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Upcoming Important Dates

- 8/20: Back to School Night
- 8/26: MAP Reading Testing, grades 2 & 4
- 8/27: 5th Grade Band Try-outs at Blue Valley Northwest High School
- 8/28: MAP Math Testing, grades 2 & 4
- 8/29: Hearing & Vision Screening
- 9/2: No School, Labor Day
- 9/3 - 9/21: Sign-up for Parent/Teacher Conferences available in ParentVue
- 9/3: MAP Reading grades 3 & 5
- 9/4: MAP Math grades 3 & 5
- 9/5: Parents and Pastries
- 9/12: New HRT Family Picnic
- 9/17: Picture Day
- 9/23: No School for Students: Teacher Professional Learning
- 9/28: Heartland PTO Carnival
- 9/30 - 10/3: Scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/3: No School for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10/4: No School
- 10/10: BVNW Girls Basketball Clinic at HRT
- 10/21: No School for Students: Teacher Professional Learning
- 10/24: 5th Grade Field Trip to Wilderness Science Center (Smith's class)
- 10/25: 5th Grade Field Trip to Wilderness Science Center (Komatz's class)
- 10/25: 5th Grade Field Trip to Wilderness Science Center (Gafney's class)
- 10/31: Heartland Halloween Classroom Parties

Back to School Night

Please join us for our adult-only Back to School Night! We offer two sessions to accommodate parents who have multiple students. You can choose one session to attend. We also invite you to attend the "Intermission" session to meet the Specialist teachers and hear important information from your PTO.

Parking will be tight so we have been asked by surrounding neighbors to please be courteous and do not park on their lawns or block their driveways.

Also, if you would like to have a one-on-one conversation with your child's teacher, please email or call the classroom teacher and set up a time to discuss your questions or concerns. Tonight is a chance to meet the teacher and get an overview of the school year. Thank you!

Session 1: 5:15-5:45pm in your child's classroom

Intermission: PTO, Specialists & Principal: 5:45-6:15pm in the gymnasium

Session 2: 6:15-6:45pm in your child's classroom

New Absence Reporting Feature in ParentVue

Good news! You can now use your BV ParentVue account to report full day student absences. Log in on [BV ParentVue](#) and complete three basic steps.

1. Select the child who will be absent.
2. Select the drop down option that describes the absence.
3. Please utilize the "notes" section to share extra information for the staff, if needed

Need help? [Click here](#) to review step by step instructions for reporting a student absence on the internet version. (The absence reporting option is not yet available on the ParentVue mobile app.)

Phone options will continue to be available at all schools for reporting any attendance information as well. To report an absence at Heartland Elementary School via phone, please call 913-239-6305.

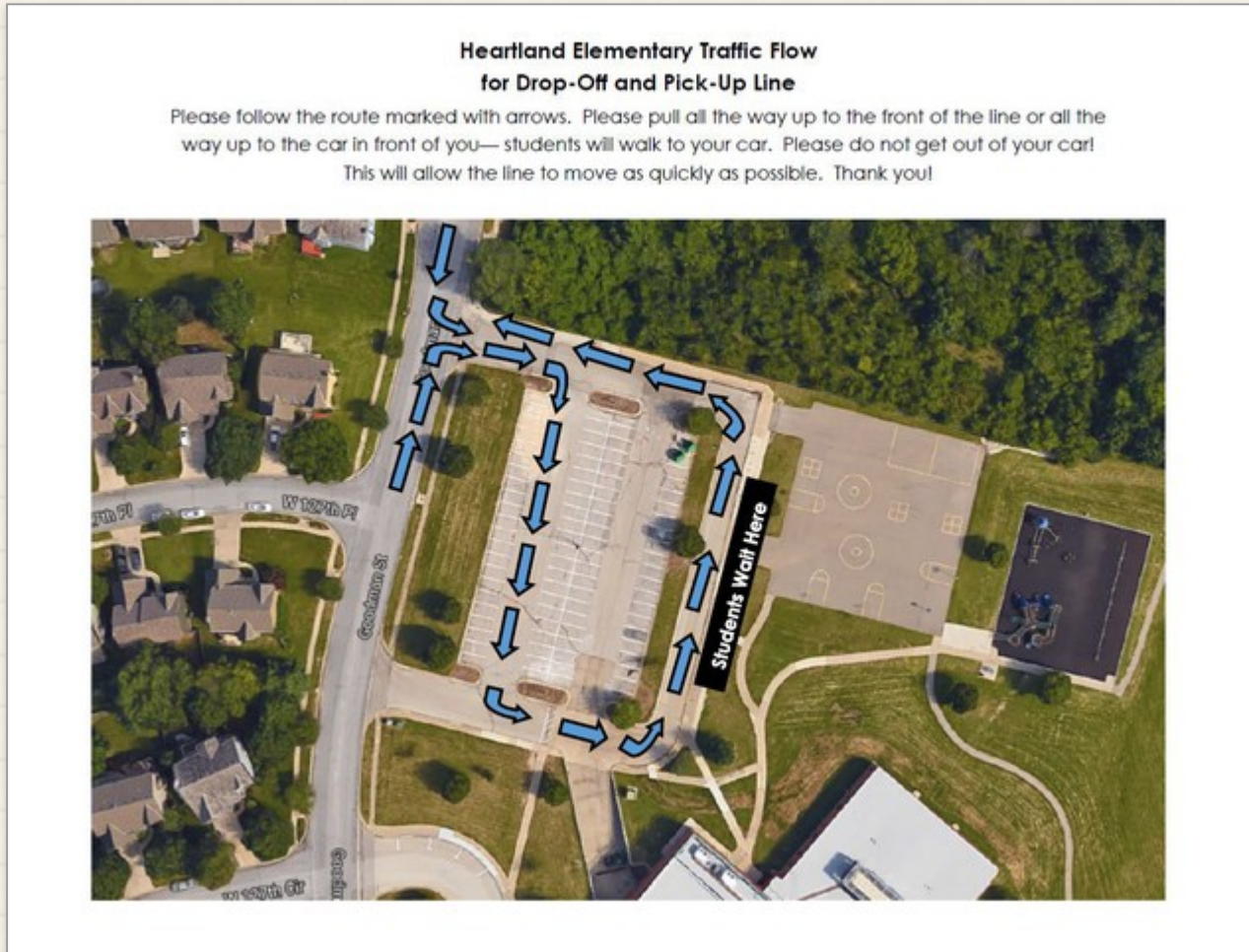
Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Please only cross Goodman Street at the crosswalk with the crossing guard.

Arrival: Thank you for **not** using your cell phone while in the car line. We will have staff members outside for normal morning supervision and to assist with the car line by 8:15am. Students may enter the school building at 8:15 where gym supervision is available. At 8:25, the

first bell will ring allowing all students to walk to their classroom. At 8:35, the “tardy” bell will signal the official start of school.

Dismissal: Thank you for not using your cell phone while in the car line. All students will be dismissed by 3:40. Please stay in your car in the car line and allow children to load your vehicle on the passenger side. Students should be able to fasten their seat belt independently. Thank you for helping keep our students safe.



Emergency Drills Guide for Heartland Families

We continue to make school safety a top priority at Heartland Elementary School. Whether there is a medical emergency in the building, a weather emergency is imminent or an intruder is suspected, we want to ensure students and staff know what to do and where to go in an emergency situation.

This year, schools across the state will be implementing an enhanced emergency drills schedule in response to updated state regulations created in collaboration with various state emergency management agencies. The enhanced schedule aligns with our focus at HRT on school safety and prepares us to respond effectively and efficiently to emergencies.

Throughout the year, students and staff will be participating in a variety of emergency and lockdown drills. We spend time talking with students about what to expect during each type of drill. We also encourage families to engage in conversations with their child about what to do in the event of an emergency or safety situation.

PTO News

- **JOIN** the PTO: Support your PTO by becoming a member. Membership is \$25 per family. Log on now at Heartlandpto.org. Register now and get some great benefits:
 - Instant access to this year's online school directory. Directory is ONLY available to PTO members.
 - Latest news on PTO and Heartland events
- **Take Stock Fees** is our PTO's primary source of funds. Last year, Take Stock Fees paid for...
 1. Admission and bus fees to class field trips.
 2. Funds given to each teacher for classroom supplies
 3. Multiple grants awarded to teachers to enrich the classroom learning experience
 4. Water Bottles and Shaved Ice at Field Day
 5. Operating expenses of school clubs and JagU
 6. Family Social
 7. Teacher Appreciation and Recognition
 8. and more!
- Click [here](#) for the **full calendar** of more fun events in store for this school year!
- **Volunteer Opportunities!** Heartland is a community of people who come together to make it the best elementary school experience possible. This doesn't happen without your help! Get involved! We are currently seeking help filling several volunteer positions including: Community Concerns, Paw Prints, 5th Grade Farewell Chair, and more. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact PTO President Elect, Nayelli Bowers @ nayellipalazuelos@yahoo.com.

Subscribe to the New District Calendar Today

Don't miss an important date next school year! Subscribe to the new district-wide calendar to ensure you have the latest calendar dates for the 2019-20 school year and beyond.

- **Subscribe:** Simply go to the [district's calendar web page](#) and subscribe to an Apple, Google or Outlook calendar.
- **Download:** Prefer a one-page, downloadable format? We have you covered. Simply select a [PDF school year calendar](#) and download.

**Please note the 2018-19 subscription-based calendar will not be updated beyond the current school year. To receive any future calendar updates, you will need to subscribe to the new district calendar by following the instructions above.*

Nut-Safer Snacks at Heartland

*Daily Snacks: Thank you for your support of our nut-safer snack plan at HRT. As a reminder: we are continuing to ask that ALL daily snacks (i.e. snack time) for ALL students must come from the nut-safer food list as we have a significant number of students with life-threatening nut allergies. (click below for the link) If a student's snack is not from this approved list, it will be sent home (and an alternate snack will be provided the first time) so we can help increase the safety for our students as a whole. Our continued focus this year, as an entire school, is to remain consistent on the daily snacks for student snack time in the classrooms—following the nut-safer list.

*Party Treats: Parents will need to observe the nut-safer list for the parties as well. Parents can definitely mix foods from the list to create party items—ex: mixing candies and cookies (from the approved list) to make a cute treat!

Please click [HERE](#) to access the Nut-Safer food list.

Student Personal Device Policy

To read the entire Blue Valley Technology Guidelines for Elementary Students, click [here](#).