UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 20  NO SCHOOL - MLK Holiday

Jan 21  Heron Dine to Donate at BJ’s!

Jan 24  SOAR Assembly; 8:00am

Jan 24  “Sweet Dreams” Dance: 5th and 6th grade from 5:00-6:30
and 7th and 8th grade from 7:00-8:30

Jan 24  2020 Great Kindness Challenge

Jan 27-31  2020 Great Kindness Challenge

Feb 4  Early Release Day - Minimum Day Schedule
  Kindergarteners will be dismissed at 12:48
  1st - 8th graders will be dismissed at 1:05

LUNCH MENU
Includes Salad Bar

MONDAY - 1/20
NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY - 1/21
Cheese Ravioli

WEDNESDAY - 1/22
Chicken Nuggets or Veggie Nuggets

THURSDAY - 1/23
Chicken Meatballs

FRIDAY - 1/24
Pizza- Cheese or Pepperoni

MESSAGE FROM MRS. WHITTEN

One of the things I love most about Heron is our supportive community
and high level of family engagement. A highlight of this
community involvement is always the Annual Heron Gala, and tickets
for this year’s event are now on sale! The Gala will be held on March 13th
on the Delta King in Old Sacramento! The Gala will feature a fun mystery
dinner, which will include both our live and silent auctions. The evening
will include a catered dinner and dessert, a no host bar, and much more! Tickets are on sale now for

MINIMUM DAYS

February 4th
March 10th

HERON SCHOOL FRIDAY FLYER
Week of January 20-24
$55 each. VIP tables are available for purchase if you would like to reserve seating for you and your friends. Tickets can be purchased online or in the front office.

Please check out https://natomasunified.org/hes/parents/ptsa/heron-gala-2020/ to purchase tickets and Teacher Experiences. The Gala is our one adult only event of the year, so come enjoy a great evening out while supporting Heron School and all our students!

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Important High School Information For Our 8th Graders!**
Now that we’re halfway through the school year, our 8th graders are starting to prepare for their transition to high school. Natomas Unified offers our students many specialized programs and career pathways to choose from, and our new counselor intern, Allison Terras, has done a wonderful job summarizing that information for our students. She is also providing guidance and application support to students who need it. A letter was sent home to all 8th grade students regarding this support, and a copy is attached to this week’s parent newsletter as well. Even if you don’t have an 8th grader, it is always very helpful for families to learn about the high school options our district offers, so you can start having those conversations early on! Ms. Terras’ presentation is linked here [High School Presentation for 8th Graders](#) - take a look for more information!

The Great Kindness Challenge Kick Off is January 24th!

The Great Kindness Challenge is coming back to Heron! We will host the Great Kindness Challenge will be held from January 27-31. All students who complete the Challenge will be recognized at our February SOAR Assembly. Kindness matters, and we have some of the most kind kids around! We are looking forward to a week to focus on and celebrate kindness!

We will also be collecting “Coins For Kindness” to help support the building of a school in Tijuana. Please help support this cause by sending in your spare change during the week of our Kindness Challenge. The class that raises the most money will have their class picture sent in with our donation check so it can proudly be put on display on the “Coins For Kindness” wall at the new school.

**CA Dashboard Updated**
The CA Department of Education recently updated the CA School Dashboard, and Heron earned a “Green” rating in both ELA and Math! The California School Dashboard is now available for parents to access.
at [www.caschooldashboard.org](http://www.caschooldashboard.org), and we are so proud of our results at Heron. We have been given a green school-wide rating in both ELA and Math, and all of our student groups made growth between 2018 and 2019. The CA School Dashboard is our state-wide school accountability system, and the site makes it very easy for parents to look up information on any school or district in California. We did earn a “Red” rating for our suspension rate, which does not come as a surprise. We saw our suspension rate increase drastically last year, and we worked with our parents, students, and staff to put changes in place to better support our students. I am proud to say that this year, our suspension rate is only 1.5%. Our Heron staff will continue to look closely at our student achievement, student progress, chronic truancy data, and student suspension rates, both school-wide and for each of the student groups that we serve.

**CAASPP Resources For Students at Home**

As we head into 2020, the teachers and I will be focusing on preparing our students to succeed on the CAASPP, our annual statewide assessment that will begin in April for all 3rd-8th grade. As our students have been working throughout the year to meet grade level standards, we also want to make sure students are confident with the format of the assessment and the types of questions they will be asked in order to demonstrate their learning. To support students with this, I’d like to share a variety of CAASPP resources available to parents and students at home. There is a quick video tutorial available to show parents how to help students access CAASPP Practice Tests at home, as well as links to “Quick Guides” on how to access the Practice Tests and Training Tests. These are very helpful resources that teachers will be reviewing with students, and I encourage students to practice them at home to help build their confidence and comfort level with this assessment. Our students have been working so hard in their classrooms, and we want to see our Flyers SOAR on their end-of-year assessment! Our students made tremendous growth last year- let’s keep it going!

Quick Reference Guides are available online for Training and Practice Tests.

How to Start a Training Test: [https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/summativeqrgtraining.pdf](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/summativeqrgtraining.pdf)

How to Start a Practice Test: [https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/summativeqrgpractice.pdf](https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/documents/summativeqrgpractice.pdf)
School Traffic Safety Guidelines

I’m sure we are all in agreement that nothing is more important than our students’ safety, yet we have had an increasing amount of traffic and safety violations in the parking lot that are making it difficult for parents to get out of the parking lot and creating a dangerous situation for our students. I know that parking on the street is limited, but it is very important that parents do not park in the middle of the parking lot and leave their car unattended. This makes it dangerous for students getting picked up or dropped off, and blocks other cars from being able to leave the parking lot. Please follow these important school traffic safety guidelines:

- There is room for only ONE drop-off/pick-up line. Do not leave your car unattended.
- Park only on the street or in a designated parking spot
- Have your children use the crosswalks to cross the street or parking lot; crossing in the middle of the parking lot is dangerous
- Do not make illegal U-turns on Minden

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<td>Provide students with a grade-specific testing experience similar in structure and format to the summative assessments.</td>
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<td>Provide students with an opportunity to quickly become familiar with the software and interface features. There are no performance tasks.</td>
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<td>One test for each of grades 3 through 8, and grade 11.</td>
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Universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations are available on all practice and training tests.
• If you park and drop your kids off on Minden, have them walk down to crosswalk at Minden and Banfield to cross the street- it is MUCH safer!
• Consider dropping your kids off at Heron Park; there are several entrances and the park provides easy access to the playground area where students line up in the morning.

DID YOU KNOW?

➔ **Heron School Website** - Our website is a great resource of information about our school. You have access to current events information, our PTSA website, school supply lists, bell schedules, parent resources, school and district policies, after-school program information and athletic program information. Please make sure to visit it often! [https://natomasunified.org/hes/](https://natomasunified.org/hes/)

  ◆ Added to our school website - a link for students to go to all the sites we use on a regular basis. From the main page of the website, go to Students, Chromebook Homepage

➔ Follow us on Facebook and Twitter! LIKE Heron FLyers on Facebook and FOLLOW AmyWhitten@HeronSchool on Twitter! #FlyersSOAR

**News from the PTSA**

➔ Shopping at Amazon? Shop Amazon Smile and support our Heron PTSA! Just go to [https://smile.amazon.com/](https://smile.amazon.com/) instead of the regular Amazon page, designate the Heron PTSA as the group you want to support, and a portion of all of your Amazon purchases will go right to our Heron PTSA! It’s so easy!

**THIS WEEK IN SPORTS**

HERON SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM
Parent Information 2019-2020

Heron School Athletics
Boys and Girls Basketball
January 20, 2020-January 24, 2020
(Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date information)

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January 24, 2020: GAME Heron @ Bannon Creek 3:00                                      |
| 5th Grade Basketball Boys   | January 22, 2020: GAME Heron @ Bannon Creek (10 minutes after the 4th grade game)  
January 24, 2020: GAME Heron @ Bannon Creek (10 minutes after 4th grade game)         |
| Middle School Basketball Boys | January 21, 2020: GAME Leroy Green @ Heron 3:30  
January 22, 2020: Practice 3:00-4:30  
January 23, 2020: GAME Natomas Middle School @ Heron (10 minutes after Girl's Game)  
January 24, 2020: Team Meeting 3:15-4:30                                               | Middle School Basketball Girls | January 21, 2020: GAME Leroy Green @ Heron (10 minutes after Boy's Game)  
January 22, 2020: Practice 4:30-6:00  
January 23, 2020: GAME Natomas Middle School @ Heron 3:30  
January 24, 2020: Team Meeting 3:15-4:30  
January 24, 2020: Practice 4:30-6:00                                                   |
JOIN US FOR
A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!

Date: January 21, 2020 - Tuesday
Time: 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

At this BJ's location:
3531 N. Freeway Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834
916-570-1327

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

**Heron Fundraiser at BJ's!**

With each flyer presented during this FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's will donate 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES to the designated organization!

Valid for dine in or take out. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages or Happy Hour specials. Please do not distribute flyers on-site during the event. Digital or printed flyer must be presented to the server.
Sweet Dreams Dance
Friday January 24th

In the Multipurpose room
Presale: $5 includes 2 free raffle tickets
At the door: $7 (no free raffle tickets)
5th & 6th: 5:00-6:30 PM
7th & 8th: 7:00-8:30 PM

LEADERSHIP
THIS IS FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY!!!!

Heron K-8 School - Yearbook Dedications

Student Name ___________________________ Grade ________

Teacher _______________ Parent Name _______________________

Date ________ Telephone ________________________________

Submit One Kindergarten Photo
Save image using student's first and last name prior to submitting to:
http://lpx.me/RAKC-U7YD-KRH7/

8th Grade Dedications for only $20.00

80 characters maximum:
(includes letters, spaces, symbols etc.)

Fill out this form.
Return it to the office no later than March 2nd.
Cash Only!

2019-2020
Can You Solve the Case?
It's a party to die for!

Friday the 13th of March
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Delta King

TICKETS: $55 PER PERSON
Tickets after 2.15.23: $60 PER PERSON
Add a Reserved Table for 10 or 12: $60 or $60 PER TABLE
Tickets can be purchased online at natomasunified.org/nes
Non Attendee Gala Student Photo
Order Form

Are you unable to attend the Gala this year but still would love a beautiful photo of your child? This is a wonderful opportunity to have a professional photo taken of your child by our very own, Kim Palomo. **$25 per student includes one 5x7 print.** You also have the option to purchase a **Sibling Photo for an additional $25.** You may order **additional prints at $5 per print.** Please include a check made out to Heron School PTSA or Cash. Photos will be taken at school, as Kim’s schedule permits, but not later than March 13th. **Return Order Forms ASAP to the Main Office.** Last day to submit form is 2/29/20.

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**Sibling Photo**

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**Total Amount Enclosed: $___________**

(Please Circle) cash check