10/20: Education Minnesota - No School
- 10/21: Education Minnesota - No School

School hours are 8:35AM - 3:10PM

Doors to the school open at 8:15AM -- please plan accordingly!

Jamboree and Meet and Greet

Back to School Jamboree

Wednesday, August 31 from 12:00 - 6:00PM

The Jamboree is your opportunity to:

- Volunteer to support Heritage by signing up with the PTA
- Learn about the Fall Levy
- Deposit money in lunch account
- Purchase shorts and shirts for PE
- Learn about the District 197 Foundation
- Sign up for List Serve and Parent Portal
- Learn about Targeted Services and sign up for participation
- Sign up for SAC (School Age Care)
- Pick up a copy of your schedule
- Have your school picture taken
- Turn in health forms to the Nurse
- Visit the Live Green table to discover how you can help

Meet and Greet

Wednesday, August 31 from 4:00 - 6:00PM

This event is specifically designed for students and their parents to come in and visit classrooms and meet their teachers and hear about plans for the upcoming school year.

All students new to Heritage must attend an iPad training session this summer. If you haven't yet attended, please sign up using the link below.

[iPad training sign-up](#)

Heritage PTA

Heritage E-STEM Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is very excited about the events planned for the 2011-2012 school year. Please stop by the PTA table during the Jamboree to find out what the PTA can do for you and how you may get involved.

During the year, feel free to check out the PTA web page under the parent

tab on the Heritage site, or click on the link below.

[Heritage PTA website](#)

Our first Family Fun & Info Night is set for Tuesday, September 20th from 6:45 - 8:00PM. Principal Hiti and Seth Ney, Targeted Services Coordinator, will describe the array of extra curricular and co-curricular offerings for students at Heritage. The PTA has planned some exciting activities in the gym for the kids.

Attendance Office

Please call us when your student will not be attending school, will be late to school or needs to leave the building for any reason. Please send a note ahead of time in order to minimize disruption to class and to alert teachers to student absences.

Our phone number is (651) 403-7407. Our office is located across the hall from the Nurse's Office.

List Serve

We are continuing our goal of moving toward a paperless school. All newsletters will be available electronically. Click on the link below to join our email list. It's easy and take less than two minutes!

[Join Email List](#)

Athletics

If your student wants to join a Fall sport, stop in the main office and pick up the forms or click on the link below to download the forms.

[Athletic Forms](#)

Health Office

Health Forms, physical, medication and other forms can be accessed at the link below.

[Health Forms](#)

NO SHOTS, NO SCHOOL: According to MN state law and ISD 197 No Shots, No School policy, students must have documentation of receiving the required immunization or legal exemption to enroll in or stay enrolled in school. Students will not be given their class schedules without proper paperwork.