Dear Herberich Families,

Herberich Primary School staff and students will be participating in our annual community program that ties in with our December Character Trait: COMPASSION. The program will run from December 3rd til December 20th. We will be collecting the following items:

- **Kiwanis Holiday Food Drive** – Non-perishable food items only.
- **Herberich’s Giving Tree** – Located in the main lobby. Students will decorate the tree with new mittens, gloves, socks, and scarves.
- **Copley’s Police Department’s Share A Christmas** – new unwrapped toys.
- **Copley Outreach Program** – Clean, gently worn coats.

I would like to thank you in advance for any donations. I know all donations will make the holidays brighter for families in need of help.

We got our first true snowfall the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and looks like the week of the 9th will bring more snow. Please remember that students who plan on sled riding must have snow pants and boots.

I cannot believe that we only have 14 school days in the month of December. Please make time to make those special memories with family and friends over the holidays. As a reminder, students will not be in school from 12/21 through 1/5. School will resume on Monday, January 6th.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions/comments. I can be reached at 330-664-4991 or bill.kerrigan@copley-fairlawn.org.

Bill Kerrigan, Principal
Herberich Primary School
Our community program, Herberich Helping Hands, ties in with our December Character Trait of the Month: COMPASSION.

Our Kiwanis Holiday Food Drive kicks off on Tuesday, December 3rd. With the current economy, there are many needy families in our community who will need assistance this holiday season. We will be collecting cans and non-perishable food items through Friday, December 20th. The “Ramen noodle” rule still applies: five packets equals one canned item. The two classrooms collecting the most items will have an ice cream treat the week before our holiday break.

The challenge is to collect 3,500+ items. Daily updates keep students aware of their “rivals” progress. Don’t forget to ask your student how his/her class is doing in the race to help others.

Collection boxes will be in all the classrooms, but if you feel the items are too heavy for your student to carry, drop them off in the office and we will deliver them to your student’s room.

Herberich’s “Giving Tree” in the front lobby will greet students when they return after the fall break, ready and waiting to be festively decorated with NEW mittens, gloves, socks, caps and scarves. The tree will be in the lobby December 3—20.

The third component of our community drive is the Copley Police Department’s Share a Christmas.

They are collecting NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS. In past years many children, who may not have received anything at all under their trees, awoke to find an assortment of toys and gift items.

The collection box will be in the office in front of Mrs. Neale-May’s desk. Today is not too early to start thinking of others for the holiday season. Collection dates are December 3—20.

Finally, as your children literally grow before your eyes, you may find that their outgrown WINTER coats and jackets are still in good condition. We are also accepting adult sized items. The Copley Outreach Center collects and distributes CLEAN, GENTLY WORN winter coats and jackets to needy families. We ask that you only send in WINTER items as this is the current need - also be sure the items are CLEAN - machine washed or dry cleaned.

Beginning December 3rd, we are collecting these garments and will deliver them to the Outreach Center on Friday, December 20th. This collection box will also be located in front of Mrs. Neale-May’s desk.

Herberich Helping Hands helping the community!
Greetings Parents and Young Artists!

Holiday greetings to everyone! It has been a busy time in the Herberich Art Room and there are some great new things happening to share with you.

All of the classes have begun to have artwork uploaded to our new online art gallery Artsonia.com. Artsonia is an online art museum that allows student work to be posted and shared on our school’s Artsonia page. This is a great way for us to share the work that the students are creating in class with you at home and with family and friends. Your child should have come home with a permission slip to have work posted onto Artsonia. Thank you for all the parents who have sent back slips or created an account online!

Many of you may or may not know that student work is showcased in the hallways at Herberich as well as some pieces being kept at school to be shown as a part of our district show in the Spring. While all of the artwork will come home, there is sometimes a delay due to showing the students’ work. I thank you for your patience and understanding and hope that Artsonia will help keep you up to date with our creative endeavors in the art room.

We have a little over 2/3rds of students participating and are working to get as many students as possible as a part of our school page. Artsonia is also a great way to support the Herberich Art program as well. Parents may purchase items with their child’s artwork printed on it and 20% of purchases will come directly to the Herberich Art Program! Please keep this in mind for great personal holiday gifts! If you have any questions or need assistance with your Artsonia page, please email me at juliann.ely@copley-fairlawn.org. Thanks in advance for your support and participation!

The Herberich art students are also working to help make our planet a greener place, by going beyond recycling paper scraps and melting down used crayons. We are now participating in the ColorCycle Program through Crayola. ColorCycling allows us to collect old, dried out markers for recycling and conversion into clean-burning fuel which can power cars, heat homes, or cook food. Fun fact: 308 markers is enough to produce a gallon of fuel! Help us in preventing more plastic waste from ending up in landfills by sending your old, dried up markers of ANY KIND (they do not have to be Crayola) to school with your child. A box will be placed in the lobby for collection so feel free to bring in your markers at any time throughout the school year!

On to the artwork; our Kindergarten creators have gotten “stuck” in their spider webs, painting and collaging on spiders and leaves to finish off the fall season. We featured orange as the next color slice to add to our color wheel and will also be working on a winter landscape painting and printing to finish off 2013. These artists have been working very hard to practice their shapes, lines, and colors so feel free to practice with them at home as well!

First-graders were inspired to “make a mark and see where it takes them” in their own pointillism designs after reading The Dot by Peter Reynolds. Students were motivated by Vashti’s “dot” artwork to create their own pointillism pictures using positive and negative space to “make a dot by not making a dot”. Students also jumped into their abstract creative side as we experimented with abstract art along with Matthew the mouse from Matthew’s Dream by Leo Leoni. As Matthew traveled to the art museum for his inspiration, students drew inspiration from overlapping shapes in his artwork.

Second graders experimented with painting after reading Owl Moon by Jane Yolen. Students practiced imagining various perspective views as if we were out owling in the woods to place themselves in the position of the viewer. The Second grade created a moonlit background by mixing shades of blue around a full moon glowing at night. Details of tree branches coming into the frame from all directions added to give the impression of looking up at the moon from a clearing in the woods.

The Third grade is exploring self-portraiture through learning about how to draw the face and how to use various tool to help them draw facial features more realistically. Using a portrait mirror and their previous knowledge of drawing faces, students completed a “before” drawing of themselves without using additional tools to help them. After discussing portraiture more in depth, learning about shading, as well as how to use a photo to draw, students will complete their final self-portraits. It is amazing to see how far the students grow from their “before” to their “after” drawings! Keep up the great work third graders!

We are continuing with drawing for our next creation in Fourth Grade as students learn about Op Art and optical illusions. We began looking at the artists M.C. Escher and Bridget Riley and learned how to identify Op artwork. Each class looked at a variety of Op art and learned how to shape their line drawing to trick the eye. Color will bring the designs to life as we practice using value and shading, changing colors from dark to light, to achieve a 3-D effect.

We’ve had a great fall overall and I am really looking forward to seeing the continued creativity at Herberich! Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and joyful holiday season and a very Happy New Year! Keep up the great work!

Until next time, keep creating!

Artfully Yours,

Mrs. Ely
Dear Parents,

I’m excited to tell you about a very special program I’m coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It’s called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

All around Herberich students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located in the lobby for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don’t throw out that used marker—ColorCycle it!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ely
Art Teacher

Learn more at http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle
Student of the Month - October

Dylan was recognized as Herberich’s Student of the Month for October at the November Board of Education Meeting.

Dylan sets an excellent example for his peers by always doing his best and puts forth a tremendous effort. Dylan is a critical thinker and brings a unique perspective to topics being taught in class. He produces complete, quality work that is always turned in on time. Dylan goes above and beyond to help his classmates.

At school, Dylan’s favorite subjects are science and math. He is a member of the choir. Dylan describes himself as tough, kind, and caring. He would like to be a professional football player when he grows up.

If his teacher, Mrs. Moore had to describe Dylan in one word it would be “friendly”. Dylan is a friend to everyone in the class. He always has time to help others. He is thoughtful and considerate towards his teachers and peers. He tries his best and positively influences those around him. Dylan is self-motivated. He pulls out unfinished work, reads quietly, and studies for upcoming tests without being asked to do so.

Mrs. Moore really enjoys having Dylan in her class. With such a bright future ahead of him, she is looking forward to seeing his accomplishments. Congratulations, Dylan!

Library Chat — Mrs. Vanke

Our school library is busy with students reading books and sharing stories about America and our holidays. READING IS FUN!!!!

We are celebrating Barbara Park as our “Author of the Month”. Her characters in the Junie B. Jones series go through situations that are common to children in general. Boys and girls alike can identify with them easily. In her beginning chapter books, the pictures are not in color, as the illustrations are not intended to be the focus of the story as in picture books.

Following is a partial list of her books in our school library:

Junie B., first grader: jingle bells
Junie B., first grader: shipwrecked
Junie B., first grader: aloha-ha-ha
Junie B. Jones is Captain Field Day
Junie B. Jones is a graduation girl
Junie B., first grader (at last)
Junie B., first grader: boss of lunch

HAPPY READING!
CANDIDLY SPEAKING

VFW TEACHER OF THE YEAR: BETH KASPER

Congratulations!

An ESL Thanksgiving
## December 2013

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**Character Trait of the Month:** COURAGE
Season’s Greetings Herberich School Community!

As you prepare to celebrate your family winter festivities, I encourage you to be deliberate in showing compassion and kindness to each other. Having the people in our lives helps make the work we accomplish worthwhile. Take a moment and thank the people in your life for the season that they have shared with you. Some believe that just as the season changes, so too do the people places and opportunities in our lives. Consider living each season to the fullest.

So, what else is going on… also known as Questions and Answers!

ALL Herberich families and school staff (and other adults who support our school) are able to attend ALL PTA General membership meetings and events. While we all benefit from your purchase of a $5.00 membership; we benefit more (and so do our children) through your active participation in our Herberich school community. Please ADD YOUR VOICE and your PRESENCE!

Everyone who wants to be involved may be involved. Contact an Executive Board member or a committee chair to learn details. Attend a PTA meeting. Join a committee (on-going activities and one time deals). Help in a classroom. Support classroom celebrations. Most importantly, prepare your child to have a successful school day.

Enjoy our annual PTA Sponsored Gingerbread House – December 4th – 6th. Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer!

Family Fun Literacy Night/New Family Welcome! – December 6th 6pm-7:30pm. We will enjoy an evening of reading as a school community (and learn how to support comprehension and fluency!), hot chocolate and cookies! We will also announce our Herberich Helping Hands and Outstanding Educator 2013. Hope to see you there!

Please see page 12 for some of “My Favorite Things” to do around the holidays.

On behalf of your Herberich PTA Executive Board and Committee Chairs
Happy Holiday and Joyous New Year!

In PTA Service,
Mrs. Patricia Smoot Wicks
Thank you to everyone that helped with the fall after-school activities! Your time is greatly appreciated! They were certainly enjoyed by our students! Please have a blessed and wonderful holiday season filled with special memories shared together!

We hope that you enjoy your winter break and make some special memories together! If anyone is interested in teaching or helping plan after-school activities this spring, please let me know! We will be putting these together over the next couple of months.

Contact Sarah Huth at Sarapafo@hotmail.com Thanks!

Wishing you all a Happy 2014!

Hi! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday! The Mixed Bags fundraiser was a great success! We raised over $1,000.

Next up we have Pizza Hut cards and another Family Fun Night out.

Thank you,
Stacie Ryan
2nd VP

The GINGERBREAD SHOP will open in the Herberich library December 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th. Students will have the opportunity to do their own holiday shopping for the family, with gifts under $5.

Parent volunteers are needed to assist the students with their shopping and to help set-up and take down the shop. Shifts are 9:15 - 11:50 and 12:55 - 3pm. Please contact Leslie Szalay at klszalay@yahoo.com to help with this fun event. EMAIL TODAY!

It is never too late to join PTA!

LIFT YOUR VOICE and ACT NOW by becoming a member and making YOUR voice strong? Membership sign-up sheets are available in the school office.

Membership dues are $5 per person and can be paid in cash or by check made out to Herberich PTA.

Questions? Contact Amy Byerly Email: amy@compucharts.com Tel: 330.666.3461
Another GREAT meal was provided for the teachers and staff during the November Parent Teacher Conference. Thank you to Stephanie Estephan, Shilo Gottlieb, Anne Kimmins, Margaret Scott, Romi Brozeit, Tiffany Cano, Amy Howard, Laura Poundstone and Amy Byerly. You all are a wonderful group of ladies!

Elizabeth Woods

A few of MY favorite things! Enjoy Family Time!

Ideas for Family Fun during Winter Break

Your guide to downtown fun at Lock 3

Shares on-going activities and by date family fun for northeast Ohio

http://www.neoisgreat.com/entertain.htm
Shares family friendly entertainment opportunity links across northeast Ohio

http://cleveland.about.com/od/akronareaevents/tp/newyearsakron.htm
New Year’s Eve family fun and for Parents only activities

http://www.summitmetroparks.org/Publications/ProgramsAndEventsGuide.aspx
Program and Events Guide for Summit County Metroparks

http://www.nps.gov/cuva/planyourvisit/events.htm
Program and Events Guide and schedules for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
DISMISSAL CHANGE / ABSENCE REQUEST FORM

Teacher: ______________________
From: ______________________
Date: ______________________
Child’s Name: ______________________
Phone Number: ______________________

Students may not switch buses for play dates

(Where you can be reached during school hours)

______ Will be carpool with ____________________ (name) on ____________________ (date)

Must be listed on emergency sheet or have green carpool sign. If not, walk in with identification and sign student out.

______ My child has a doctor/dentist appointment today and needs to be dismissed at ____________________
(time-no later than 3:15 – thereafter in the carpool line) OR will be late tomorrow ____________________ (date)

______ We will be out of town from ____________________ to ____________________

Please send a note to your child’s teacher regarding make-up work

______ Other ____________________

NOTE: Early dismissal - we do not call students out of class until parents are physically in the office so please allow sufficient time for them to pack up and get to the office. Should you arrive after 3:15 you will be asked to join the carpool line.