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We Are... **HERITAGE**

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Dear Heritage Family:

The 5th six weeks began this week, and spring break is only a week away! Please note that spring break is March 11th through March 15th and we will resume classes on Monday, March 18th, which will be a 'B' day.

If your student will need a VOE over spring break, please note your student will need to come into the HHS office by Thursday, March 7th to sign up for one. VOEs can then be picked up on Friday, March 8th in the HHS Front Office. Another way to request one is to e-mail ISRegistration@friscoisd.org by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7th. Be sure to include the student name, ID and campus. The VOE will then be sent back to you via e-mail. It is important to note that VOEs will not be processed over spring break.

FISD's Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is hosting its first Frisco ISD Family Wellness Festival. This event is free for students, parents and employees on April 13th and the goal is to promote the Whole Child through this family event. Students and families will have the opportunity to run/walk laps for their elementary PE programs, participate in live fitness demos and complete a Passport to Wellness to be eligible for door prizes. For more detailed information, please see the attached flyer.

It's definitely flu season and the DFW is actually second in the nation at this time for outbreaks, so if your student is sick, please keep him/her home. To view detailed guidelines, you can copy and use the following link:

<http://www.friscoisd.org/departments/health-services/school-attendance-guidelines>.

~ Safety and Security ~

This week our Front Office staff went through training on our Aerowave Emergency Radio (AER). This system is an all-hazard emergency radio with features that allows the district to broadcast emergency radio traffic to all schools simultaneously as well as to specific schools. It is another communication system that allows FISD to communicate quickly as needed for a variety of notifications, including weather events, which is the most common threat FISD campuses face. Once FISD campuses and facilities are notified of an event, the Standard Response Protocol is initiated.

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Be sure to check out our Coyote Congratulations page! Our students have been representing Heritage well over the last few weeks and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

The 2019 Senior Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Comerica Center (formerly Dr. Pepper Star Centre) on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. This year, each senior will receive a total of 10 tickets for the graduation ceremony. The seating capacity at Comerica Center (formerly Dr. Pepper Center) is 5300, so at 10 tickets per senior, we will already be over capacity with our current senior count being over 550. **Because of this, unfortunately, no extra tickets will be available to request this year.** We apologize for any inconvenience or difficulty that this may cause. We encourage those of you who may need more than 10 to reach out as early as possible to friends who may not need all 10 tickets.

Since winter isn't over yet, we'd like to remind you about the district's bad weather policy. If a decision must be made as to school closing or a late opening, announcements will be posted on the front of the **Frisco ISD website**, social media channels such as **Twitter** and **Facebook** and on area radio and television stations. The District will also utilize the phone/email/text message system to communicate directly with parents, so please be sure to have up-to-date contact information on file at your child's school. The goal is to have a decision made by 5:30 a.m. **Otherwise, schools will be open as scheduled.**

Students must be present in each class period for 90% of the class time in order to be marked present. If your student misses more than 10% of class time, a note or email will be needed in order to excuse your student's absence. Please submit absence notifications to the email address on the Heritage website for absence reporting. You can also send a note with your student within 3 days of your student's return to school. For the district attendance policy, please visit the FISD website, click on the Parent tab and scroll to the bottom under Popular links.

In order to maximize your student's class time and make this year a success, please note the following information:

**ATTENDANCE:** Information regarding absence reporting for your student can be found on the Heritage website.

**DELIVERIES:** Students need to remember to bring all necessary items with them to school in the morning. It is important to minimize classroom disruptions, so please remember to send lunch money, lunches, clothing, books and supplies with your child in the morning rather than deliver it during the day.

**LUNCH:** Please remember that FISD schools are closed campuses. That means students are to remain on campus during lunch periods. Parents are welcome to bring lunch to their child, and eat with them in the cafeteria.

**SIGNING OUT:** We are happy to call your student to the front office to be checked out once you are in the office, but do not call students in advance. This will help keep our students in the classroom as much as possible. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

**VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT:** There is a 24 hour turn-around time to receive a Verification of Enrollment (VOE) for your trip to the DMV. Students that sign up for a VOE in the office can return the next morning to pick it up. Please note that we do not e-mail or fax a VOE. It must be picked up in person.

The Senior Class of 2019 will graduate on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Dr. Pepper Star Center in Frisco.

We have some important dates for you to make note of in the weeks ahead.

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| 3/4         | HHS Choir 'Java and Jazz Night' in the Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m. |
| 3/7         | HHS Percussion Band Concert in the Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.    |
| 3/11 – 3/15 | Spring Break – No Classes                                    |

Have a good weekend!