

# Heir Force Community School

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

Date: 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:

March 4<sup>th</sup>-Social Studies Test (CH 15)  
March 4<sup>th</sup>-Science Quiz (Sci. Method)  
March 10<sup>th</sup>-Math Test (CH 24)

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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:** Please continue to remind your child to study for all tests and complete and turn in their weekly homework assignments. We are really striving to achieve growth and passing the upcoming Ohio Achievement Assessment. Your child had the opportunity to earn THREE incentives by doing well on this assessment: no uniform for one week, a game day, and a pizza party. Reading scores were greatly improved overall. Please look for more information in the coming week regarding whether or not your child earned these incentives. Students are still given weekly Reading selections with accompanying questions as "seat work", and we review these selections and questions on Fridays in preparation for upcoming tests. When these packets are returned they can be used as great study guides for the upcoming Ohio Achievement Assessment. In Reading this week we will finish studying word origins, text features, and abbreviations. The test over this information will be on Thursday. In Language Arts we finish our unit on capitalization and punctuation with the test on Tuesday, and then we will begin writing another Pen Pal letter. Please be sure to send the bottom portion of the letter you received about the Pen Pal field trip back to me with your child by Friday, so I can start planning this fun and exciting day.

**Math:** We are working on chapter 24 this week. This chapter deals with the customary and metric systems. We will measure items to the nearest eighth of an inch, measure length in metric units, change linear units, and measure elapsed time. There will be a test on this chapter on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>. Please work with your child on their homework and OAA questions that go home at the beginning of each week. Students can use their classwork from the week as a study guide for the test. I will send home an extra practice sheet before each test also.

**Science:** We are moving on with our discussion of the Scientific Method. Students are wrapping up their experiments and we are preparing for a quiz on Thursday. Students should look over their notes and handouts. Some of the key ideas to review are observations, hypotheses, questioning, methods, and results. Students should also be familiar with variable, independent variable, dependent variable, experimental group, and control group.

**Social Studies:** We will be finishing chapter 15 this week. We discussed the Texas and Mexican War, the experiences of pioneers who crossed the continent, and mining in the west. Please make sure your child is studying their vocabulary and notes each night. Also, a study guide will be sent home Tuesday that will help prepare them for the test.

**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 will doing group work project and each group will have a specific topic to read about. Then they must share what they learned with the class, for example; one group may read about the planets and then share with the class using the target language. They will be able to make posters or come up with their own presentation idea. This project will be fun! Watch newsletter for upcoming weather quiz.

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