

Dear Heritage Families,

We are so excited to welcome you to Edmond's beautiful Heritage Elementary! Truly a living museum, Heritage recognizes Oklahoma trailblazers who contributed to our Edmond, Oklahoma, and U.S. heritage. These heroes such as Will Rogers, Shannon Miller, and Woody Guthrie are role models for all of us as we are "Learning to be Heroes"—Heritage Heroes!

This year we anticipate having nearly 750 students—about 5 teachers per grade level. We are excited to continue the implementation of our math program, *Bridges*, and expand our digital initiative from fifth grade to PK. We are proud to announce that we again achieved Great Expectations Model School status. Only 106 schools in the U.S. have received this designation, and only two schools in the nation (Heritage and Frontier) have earned Model School status in their first year of existence. Through professional learning communities, we seek to provide each child with a positive, safe, and successful learning environment with tiered supports and a climate of mutual respect.

This year's theme, "Heritage Risin'!" emphasizes our pursuit of excellence reflected in Oklahoma's Centennial song, "Oklahoma Risin'!" by Vince Gill. We invite you to learn with us and celebrate our accomplishments in authentic learning, STEAM design, video production and coding.

*We're Oklahoma risin', brighter than a star  
Stand up and sing about her. Let the world know who we are.*

*Say hello to the future, gonna shake the future's hand  
And build a better world upon this sacred land.*

*We're the sons and the daughters, children of the West,  
We're Oklahoma risin', risin' up to be the best!*

Our school calendar/handbook provides important information about our school and district. We hope you will read it to learn more about Heritage. We will be happy to answer any questions that you might have. We also ask that each family review important EPS policies located in the Parents Section of our website.



Watch for future announcements and events on our Facebook page (Heritage Elementary School Edmond, Oklahoma) and website (<http://www.edmondschools.net/heritage/Home.aspx>). You can also follow us on Twitter: Heritage Elementary @HerotheEagle. In September please download our School Messenger app from the app store to begin receiving important announcements such as altered bus times and weather impact on school events. If you have questions, please contact me: [cathey.bugg@edmondschools.net](mailto:cathey.bugg@edmondschools.net). We can't wait for you to become a part of Edmond's Heritage!

Heritage Risin'!

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