

# Trailblazer ● Times

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# Intent Form

As we plan for the upcoming school year, it's important for us to know your plans for your students next year. Please complete this brief Intent Form to let us know if you plan to return to the Virtual Academy. Thank you!

[CLICK HERE](#)



# Way to Go!

Jamiyah, Wessley, and Joann for turning in some amazing work in their English 12 class.

Tamiya for outstanding work in Astronomy Earth Science II.

Jamir for reaching out to his Math teacher and being proactive.

Amani, Brye, Joshua, Natica, and Yasmine have worked hard in Geometry and their grades are showing it!



# MARCH In-Person Event

Our next in-person event will be in February at a  
**301 Grove Street**

(The Miller Center--just across from the public library).

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- **K- 5 students** attend on Tuesday, March 22.
- **6-12 students** attend on Thursday, March 24.

Lunch provided for all students. Transportation provided for students who have completed the transportation request form (you will receive a confirmation phone/email regarding your bus pickup time and location).

# Student Recognition Ceremonies



Check your email for  
more information.

QUARTER 3

# Science in bloom

## Look what's growing at the Virtual Academy

At our February in-person event, our middle school students planted zinnias, marigolds, and sunflowers. Planting was connected to learning about the energy transformation of photosynthesis as well as the importance of producers in ecosystems and the carbon cycle, symbiotic relationships with pollinators, and preservation of soil and water quality by reducing erosion. We used recycled paper pots rather than plastic, as we've been learning about the impact of plastic in watersheds and marine biomes.



# Wacky Tacky Day



Students and staff and so much fun on Wednesday as we celebrated Wacky Tacky Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday.

# Outdoors Club



LAST FRIDAY

Our Great Outdoors Club met again last Friday at Peaks View Park. We had fun learning how to play disc golf. Special thanks to the Erskine family for introducing us to the game. We also created and completed our own obstacle course, and finished off the fun at the playground.

We have great fun planned for our next adventure--BASKETBALL and more at Riverside Park on Friday, March 11. Meet us by the playground at 12:30 p.m. (Riverside Park is off Rivermont Avenue.) All Virtual Academy students and families are welcome, but call us at 515-5550 if you want be on our communication list.

NEXT FRIDAY





# Writing SOL Dates!

10th-grade writing SOL, Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16

8th-grade writing SOL, Thursday, March 17 and Friday, March 18

**This test can only be administered in-person. It will be held at the IT Center at 3550 Young Place.**

The test begins at 9 a.m. Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. Students need to bring their LCS-issued Chromebooks. Parents will be called when students are ready to be picked up.

**Since the IT Center is a city building, masks will be required for all students.**

# Hearing & vision screening

In order to meet Virginia State requirements, LCS offers hearing and vision screenings at no cost to students.

If your student is in Kindergarten, 2nd, or 3rd grades, and has not had a hearing and vision screening in the past year, they are invited to receive a hearing and vision screening.

If your student is in 7th or 10th grade, they are also invited to receive a hearing and vision screening.

## **WHAT**

Free hearing and vision screenings with LCS school nurse

## **WHO SHOULD GET THE SCREENING**

- Kindergarten (if not done on admission physical)
- 2nd grade
- 3rd grade (if not done in 2nd grade)
- 7th grade
- 10th grade

## **WHERE**

At our LCS Virtual Academy office at 701 Thomas Road. The screening will take place in the office of Ms. Richardson, our school nurse.

## **WHEN**

Now until March 11

## **HOW**

Call Ms. Richardson, our school nurse, at 515-5143. If you receive voicemail, please leave a message with your child's name and the time you'd like to schedule the screening (Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.)

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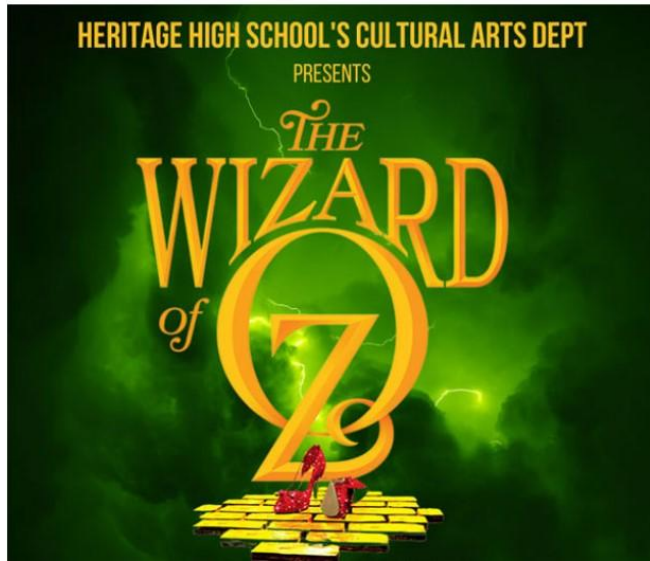
# Trailblazer TV

Check out our latest episode of our student newscast on our YouTube Channel.

[CLICK HERE](#)

# Wizard of Oz

See it before it's gone!



What: Heritage High School Pioneer Theatre Presents *The Wizard of Oz*

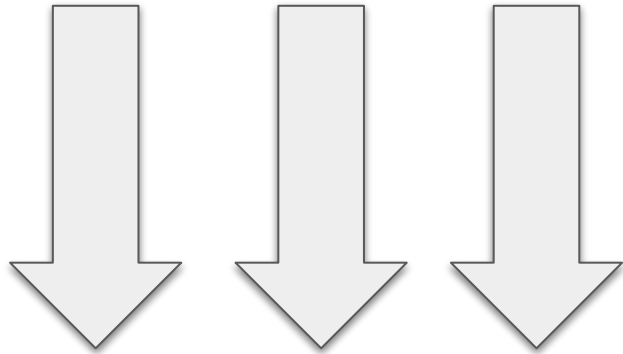
When: Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m.  
Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

Where: Heritage High School

Click your heels three times, and click below to purchase tickets in advance...

[CLICK HERE](#)

# ●: Reminders



# Planning for next school year

WHAT'S NEW NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AT THE...

## Virtual Academy



**ONE ELEMENTARY  
TEACHER PER GRADE**

**NO MORE STAGGERED  
ELEMENTARY TIMES**

**GREATER EMPHASIS ON  
SMALL-GROUP LEARNING**

**ADDITIONAL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ELECTIVES**

**INDEPENDENT STUDY  
OPTIONS**

**PARTNERSHIPS  
WITH LOCAL  
BUSINESSES FOR  
IN-PERSON EVENTS**

**LESS DEPENDENCE ON  
VIRTUAL VIRGINIA AND  
EDGENUITY**

**LCS TEACHERS FOR HIGH  
SCHOOL CORE AND ELECTIVE  
COURSES**

**GREATER EMPHASIS  
ON CAMERA USAGE  
FOR ZOOM SESSIONS**

**EXPANSION OF  
STUDENT CLUBS**

## FIELD TRIPS!

We have been thrilled to have you with us as we've journeyed together during this first year of our brand new program. Thank you for supporting us. You have been essential to the success this first year. We are excited to welcome back our families for the 2022-2023 school year.



Current students will be automatically enrolled into the Virtual Academy next year, so you don't need to fill out the application for next school year for your students who are currently attending Virtual Academy.

We invite you to apply for any new family members and help us spread the word about the application process. Details are on our website.

[CLICK HERE](#)

# WAKE UP

## *Virtual Academy*

### MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 8:10 A.M.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY ON THE  
VIRTUAL ACADEMY YOUTUBE PAGE

Don't forget to visit our Virtual Academy Youtube link below **at 8:10 AM each school day** to watch Mr. Boyd (and guests) share **student shoutouts, birthdays, trivia, and important announcements!**

You won't want to miss it!



# Counselor's Corner

With Mrs. Edmondson



## SOL Resources

As we get closer to the end of the school year and when students are taking their SOLs, I wanted to ensure you were of a great resource. The following link is a great resource to help prep for an upcoming SOL.

[SOL Testing Resource](#)



# Free Dental Exam

Johnson Health Center is offering students in Pre-K through 5th grade the opportunity to receive a dental exam at school. If you do not have FAMIS/Medicaid or other dental insurance, this dental exam is available for \$25, plus an additional \$15 if radiographs are recommended.

Interested families must complete and send in the form by March 4.

[CLICK HERE](#)

for more information!

# Assignment & Grading Reminder

Each week, teachers post assignments for students to complete. Each assignment has a due date. Two weeks after the teacher posts the assignment, the assignment will automatically lock. Please be sure your child completes their assignments on time!

For Example

Monday January 10th



READ: Freshwater Basics (sections 8.1-8.5)



SUBMIT: Water Basics Questions

Jan 16 | 19 pts  
Due Date



Assignment will automatically lock after January 24th



# Scholarship Opportunities

There are several scholarship opportunities coming up for our students. Below are just a few:

- 2021/2022 Kenneth R. Scott Aviation Scholarship
- 2021/2022 Willard G. Plentl Aviation Scholarship
- STEM Scholarships at Longwood University

Please reach out to me via email ([edmondsonkn@lcsedu.net](mailto:edmondsonkn@lcsedu.net)) if you have questions about the scholarships or if you are interested in applying.

New middle school novels for sixth and seventh graders are ready for pickup! 8th grade students, we don't have a new novel in yet.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TEXTBOOK AND NOVEL PICKUP/RETURN

### 6th grade Advanced English:

Wonder (Return)  
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh (Return)  
Mixed Up Files

### 6th grade English:

Hatchet (Return)  
Mrs. Frisby and The Rats of Nimh (Return)  
Mixed Up Files

### 7th grade History:

Our America

### All 8th grade:

Green Glass House (Return)  
Ghost (Return)  
TBD

### 7th grade English:

Wrinkle in Time (Return)  
Holes (Return)  
Boy at War

### All middle school:

Intro Literature  
Big Ideas Math

### 7th grade Advanced English:

The Giver (Return)  
Holes (Return)

**If your student would benefit from Science textbooks, we have the following:**

- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Principles of Science

# HIGH SCHOOL TEXTBOOK & NOVEL PICKUP

## 9th-grade English:

The Great Gatsby  
Brown Girl Dreaming  
American Born Chinese  
Eats, Shoots, and  
Leaves

## 10th-grade English:

Lord of the Flies  
Fahrenheit 451  
Julius Caesar  
Antigone

## 11th-grade English:

A Good Man is Hard  
to Find  
Of Mice and Men  
A Raisin in the Sun

## 12th-grade English:

Hamlet  
Frankenstein  
Beowulf

## AP English Literature and Composition:

Hamlet by William  
Shakespeare  
Beowulf

AP US Government  
AP US History  
AP World History  
Geometry  
Trigonometry

Also, you can access  
the following online:

[A Worn Path](#)  
[The Jilting of Granny](#)  
[Weatherall](#)  
[Soldiers Home](#)

You can pick these up at our  
office at 701 Thomas Road,  
Monday through Friday,  
between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Call us at 515-5550 if you  
have any questions!

# Help is on the way!

Attention ALL STUDENTS!  
We are now able to provide  
TUTORING for interested  
students this semester.

If you are interested, please  
reach out to Mrs. Edmondson  
at [edmondsonkn@lcsedu.net](mailto:edmondsonkn@lcsedu.net)



Thank you for viewing this week's



# Trailblazer Times

WE ARE ON THE MOVE!