

Heritage Intermediate School

Parent Orientation Information

School Mission: Our mission is to equip students to achieve their potential and positively impact their community.

School Creed: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready.

Self-Contained Classrooms: Students stay with the same teacher all day (with the exception of going to “Specials” — Art, Music, P.E.)

Staff to Student Ratio:

- Current enrollment is 692.
- Current Class Size: 26-28 students

Lockers: Each student will have his/her own locker.

Lunch:

- Fourth Grade Lunch: 10:50-11:40
- Fifth Grade Lunch: 11:50-12:40
- First Few Weeks: sit as a class
- After routines/procedures and expectations are established, students select their own seats.
- Students have a minimum of 20 minutes to eat their lunch & are dismissed by class. However, we encourage students who are not finished with their lunch to remain in the cafeteria until they have finished eating.

Recess:

- Group A: 11:15-11:45
- Group B: 11:30-12:00
- Options: Zone 1 (playground), Zone 2 (blacktop), Reading Room/Game Room

Teacher Teams:

- Fourth Grade: 5 teams of 2; 1 team of 3
 - Teams of Two: one teacher teaches math, the other teacher teaches reading.
 - Students have a homeroom teacher/class. They switch one time during the day for either reading or math.
 - Team of Three:
 - One teacher teaches math, one teaches reading, one teaches alternating units of science and social studies
 - Students have a homeroom teacher/class. They rotate twice per day.
 - Team classrooms are next door, or one door down at most
- Fifth Grade: 2 teams of 2; 3 teams of 3

PTO:

- See attached page for Executive Board Members
- We love volunteers! If interested in helping, please attend one (or all) of our monthly meetings (2nd Monday of the month, HIS Café), contact an Executive Board Member, or sign up at Back to School Night.
- Feel free to contact our PTO President, Jeanna Reschley, for more information (jeannamb@yahoo.com).

School Hours:

- M, T, Th, F: 8:05-2:30 (breakfast eaters enter at 7:40)
- Wednesday: 8:30-2:30 (breakfast eaters enter at 8:05)

Transportation:

- Similar pick up times as this year. (Please be sure to notify Transportation of any changes in your address or childcare arrangements, including Boys & Girls Club participation).
- In the morning, HIS students ride the bus to their former elementary school with K-3 students, and then they get on an "Express Bus" to come to Heritage. Once the Express Buses depart the elementary schools, they do NOT stop to pick students up along the way.
- In the afternoon, we run our own routes, so only intermediate school students are on the bus at this time. We do bus students to the Boys and Girls Club (students are NOT permitted to walk). Club students ride an assigned bus to the Club.
- Bus drop-off and pick up occurs in the front of our building, along the north side of Northridge Middle School.
- Car Riders: student drop-off (A.M.) takes place at our main entrance (7:40-8:00). Student pick-up (P.M.) takes place in the back of the school at Door #7.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Fourth Grade: Science Club, Happy Day Club, Running Club
- Fifth Grade: Science Club, Happy Day Club, Running Club, Boys After School Sports, Girls After School Sports

Field Trips:

- Fourth Grade: Indianapolis—State Museum or State House & Connor Prairie
- Fifth Grade: Chicago—Lincoln Park Zoo, Museum of Science & Industry

Classroom Placements/Class Lists:

- Created over the summer using Parent Input Forms, information from 3rd Grade Teachers, input from K-3 Principals and Counselors
- Requests: please complete the Parent Input Form on our school website. Many factors are considered when placing students, so requests for specific teachers are NOT guaranteed.

Registration Day:

- Wednesday, August 3, 2016.
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Pay book rental, lunch fees, fill out enrollment paperwork, pick up letter from teacher (class placement)

Back to School Night:

- Monday, August 10, 2015 from 6:00-6:45 P.M. (Recommended 4th Grade time)
- Meet the teacher
- Tour school
- Learn about parent involvement

First Day of School: Wednesday, August 12, 2015. We promise to take good care of your child(ren). On the first day, we gather ALL of the students in the main gym so they can meet the staff in a formal assembly. We will introduce them to key people (nurse, counselor, etc...) and will share some general information. We will then dismiss them from the gym by classroom so that EVERY student will know where to go. They will follow their classroom teacher to their new classroom and then the day will continue from that point with procedures and questions. Fourth grade teachers will also take their students on a building tour. They will NOT change classrooms on the first day of school.

Communication/Updates:

- School webpage: accessed by visiting our district website (www.mcsin-k12.org). Click on the link for Heritage Intermediate School to find information specific to our school.
- Monthly newsletters
- Automated telephone system
- Facebook
- Twitter @HIS_Connection

Questions?

- Please give us a call at 822-5396
- You can also refer to the student/parent handbook that all students will receive at the beginning of the school year.

Key Contact People for H.I.S.

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