

# Heir Force Community School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter

March 1, 2010

### Upcoming Events

March 1<sup>st</sup>-Bi-Weeklies sent home  
March 8<sup>th</sup>-Field Trip to Boonshoft (4-8)  
March 9<sup>th</sup>-Field Trip to Boonshoft (K-3)  
March 12<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends  
March 12<sup>th</sup>-Spring Picture Day  
March 12<sup>th</sup>-Spirit Day

### Classroom Dates:

Math Quiz - Wed. 3/03  
Reading Quiz – Wed. 3/03  
Spelling Test – Friday 3/05

### Important Reminders:

Spring Extravaganza – 5/07

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### **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

What you think matters. Please complete the parent survey on our web site at: [www.heirforcecs.com](http://www.heirforcecs.com). Click on our Parent Heir Mail link to access the Parent Survey. We want to know how you think we are doing. Please complete this survey by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### *Your Student's Classes at a Glance:*

**Reading/Language Arts:** The eighth grade is finishing book projects the next two weeks. This week they will take reading quizzes, and begin new books. The rough draft of each project is due on Wed. 3/03 and the final product is due the following Wed. 3/10. They will also review and play a Jeopardy game on Tuesday to prepare for a test over literary elements on Wednesday. They will continue with grammar unit three over verbs, and daily practice of revising sentences in an ongoing story. Each week the eighth grade will now work on reviewing vocabulary words in preparation for the vocabulary bee that is coming in April.

**Math:** We will continue with chapter 11 this week studying point-slope form, direct variation equations, and graphing of linear inequalities with 2 variables. There will be a mid-chapter quiz on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We only have one more chapter to go in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade book! We have been doing some very challenging mathematics. I have been pushing the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to achieve excellence through some rigorous material. If your student is earning an A, you can rest-assured, that they have been focused and meeting the challenge on a daily basis. For all others, please encourage them to do their daily classwork and keep up. Missing classwork only puts the student further behind in their understanding.

**Science:** This week we are beginning our newest chapter which deals with changes over time (Life Science chapter 6). During this chapter we will explore Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, evidence of evolution, and the fossil record. Some of the key vocabulary words for this chapter are: species, fossil, adaptation, evolution, scientific theory, natural selection, variation, homologous structures, branching tree, petrified fossil, mold, cast, relative dating, half-life, gradualism, and punctuated equilibria. We will spend about two weeks on this chapter.

**Social Studies:** We are beginning a project on the civil war. Students will have 2 full weeks of class time to work with a partner and complete a paper/PowerPoint, a poster, and a timeline. They must include the causes, effects, battles, generals, the differences between industries and resources, the effect of the naval blockade, the emancipation proclamation, the role of African Americans and women, and the events that led to the South's surrender.

**Music:** Parents...The SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA will have PARENT ACTS ALSO!! It is going to be on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Take time now to start thinking how YOU can take part!!!

**Spanish:** Students are reviewing for the upcoming weather quiz. Watch the newsletter for dates and a study guide will be sent home. Students are working on a flip book project that is weather related. Students have to describe the pictures using sentences in Spanish.

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