

Family Newsletter October 2017

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Dates to Remember

- 10/26: 6th Grade Bake Sale
- 10/27: 12:09 Dismissal AND \$1 Dress Down Day AND Fall Festival (schoolwide)
- 10/31: Dress like your Favorite Storybook Character Day AND 1st Grade Fall Festival AND 6th Grade zoo trip
- November**
- 11/1: Picture Day
- 11/3: Fall Festival Rain Date
- 11/7: Election Day – **Schools Closed**
- 11/8: 2nd Grade Academy Natural Sciences Trip
- 11/9: School Tour; 900
- 11/10: Veteran’s Day – **Schools Closed**
- 11/11: Turkey Trot
- 11/14: SAC Meeting; 4:30-6:00; PTA Meeting 6:30-8:30pm
- 11/15: 4th/5th Grade Farm Explorers Program
- 11/16: 8th Grade Franklin Institute Trip
- 11/17: \$1 Dress Down Day AND Jr. Achievement Day
- 11/20-22nd: 12:09 Dismissal AND Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/23 & 11/24: **School Closed**
- 11/20-11/22 AND 11/27-11/28: Book Fair; 9:00-4:00pm



Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am honored to continue to serve as the principal of Henry School for the 6th year. The students and staff are off to a great start and I have to take this time to thank you for all that you have done to prepare your child for school.

The staff is excited to continue to implement best practices and strategies to meet the needs of all learners. Weekly, the teachers participate in professional development for an hour. The focus of the professional development is based on student and staff needs. The professional development topics are Literacy, Math, Data, and Multi Tiered Support Services (MTSS).

We have many events and activities planned for the 2017-2018 school year. I hope to see you at our school-wide Fall Festival on Friday, October 27 from 9:00-11:00. In addition, don’t forget that October 31 is Dress Like Your Favorite Storybook Character Day. All students are invited to dress like their favorite storybook character. Join us in the schoolyard for the staff parade at 8:30. Immediately following morning routines, the students will parade through the upper schoolyard at 9:05.

Sincerely,
Fatima Rogers
Principal

Achieve 3000

Did you know that students in grades 3-8 can access Achieve 3000 in their student portal. After logging in, the students should follow these 5 easy steps:

1. Read & respond to the KidBiz/TeenBiz e-mail.
 2. Read the article of the day.
 3. Do the activity questions.
 4. Answer the thought question.
 5. Vote in the poll.
- Your child should complete two activities weekly.

Important Reminders

Our school hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:09 p.m. Breakfast is now served from 8:10 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. For the safety of the children, the new gate on the schoolyard will always be locked. The schoolyard and playground are still accessible to the students, staff, and community. Additionally, please **NO DOGS** on school property during school hours. This is to ensure the safety of our students, which is always a top priority. There will also be no early dismissals after 2:30 p.m.

Remind Text Messaging Alerts

By texting @henrych to 81010, you will be signed up to receive text message alerts and updates from the school’s main office. To receive messages by email, send a blank email to cwheny@mail.remind.com. To unsubscribe to either texts or emails, reply with “unsubscribe to @cwheny” as the message/subject.

Henry Updates

New Staff for 2017-2018

We are pleased to introduce new staff starting this school year!

Robert Hughey: Technology

Jacqueline Craig: One-to-One

Zonobia Marrera : One-to-One

Alberta Turner: Climate Support

Dominique Echevarria: Bus Attendant

William Sheehan: Long Term Substitute (Room 2147)

Rachel Kunz: C.L.I. Coach

Erin Dougherty: Math Coach

Schoolyard Cleanup and Picnic

Two Fall clean-ups are scheduled! The first is **Friday, October 27th, from 12:00-2:00pm**. It's a 1/2 day for students so spend some of the extra time helping to clean our schoolyard. Rakes and gloves will be provided. The next is **Saturday, November 4th from 11:00-2:00pm** with half of the time refreshing the school grounds and the other picnicing in the school garden. Rakes and gloves will be provided. All are welcome! There is a volunteer signup on the school's PTA website:

<http://www.cwhenrypta.org/>



TEAM UP
for **CLEAN UP**

Attendance

Thank you Henry families for sending your children to school each and every day on time. Our school-wide goal is to have 95% attendance. In order for your child to reach this goal, they can't miss more than 9 days of school this year! All students who have perfect attendance (No latenesses/absences) for the month will earn a free dress down coupon. The "Perfect Attendance Dress Down" will be held on the second Friday of the month. A "Weekly Attendance Tracker" went home in communication folders. Use this tracker as a tool to monitor your family's goal towards attendance.

Tips to ensure that your child is at school each and every day on time:

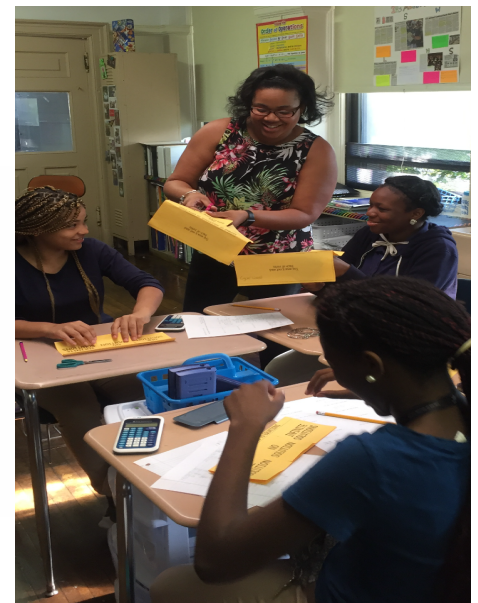
1. Put clothes out the night before. Set a wake-up time.
2. Map the best way to school.
3. Have a backup plan to the back up plan.
4. Schedule doctor's appointments on the weekend or after school.
5. Make sure there's time for breakfast and see you later hugs.

In order for our school to meet the school wide target of 95%, we need every child at school every day.



Algebra 1

Henry School is excited to be part of Cohort 3 of the Algebra Readiness Initiative (ARI) for the 2017-2018 academic year. The overarching goals of the ARI is to offer students in our school access to Algebra I in 8th grade and to support students in succeeding in high school algebra, generally. The ARI includes resources and professional development, aimed at these goals. The Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (OCIA) purchased licenses for Think Through Math, which combines a learning engine with on-demand support from third grade to high school geometry. The students in 8th grade will take the Algebra 1 Keystone exam and the 8th grade math PSSA. We look forward to a successful school year in Room 208 as the students submerge into a math culture of Algebra readiness.



Garden Fun

A special thanks to the PTA for sponsoring another year of garden lessons. The students enjoy their science explorations with Farmer David.



Welcome to Our Arts Fellow!

Hello C.W. Henry community! My name is Madison Freed and I am an ArtistYear Americorps fellow. I am a classically trained clarinetist and graduated from the Eastman School of Music with a performance degree this past May. I am thrilled to be here and learning about music education from Ms. Paulino-Trisdorfer. Thank you all for welcoming me into the Henry community; I am very excited about the year ahead!



PTA Updates

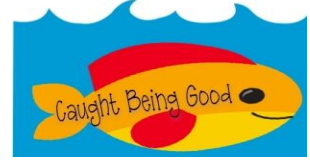
The annual Turkey Trot 5K/1K will take place here at Henry on Saturday, November 11th at 8:30am. There will be a PTA meeting on November 14th from 6:30-8:30 PM. The meeting will be held in Henry's cafeteria in the lower level of the building. PTA meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every other month. On the months without a PTA meeting, there will be a Family Night where families can come out to enjoy activities and snacks.



Agenda Books

This year all of our 3rd - 8th Grade students have received Agenda Books for recording their homework assignments each night. These books were distributed on the 1st day of school. It is the responsibility of each student to take care of their book.

Students Caught Being Good for September!



The following students have been selected for *Caught Being Good* for the month of September:

Anja Trudnowski: Room 108

Blake Williams: Room 110

Mia Anderson: Room 101

Julian Coats: Room 102

Jack Moran: Room 216

Noella Woods: Room 112

Freya Stanforth: Room 215

Jimmy Battle: Room 109

Hanif Sheed: Room 113

Varjak Zelenack: Room 104

Charles James: Room 103

Siniah Davis: Room 106

Celina Prout: Room 105

Elijah MicKeals-Walker: Room 218

Ramsey Robinson: Room 217

Aniyah Lewis: Room 202

Amarah Chiaka: Room 204

Sanai Browning: Room 207

Makhi Anthony: Room 208

Jeremiah Kensey: Room 209

Chasity Dorsey-Bethea: Room 210



You are cordially invited to the first annual...

Story Book Character Parade!!

On October 31, 2017 at 8:30am we will have a faculty parade followed by a student parade at 9:05am.

Stick around after announcements and surround the upper school yard to take pictures of your favorite book characters!

*There will be no parade in the event of rain

