HERRIN CUSD #4 DISTRICT DIGEST

News & Highlights from Herrin CUSD #4

NOVEMBER 2026 Edition | *Harvesting Gratitude*



Kindergarten Student at Bandy's Pumpkin Patch
October 2026

Mark your calendars:

Key Dates:

- October 26-30 - **Red Ribbon Week**
- October 29 - **1/2 Day Parent/Teacher Conf.**
- November 1 - **Time Change**
- November 17 - **Board Meeting**

Early Outs:

- Thursday, October 29 - **11:30 Schedule**
- Monday, November 16 - **2:00 Schedule**
- Monday, December 7 - **2:00 Schedule**
- Friday, December 18 - **2:00 Schedule**
- Monday, January 5 - **11:30 Schedule**

School Closures:

- October 30 - **School Improvement**
- November 11 - **Veterans' Day**
- November 25-27 - **Thanksgiving Break**
- December 21-January 1 - **Christmas Break**
- January 4 - **Teacher In-service**

From the desk of Superintendent Wilson:

Hey, Herrin Tiger Families –

As the leaves change and the autumn chill sets in, November always gives us a welcome chance to slow down and take stock. Last month we talked a lot about Tiger Citizenship. The goal was simple: get our students thinking about respect, ownership, and how we treat one another every day. This month, we're building on that foundation with a theme that brings those ideas home: **Harvesting Gratitude.**

It's easy to talk about gratitude in broad terms, but real appreciation comes down to the individual choices we make every single day. Thankfulness isn't just a collective feeling – it starts with each of us taking a moment to notice, acknowledge, and appreciate the people around us.

Personally, I'm deeply thankful for my parents and the teachers I had in school. They invested a great deal of time and taught me so many valuable lessons. This time of year, I'm flooded with so many great memories of my childhood. I hope that we're creating those same types of memories for our students today.

I'm thankful for our Herrin teachers and support staff, who bring energy, patience, and dedication to our classrooms every morning. I'm grateful for our parents and guardians, who trust us with their children and partner with us every step of the way. And most of all, I'm incredibly thankful for our students, whose curiosity and personalities make this work worthwhile. As we head toward Thanksgiving break, I encourage each of you to find your own way to express gratitude to someone who makes a difference in your life. Thank you for everything you do for our Tiger family.

Go Tigers!

Nathaniel L. Wilson
Superintendent
Herrin CUSD #4



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Monthly Tiger Focus:
Harvesting Gratitude

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3	4	5	6 NSPC | Fall Picture Retake Day	7
8	9	10	11 No School Veterans' Day	12	13	14
15 IASB School Board Members Day	16 2:00 Dismissal	17 District | Board Meeting	18	19	20 NSPC | Pre-Thanksgiving Day Parade	21
22	23	24	25 No School Thanksgiving Break	26 No School Thanksgiving Day	27 No School Thanksgiving Break	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

For details and times, visit: *www.herrinschools.org/events*

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"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul."
— Henry Ward Beecher

Around the District:



Cold Hands, Warm Hearts: Honoring Our Local Heroes

As we put gratitude into action this month, we love looking back at one of our favorite district traditions: the annual Veterans' Day Parade at North Side Primary and Herrin Elementary.

Each year, our K–5 students dedicate time in the classroom to creating custom banners, artwork, and flags while learning about the sacrifice and selfless duty of our military members. On parade day, the excitement is palpable as classes line the route – braving the crisp autumn air with their handmade signs held high, singing patriotic songs, and cheering on local veterans as they pass by. It's a powerful, inspiring sight where our young Tigers show firsthand that thankfulness isn't just something we feel, but something we actively express through energy, respect, and community support.

For our students, the parade is much more than a fun morning outside – it's a hands-on, unforgettable lesson in gratitude. Seeing local service members face-to-face helps our kids connect what they learned about citizenship to real-life sacrifice, teaching them to honor the men and women who protect our freedoms.

We look forward to continuing this proud tradition again this month as our schools gather once more to cheer on, celebrate, and thank our local heroes.

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Tiger Focus:

Harvesting Gratitude

- Studies in positive psychology show that **practicing daily gratitude can lower stress levels**, improve sleep quality, and boost overall mental well-being for both students and adults by up to 25%.
- **Practice the "3-to-1 Rule" at home** – challenge your family each evening at dinner or bedtime to share three small things they were grateful for that day and one way they helped someone else.
- **Reach out** to at least one teacher, staff member, or fellow community member this month **with a quick note or word of thanks** for the difference they make every day.

In Case You Missed It:

Read the latest resources from The Parent Institute:

Check out our newest photo galleries:

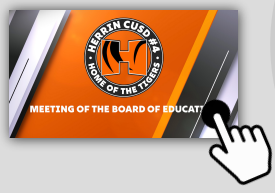


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