



# HERONFIELD ACADEMY

March 23, 2021

Dear Heronfield Families,

Spring has arrived at Heronfield, evidenced quickly by the number of students who hopped out of cars yesterday and today wearing shorts despite morning temperatures barely above freezing. The sun has been doing its best these last few days, suggesting a vibrant season to come – even though an April snow wouldn't be out of the question. In any case, it's nice to see some of the early flowers coming out, to see trees beginning to grow leaves again, to even see students eating, meeting, and playing outside. All great signs of welcome days when we will all get out a bit more, see our neighbors, and begin making plans for the summer that seems certain to arrive no so long from now.

There's no doubt that spring takes on a special meaning this year, what with the many ways that the coronavirus rather required us to hunker down and become much more insular in the winter months. There is still a long way to go before things return to the times we recall, but there is a clear sense that we are coming out of our own hibernation. Recent open-gym sessions a couple of afternoons a week will give way to a track and field season in mid-April. Game nights for each grade are already on the books, and we're thinking about other social events this spring. Faculty committees are planning for our Community Day in late April and Arts Day in mid-May. And before long, we will be celebrating the last few days of the school year and honoring our eighth grade students at Graduation on June 4. A glance at the spring calendar shows something happening just about every week. It will be a busy stretch, for sure, but it's through all of these events, through the times that we gather and share ourselves outside of lessons and assessments, that we really know one another and celebrate the very best in a school community.

As I write today, there remains quite a path between here and the end of the school year, but we can see the horizon ahead of us. In a sense, we've made it through the most challenging parts of the journey, traversed the rockiest parts, and we've done so with great resilience and with joy and purpose. Cheers for our students, cheers for our teachers, and cheers for our families for all that we have done thus far. There was a time when Spring Break seemed a long way off, and now that we've reached and surpassed that checkpoint of sorts, we can see the space before us with a sense of certainty that we can cross it together. We will move forward with the many practices that keep us safe and healthy, yet we will remain flexible and anticipate what's next. All the while, we will look out for one another as we always have and celebrate the best of our school.

Warmly, John

### Dress Code Update

The warmer weather seems to have arrived and hopefully will stay! Shorts and skirts are now permitted at school without leggings or tights worn underneath. Please wear shorts underneath all skirts to allow for full participation in PE activities. **Sweatpants** will no longer be acceptable attire.

### Important Dates:

Thurs, March 25: Game Time 2:15-3:15pm

Fri, March 26: Game Time 2:15-3:15pm

Thurs, April 1: Q3 ends

Game Time 2:15-3:15pm

Fri, April 2: **NO SCHOOL**-Good Friday