

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the World a door opens to allow in more light”

Vera Nazarian



GENERAL

- Stretch and Challenge Learning; The 170th anniversary of Poet Mihai Eminescu's birth is celebrated with a new exhibition entitled "A Soul, A Heart, A Destiny" at the National Library from 15th Jan to the 15th Feb. Worth a Sunday afternoon visit to see one of the greatest poets of the Romanian language.
- Attendance; If students are not in school they are missing out on valuable learning. We want to see no student fall below a minimum of 95% attendance for the academic year. There are genuine moments when this cannot be avoided but it is essential that the school is aware of absences so they are recorded and authorised and work is caught up: Upper School students cannot afford to miss Period 8 and 9 lessons either and should not be leaving the school site unauthorised. Absences: school.absences@heritage.md
- Student Safety & school access; We remind and respectfully ask all parents to follow our rules on access to the school during our learning day. Access to the administration corridor is at the side of the building, primary school corridors should not be used from the canteen as parents using the cafe leave at 9am and access from Grade 1 through the canteen is prohibited. We ask all our community to follow these rules for the safety of all our students. Visitors between 9am and 3pm should be signed in at reception and accompanied to their appointment. Security and reception staff have the right to challenge unauthorised visitors to school to make sure all our children and community on campus are protected.

- Founders' Lecture series 2019-20; Our 7th lecture for the series starts 2020 off with Victor Colta, senior advisor to the governor of the National Bank of Moldova, speaking on the "Financial Crash of 2008, causes and consequences for the global economy in the 2020s". It starts at 3pm to 4pm in the School Library. All students are encouraged to take the opportunity of the wider stretch and challenge learning in the school.

- Parent Meetings Semester 22nd- 24th January;

- Support for learning English at home for students and parents; we would recommend the British Council's free resources available from this link

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/>

-Heritage is working on becoming a GREEN EcoSchool -- please help us begin! Sharing rides to and from school is socially economical. Not only will you be saving the travel costs, but you will also help reduce the costs we all pay towards the construction of new roads, road maintenance and air pollution related health costs. Having fewer cars on the road means reduced Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and improved air quality. Do your part by SHARING A RIDE!

PRIMARY

- Pre School/Grade 1 and Primary School Pick Up at the end of the day: Please make sure you have updated/reconfirmed the family members/friends/drivers who you have authorised to pick up your child and a recent photo of this person is sent to administration so our records for semester 2 can be updated. Your child's class teacher/assistant holds the class list of pick up authorised people for the individual children in the class. This is a very important part of safeguarding your child and needs to have been done before the end of January.

-A gentle reminder to parents, that if you are waiting to collect your child at the end of the day; we ask that you do this in the main entryway or foyer of the school (where Ms Olga sits), rather than in the hallways. This is for the safety and well-being of our students and other Heritage community members.

We hope all parents and students received their report cards for the end of term 1. If for some reason, you have not or something doesn't look right on your child's report card, please inform your classroom teacher.

Family Friendly Friday runs as usual, from 8:10 to 8:30 this and next Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Arts Week “Discover yourself through art” 17-24 January 2020

1. Fine Arts Exhibition:

Primary school- “Nature - a source of inspiration” (each student)

Secondary school- “Decorated guitars” (each class).

2. “Mysterious artist”

The portraits of the famous artists with a few clues about their life and works will be displayed in the school hallways. The students will guess the name of the artist, write their version on the strip of paper and drop it into an envelope next to the portrait.

3. **Musical quiz** (every morning), the students will guess the song and artist, write your response and your name and drop into the box at the reception.

4. “Artists reveal the mystery of Arts”

Meeting with a musician and an artist

Grades 5-6 ;17.01.2020 at 14:25, Auditorium

5. Exhibition “My artistic hobby” (individual works)

Painting, Photos, Fashion design, 3D artwork,

Handmade soft toys

Handmade decorations

6. Workshop “Decorated bottles”

Secondary school: Tuesday, 21.01.20 at 14.00, room 301

Primary school, grades 3-4: Friday, 24.01.20 at 13.30

Students can sign up at the reception or with the help of their Arts teachers.

Participants will bring an empty glass bottle and acrylic paints / gouache.

7. **Talent Show** Students can sign up at the reception or be registered by their class teachers.



Warmer Winter Knitters: Some of our students will be learning to knit! We will be donating the blankets we make to an organization that sees to the needs of vulnerable groups. Now, we are in need of knitting needles that may have been cast aside at your house, and the small balls of yarn leftover from projects. All donations of knitting needles and yarn will be gladly accepted! All secondary students are welcome to join in the work and the fun!

Please make contact with Ms. Lynda with questions. lynda.smith@heritage.md

-Parent Forum & Coffee/Tea with the Director; This is held every 4th Thursday of the month at 9am in Rob Ford's room. The next one is Thursday 23rd January

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17th-24th January, 2020 -**Arts Week**

23rd January, 2020 (Friday) -**Talent Hunt (Primary School)**

24th January, 2020 (Friday) -**Talent Hunt (Secondary School)**

17th-21st February, 2020 -**Literature Week**

21st February, 2020 (Friday)- **UN International Mother Language Day**

2nd March, 2020 (Monday)-**Heritage Spring Fest**

3rd-4th March, 2020 (Tuesday-Wednesday), **Teacher-Parents Conferences**

5th-8th March, 2020 (Thursday-Sunday) -**Spring Break**

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