

# Heron Herald

*"Taking Green to New Heights"*



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## Dates to Remember

- 10/12: PTA Boosterthon Kickoff
- 10/20: SAC & SAF Mtg. @ 6:00pm
- 10/20: PTA Mtg. @ 6:30pm
- 10/21: Spirit Day
- 10/21: Boosterthon Fun Run
- 10/25-10/27: Red Ribbon Week
- 10/25-10/27: Enrichment Academies
- 10/25: 11/10 Harvest Drive
- 10/28: Fall Festival
- 10/28: Early Release @ 12:00pm
- 10/29: No School. Planning Day
- 11/2: No School. Planning Day



## *Rumor Control Hotline*

754-321-0321

## *Broward County*

## *Homework Hotline*

754-322-1970

4:00pm – 8:00pm

## *Heron Heights Aftercare*

754-322-9172

## *Heron Heights Attendance Line*

754-322-9152

Want information in the Herald? Please email [merideth.weiss@browardschools.com](mailto:merideth.weiss@browardschools.com) with the details!

## Visitor Parking

The west parking lot is limited to staff and buses. It is not a drop off area. Additionally, each afternoon, it is open to registered carpools of 5 or more students per car, once buses have left campus. Please contact Ms. Weiss if you would like to register a car pool group.

There is plenty of visitor parking in the north parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate your understanding. Remember, this is for the safety of all children.

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## A Message from Deputy Wear...

### **\*Safety and Arrival/Dismissal**

I believe that Heron Heights is the safest school environment in Broward County. How about we work on the trips to and from school? Parents are dropping off and picking up their children along Nob Hill Road; which is a violation of Florida law and a safety issue. I'm also receiving reports of parents improperly dropping off and picking up students in the turn lane leading to the overflow parking lot.

### **\*Parkland Reserves**

Residents in Parkland Reserves are very upset, and rightly so, about non-residents using their neighborhood as a student pick up/drop off point. These actions will probably result in a financial cost to these residents as they contemplate installing devices to keep people out of their neighborhood. A little common courtesy would go a long way to correct this problem. You would not want this extra vehicle activity on your street!

Car Line Information

### **Car Line Procedures**

- \*The procedure calls for a line of cars to fill the front of the school along the curb and for the students to then exit their vehicle and enter the school through either of the front doors.
- \*That line of cars would then exit the campus while the next wave of vehicles fill the curb area.
- \*Parents need to remain in their cars. School staff will assist the students.
- \*The children are now familiar with the school and can easily find their classrooms from either entrance and are monitored by staff members.
- \*Please have your children prepared to exit the vehicle upon stopping at the curb, having taken prior care of notes, lunch money etc.
- \*Do not allow students to exit the vehicle on the driver's side.
- \*Please obey the "No cell phone usage" in the car line rule.
- \*According to a recent national safety study, a dog on the drivers lap is as much a distraction as a driver texting and a physical hindrance to the driver.

Following these steps will make for a safer and hopefully more efficient car line. Thank you to the parents who are utilizing the overflow lot. This has decreased the car line during dismissal and the kids love seeing their parents waiting for them.

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

## **Class Size News**

Due to the state Class Size Reduction law, students may need to be moved between teachers after the start of school to ensure compliance with the required student limits. These limits are 18 students for Pre-Kindergarten to grade 3, 22 students for grades 4 to 8, and 25 students for grades 9 to 12 in core classes. Please know that students' needs will continue to be met through proper instruction and services. Visit <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/classsize/> for more information.

### **What are SAC and SAF?**

**SAC**: The School Advisory Council (SAC) focuses on the curriculum and academic improvement of the school. More specifically, the SAC team is responsible for implementing and monitoring the School Improvement Plan. It is this meeting that we discuss curriculum and instruction.

**SAF**: The School Advisory Forum focuses on various items such as; transportation, safety, and school-wide concerns.

We hope you can join us for our next SAC/SAF meeting!  
**SAC 10/20 @ 6:00pm**

## **PTA Charities Committee News!!!**

**The PTA Charities Committee is busy planning our fall events. Upcoming events include the following.**



### **The Harvest Drive**

**The "Harvest Food Drive" is coming soon to benefit families in Broward County. It is scheduled from October 25 - November 10. To see general information on the countywide event, go to [www.harvestdriveflorida.com](http://www.harvestdriveflorida.com).**



### **Snowflakes for Larkdale**

**The "Snowflakes for Larkdale Elementary" initiative is scheduled for November 29 - December 10. This initiative collects games and money to benefit children during the December holidays.**

**We will be sending more detailed information home in your children's backpacks over the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for helping to make these events a success!**

# ***Online Textbooks***

**Textbooks available on Student Portal  
at <http://beep.browardschools.com>**

**Log into Student Portal and enter username and password**  
Username and password is same as Virtual Counselor Username and Password.  
Username - 10 digit student ID, Password = student birthdate mm/dd/yyyy  
(be sure to include '/'; also password subject to change by student).



## **Available Textbooks**

7-12 World Languages

6-12 Science

K-3 Reading

9-12 Reading

K-12 Mathematics

select 6-12 Social Studies

Additional textbooks to become available with upcoming  
textbook purchases by school district.



