

Heritage

PAB focus

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD (PAB) NEWSLETTER

Keeping Parents and Students of Heritage Traditional Classroom and Digital Academy Informed!



Join us for Family Fun Day!

This annual Heritage event will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Every grade will have a booth and volunteer help is needed to ensure each is a success.

This year we've scheduled great jumpies and, for the first time ever, **GameTruck** will be parked and set up to let everyone play their favorite video games. Be sure to visit the firemen and walk around the impressive engine and ambulance! Enjoy great snack bar food and paint a tile for the school!

Pre-sale tickets and order forms for the tiles will be available soon. Don't miss out! This is the event that everyone looks forward to all year long. For more information, please contact Vanessa Estrada at vmadre911@sbcglobal.net or find Shannon Preciado on campus. Thank you today for your help in May!!!!

Escondido Joe's

is owned by the Parkers, parents of Heritage students!

This wonderful café offers an array of specialty coffee, tea, pastries, bagels, ice cream and delicious lunches. It's also a terrific venue for anyone who enjoys live music! Bring a flyer to Escondido Joes at 119 E. Grand Avenue on Friday, April 3rd and they'll donate 20% of every purchase back to Heritage.

Doodling Contest!

The "Doodle for Google" Contest is now in full swing.

All children in grades K-8 have the opportunity to prepare a doodle for the popular search engine Google. The doodle should show what the child wishes for the Earth.

The national winner will receive a laptop, trip to New York, \$15,000 college scholarship, \$25,000 in technological improvements for the school, and a one-day showcase of the winning doodle on Google's home page. There are also additional laptops, trips, t-shirts, and certificates to be won.

GOOD LUCK White Tigers!

National College Funding Strategies



College Savings

The difference in lifetime earning potential between a high school graduate and a college graduate is now over \$1,000,000!

The PAB has arranged a special guest speaker to help parents understand the best ways to save money for their child's college fund and how to take full advantage of financial aid programs.

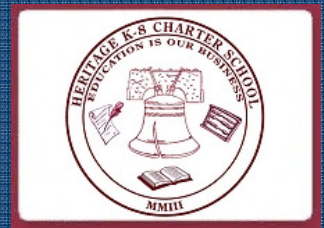
Mr. Richard Nelson is a College Funding Specialist. His College Savings Workshop will offer expertise and advice during the All Parent Meeting scheduled on April 16th.

Join us and plan ahead for your children's future. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. and Mr. Nelson will speak at 8:00.



Highlights:

- Family Fun Day
- Escondido Joe's Café
- Special Guest Speaker
- Google Contest
- Event Calendar
- Gardening News: Worms!
- Spaghetti Dinner
- Consider being a PAB Member
- Offer Pops Return
- PAB Election Guidelines



Heritage K-8 Charter School

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Important Dates:

Month	Date	Event
March	24	PAB Meeting: 1:00 p.m.
	26	½ Day: Rubio's Lunch
	31 – 04-1	4 th Grade Star of India Field Trip
April	2-3	5 th Grade Midway Field Trip
	3	Escondido Joe's Coffee Break
	6-10	No School: Spring Break
	14	PAB Meeting: 1:00 p.m.
	16	½ day Spaghetti Dinner at 5:00 p.m.: All Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
	18	Garage Sale Fundraiser (for Catalina Trip)
	20 - 24	STAR Testing
	28	PAB Meeting: 1:00 p.m.
	30	PAB Election Closes
May	2	Family Fun Day: 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
	7	Spring Choir Concert PAB Meeting
	8 - 10	6 th Grade Astro Camp
	14	½ Day: Rubio's Lunch
	22	½ Day: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Have you Considered Being a Member of the Parent Advisory Board?

Let us answer some frequently asked questions:

Q. How much time does the position require?

A. Board members average 2 hours per month plus meetings or specific projects. Officers require slightly more time.

Q. What does the PAB do?

A. Our primary mission is to support the school, staff, and student families and help raise money to fund any financial shortfalls. We foster a community environment within the school and act as a forum between parents and administrators.

Q. When do you meet?

A. This will be determined by the next Board based on their combined schedules. Currently, the PAB meets during the day twice per month. Directors or school administrators are included in all meetings so that we make the best use of everyone's time.

Q. What qualifications should I have?

A. Members should work well with others, be willing to express opinions, and always pursue the best interest of our school. Officers should have a few additional qualifications:

President: Comfortable leading a group, strong follow-up

V.P.: Same as President

Secretary: Take accurate notes for distribution to all parties.

Treasurer: Quickbooks or accounting experience is a plus, detail oriented, knowledge of budgets.

If you have questions, or would like to know more, please contact Tammy Cummings at tlckidsmom@yahoo.com

Gardening News: Vermicomposting at Heritage:



Perhaps you've noticed the vegetable peels, cores and other kitchen scraps in our garden planter boxes?

The kindergarten through fourth grades are making beds for worms and supplying materials that these industrious nightcrawlers use to create highly nutritional plant food (worm castings). We currently have approximately 3,200 worms working diligently to enrich the soil in the boxes we'll be using to plant our spring and summer vegetables.

Thank you to Red Worm Fertilizing Products (www.redwormproducts.com) for supplying worms at a reasonable price.

And a great big thank you to Diego's Restaurant (the Estrada family) for providing buckets and buckets of compostable kitchen recyclables.

April 16th has it all!

Spaghetti Dinner: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at school. Proceeds go to the 8th Grade Catalina Trip.

Prayer at the Flagpole: 6:30 p.m. Available to anyone wishing to participate.

All Parent Meeting: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Attendees will be updated on all school news and earn a free dress day for their student.

Otter Pops Are Back!

When the weather gets warmer, we'll be selling Otter Pops after school for \$0.25 each. Parents wishing to donate Otter Pops purchased at Costco can leave the boxes at the front office.

PAB Elections:

Any Heritage or Digital parent wanting to be one of seven PAB Board Members for the school year 2009-2010 must submit to the current Board secretary, on or before April 1, 2009, a one-page autobiographical statement.

Statements received by the deadline will be distributed to every school family in the April progress report, along with a ballot and voting instructions. All ballots must be returned by April 30, opened and counted on May 7, and the results published in Heritage Notes on or before May 15, 2009.

All of the rules and dates governing the PAB elections can be found at Article V of the current PAB Bylaws. Please contact Board secretary Kathryn Turner-Arsenault (ktaesq@hughes.net) if you would like a copy of the Bylaws, or if you have any questions.

Heritage K-8 Parent Advisory Board Members:

President: Tammy Cummings
 Vice President: Marc Lindsey
 Treasurer: Andrea Egli
 Secretary: Kathryn Arsenault
 Members: Jami Baar, Stephanie Boren, Marna Farwell