

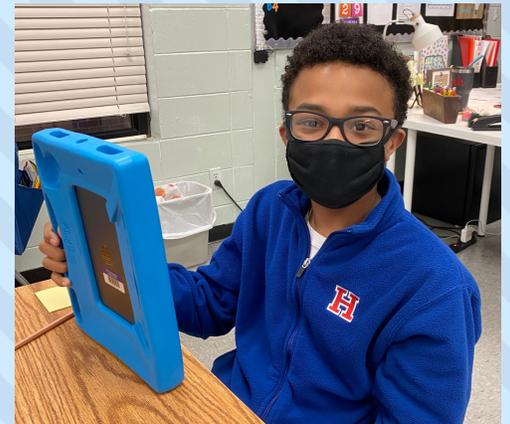
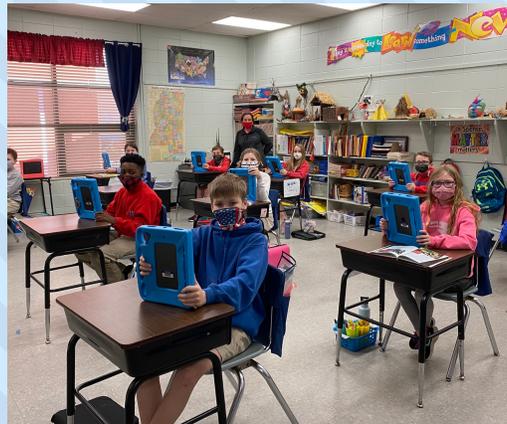
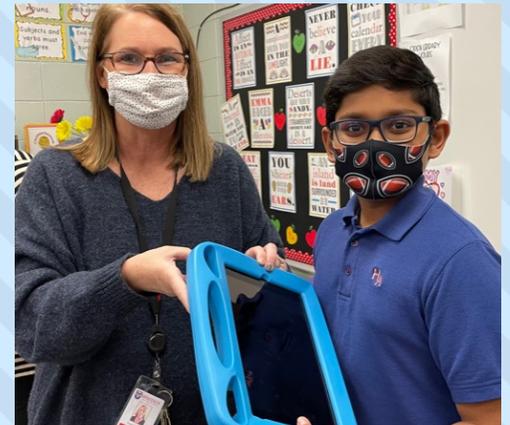
PATRIOT REPORT

HERITAGE ACADEMY - COLUMBUS, MS

Instilling High Moral Standards & Academic Excellence

February 2021

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: HA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOES 1:1 iPads Being Distributed to All Students in JrK - 6th Grades!



Article and more photos on page 2.

Elementary Technology Update

iPads to be Distributed to All Elementary Students



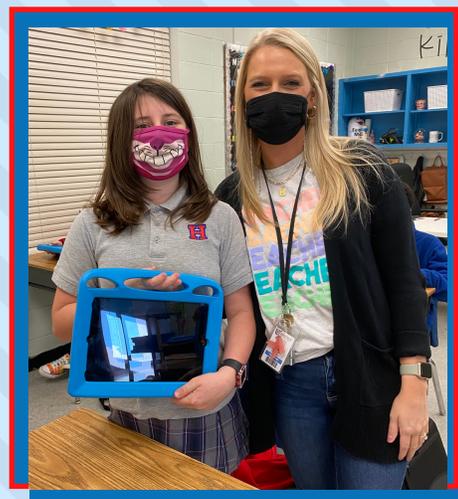
The surprise rollout of iPads to our elementary students began with distribution to our Sixth grade students on a Friday morning in January. It was a pretty typical day until a knock on the door of **Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield's** classroom was followed by the appearance of HA Elementary Principal **Mrs. Dawn Dawkins**. She was accompanied by Director of Instructional Technology **Mrs. Janet Lewis** and **Mrs. Dawn Mitchell**. They rolled in a cart filled with iPads and stands for the devices. When Mrs. Dawkins explained that each student would have their own device to use throughout the day, the students were quick to show their excitement! Next, they rolled the cart into **Mrs. Pam Oswald-Creely's** 6th grade classroom, and the trio surprised another classroom of students.



In addition to the new iPads, school administrators also purchased the license to add IXL for English Language Arts for our elementary students. Programs like IXL allow students to be challenged and supported at many different levels.

The new devices will remain at the school and will be charged and ready for use each day.

Thank you to the HA Board of Directors who allocated the resources needed to expand the technology footprint at our elementary school. As a result, Heritage is now a 1:1 school at the Elementary and High School!



SCHOOL NEWS



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EXPLORE OUR SCHOOL AT
PREVIEW DAY



**NEW
DATE!**



ELEMENTARY

GRADES K4-6th

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

4:30 - 6:00 pm

623 Willowbrook Rd
Columbus, MS

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 7th - 12th

TUESDAY, FEB. 23

4:30 - 6:00 pm

4:30 pm Welcome Assembly

625 Magnolia Lane
Columbus, MS

For more information or to schedule
a private tour, contact Beth Lucas
blucas@HeritagePatriots.com
662-327-1556 ext. 211



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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW STUDENTS (Grades K4 - 12th)

Registration for new students
opens March 1st! If you know
someone who may be interested
in HA, please have them contact:

Beth Lucas

Director of Admissions

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662-386-3392



HA on the Web

SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.HeritagePatriots.com

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

C O N G R A T S

Mrs. Brenda Polk and Mrs. Velma Gore Named HA High School & Middle School Teachers of the Year



MRS. BRENDA POLK
HIGH SCHOOL



MRS. VELMA GORE
MIDDLE SCHOOL



L-R. DR. GREG CARLYLE,
MRS. BRENDA POLK &
MRS. VELMA GORE

Congratulations to **Mrs. Brenda Polk** and **Mrs. Velma Gore** who were selected by their peers as the 2021 Heritage Academy High School Teacher of the Year and Middle School Teacher of the Year, respectively. Headmaster **Dr. Greg Carlyle**, surprised them with the award and presented each with a beautiful arrangement of flowers. These experienced teachers go above and beyond to ensure their students' academic success.

Mrs. Polk has taught for 44 years and this is her 30th year at HA! Many of her former students will remember her as their Spanish teacher. Now her students know her as their 10th and 12th grade English teacher in college prep, honors or dual credit college English. In addition, she is a long-time senior class sponsor, the National Beta Club and National Honor Society sponsor and co-sponsor of the Strategy Club.

This year marks Mrs. Gore's 50th year of teaching with 25 of them being at HA! Years ago, she taught 6th grade at the Elementary School. For the past 20+ years she has taught College Prep and Honors Math to 7th & 8th grade students, 8th Grade Honors Algebra I and 9th Grade Algebra I. In addition, she has been the sponsor of the school yearbook, *the Heritor*, for many years. She also sponsors several students in math competitions.

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ATHLETICS

We are so Proud of these Patriots!

HERITAGE ACADEMY CONGRATULATES OUR 2021
MAIS BASKETBALL ALL-STAR!



ALL-STAR GAME

Friday, March 5

Time: 6:45 pm

Location: Jackson Prep
Flowood, MS

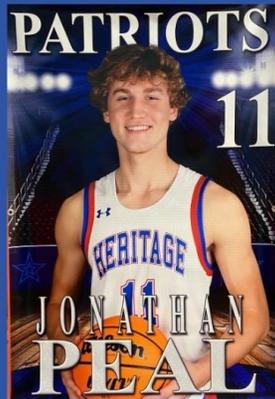


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HERITAGE ACADEMY CONGRATULATES OUR 2021
MAIS SOCCER ALL-STAR!



ALL-STAR GAME

Thursday, March 4
4:00 pm

Jackson Academy
Jackson, MS



photo courtesy of Kelly Hayes Photography

BASKETBALL Senior Night



Recently recognized at their final home game of the basketball season were: **Jonathan Peal, Sam Hannon** and **Sara Kate Thompson**. As is customary, these students and their families were recognized at the game and each student presented a rose to his or her mother.



HERITAGE
SPORTS
NETWORK



**STUDENT
INITIATIVE
LEADS TO
LIVE-
STREAMING
HA EVENTS**



Click [here](#) to read *The Commercial Dispatch* story about how the Heritage Sports Network became a reality! This team, along with other HA students, has also live-streamed several other school events during the Pandemic.

Thank you for your support of the Patriots!

ATHLETICS

THREE MORE STUDENT ATHLETES SIGN INTENT TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION & ATHLETIC CAREER



JOHN JACKSON signs his Letter of Intent to play football at Northeast Community College.



LADARIUS FLOWERS signs his Letter of Intent to play football at Sterling College.



JOHN BLANTON signs his Letter of Intent to become a member of the Murray State Rifle Team.

At every signing, the student athlete is joined by his or her classmates and team.



ELEMENTARY NEWS



Celebrating Valentine's Day

There is no place that celebrates holidays more than an elementary school, and Valentine's Day was not overlooked! Of course there were Valentines card exchanges, class parties with special treats and plenty of fun. Teachers were able to incorporate academics with all the fun!



The Q-u Wedding

This Senior Kindergarten event is held each year to remind students that the letters "Q" and "u" go together! Each student has a role, and it is one of many ways for our students to get comfortable being in front of a group. If you missed it on Facebook live, you can see it here.



Ms. Mollie Phillips' elementary music classes learned a song about LOVE and recorded it on stage. Go to our Facebook page and enjoy some of these favorites!



Classroom Art by:
Charles Glenn - 2nd Grade
Teacher: Mrs. Emily Wheeler

ELEMENTARY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Sally Edwards Chosen HA Elementary Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Sally Edwards, a Senior Kindergarten teacher, has been selected as the 2021 Heritage Academy Elementary Teacher of the Year. She was selected by her peers for this well-deserved honor.

HA Elementary Principal, **Mrs. Dawn Dawkins**, surprised Mrs. Edwards with the award and presented her with a beautiful vase of flowers. Mrs. Edwards goes above and beyond to find creative learning strategies to ensure her students' success and growth. This is her tenth year of teaching, and she has taught at Heritage for five years. Thank you, Mrs. Edwards, for the difference you make in instilling a love for learning in our youngest students.



Pictured l-r: Mrs. Sally Edwards and Mrs. Dawn Dawkins

READING SCORES SOAR AT HA ELEMENTARY!

New Phonics Program Adopted Last Year

STAR Early Literacy mid-year tests were administered in January. When compared with August test results, significant gains were shown by our elementary students. For example, all of our Junior Kindergarten (K4) students posted scores that indicate reading readiness for Senior Kindergarten, and half of those students were showing reading readiness for 1st grade!

The *Heggerty Phonemic Awareness* program implemented during the 2020-2021 school year may have contributed to the rising scores.

Most elementary students are testing a grade level or more above their current grade level! Students are tested three times during the year to measure growth. Today's Readers are Tomorrow's Leaders!

Great job, students and teachers!!



Junior Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Gayla Rye reads to her students.

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS



RAFFLE UPDATE

Raffle Goal - \$40,000
Amount Raised - \$47,550



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

This year's T3 Raffle was a *huge* success and would not have been possible without every student and parent who enthusiastically sold tickets, every person who kindly purchased a ticket and every prize sponsor who so generously contributed!

Congratulations to the Winners of this Year's T3 Raffle

\$5,000 Grand Prize

Debriel Knox

2nd Prize ~
Large Screen TV
Lauren Townsend

3rd Prize ~
Large Screen TV
Patti Johnson

4th Prize ~
Tasty Treats
Gil Kim

5th Prize ~
Tasty Treats
Keith Hancock



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- In Memory -



Mr. Todd Gale (HA'1986) was a student, parent, alumnus and most recently President of the Heritage Academy School Board. He passed away on Feb. 12th, 2021 at the age of 52. At the time of his death, he was the General Manager of Columbus Light & Water.

In his daily report to the HA Staff, HA Headmaster Dr. Greg Carlyle said, "We were deeply saddened to learn of the recent passing of past board President and board member Todd Gale. He was a friend to many and a support to all. His leadership through the completion of the capital campaign projects was exceptional. Todd was a proponent of the STEM initiative and key in helping develop our long range plan. And most recently he was the project manager for the baseball lighting project. We are grateful for his insights, sound advice, sense of humor, accessibility and many contributions. Todd will be greatly missed."



Mrs. Nancy Landrum-Jacks passed away on January 26, 2021. She served as HA Elementary Principal in the 1970's. She was active in the Columbus community as an educator and a volunteer prior to her move to Jackson.



Mr. Henry N. "Hank" Shows served as HA Headmaster from 1996 to 2003. He passed away on February 4, 2021 at the age of 75. He spent many years as a coach and administrator in MAIS schools.

Heritage Academy is a college preparatory school that inspires, challenges, and motivates its students as it prepares them for college and for life.