Heartland Glossary

- ***5th Grade Farewell***
  - 5th Grade Graduation ceremony that takes place in the evening typically the last week of school.
  - The ceremony typically lasts about 1 hour and is followed by a reception in the library.
- ***Back-to-School Night***
  - Adults only event, no students or siblings
  - Tuesday, August 20
  - Classroom teachers present information pertaining to curriculum, classroom routines, and other information pertaining to the upcoming school year.
    - 5:15-5:45pm - Session 1
    - 5:45-6:15pm - PTO & Specialists presentation in the gymnasium
    - 6:15-6:45pm - Session 2: This is a repeat of Session 1 for families with multiple students or who couldn't attend Session 1
- ***Birthday Book Club***
  - Donate $20 to the library to join Heartland's Birthday Book Club
  - Upon joining, students will select a brand-new book.
    - A placard is placed in the new book with their name and the student's photo is displayed on the library birthday wall.
    - Students may check out their birthday book for one month.
- ***Book Fair***
  - Heartland works with Literati Book Fairs to host a fair in November
  - Wide variety of books available for sale with profits going to Heartland's library to purchase new books
- ***Box Top for Education***
  - Box Tops for Education (BTFE) is a school fundraising program that allows customers to earn cash for their school of choice by purchasing participating products. Customers can scan their receipts using the Box Tops app to earn points for their school, or they can connect their Box Tops and Walmart accounts to earn cash for their school when they buy participating products at Walmart.
- ***Car Pool Lane***
  - The drop-off and pick-up lane is dedicated to the loading and unloading of students by private motor vehicles.
    - Guidelines
      - Follow the map given to families at the beginning of the school year.
      - Students enter and exit cars on the passenger side onto the sidewalk.
        - Seat your child on the passenger side of the car.

- Adults must stay in the car.
- Pull to the end of the lane as directed by teachers.
- Say goodbyes on the way to school.
- Remember to unlock the car door.
- Teach your child how to buckle and unbuckle their seatbelt.
- When picking up a child in the carpool lane, display your child's name in the front window for teachers and students to see.
- Do not pick up or drop off your child on Goodman Street.

- ***Community Service***
  - At Heartland Elementary, all students are encouraged to participate in acts of community service. Students who record 26 or more hours will be recognized with the Blue Valley Volunteer Service Award.
  - For community service performed OUTSIDE of the school and to ensure your student is properly credited with his/her hours of service, please follow the steps listed on the Heartland PTO website in your families account.
  - Activities that occur at Heartland will be recorded by the school on your student's account. For recognition in May 2025, hours must be between May 1, 2024 and May 3, 2025
- ***Culture Fair***
  - All students attend this daytime event in the library every other year
  - Parents and families participate by providing artifacts and information from their country/culture to share with our students.
- ***Drum Ensemble (Jaguar Pulse)***: Mrs. Coday
  - Auditioned 5th grade students who play on world music drums.
  - Jaguar Pulse performs at community events, assemblies, and a Glow Show in the Spring.
- ***EC***
  - On the Blue Valley School District yearly calendar, ***EC*** stands for "Early Childhood."
- ***ESOL***
  - English Speakers of Other Languages
  - Heartland has two ESOL teachers: Mrs. Allmon and Mrs. Reberry
  - Students who qualify for ESOL may be pulled out during intervention to receive small group instructions and they may receive extra help in the classroom.
- ***Field Day***
  - Held in May
  - All students participate in various outdoor and indoor activities. Usually K-2 has field day in the morning and 3-5 has field day in the afternoon.
- ***Field Trips***
  - Students visit different places throughout the community at different times of the year. Classroom teachers will provide more information.
- ***Geography Bee***

    - 4th and 5th graders participate after completing a pre-test
    - February or March
- ***Heartland Book Swap***
    - Book swap is an optional activity in mid May during the day in the library
    - All students may participate by bringing in gently used books to "swap" out for another gently used book.
- ***HRT***
    - Stands for **Heartland** Elementary School
- ***IEP***
    - An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is a written statement for a student eligible for special education that is developed, reviewed, and revised in accordance with state and federal laws. The IEP guides the student's learning while in special education.
- ***Invest in Heartland-formerly known as "Take Stock in Heartland."***
    - In lieu of fundraising, we are asking parents to donate
- ***Intervention***
    - a short-term focused teaching program with objectives aimed at particular students or small groups of students with specific needs.
- ***JAG Dens***
    - All students are part of a Heartland staff member led small group of mixed K-5 students
    - Jag Dens meet every Friday morning for a themed mini lesson
- ***JAG Chorus***
    - Open to all 4th and 5th Grade students.
    - Students sing and perform at community events and assemblies.
- ***JAG News***
    - Weekly newsletter written by Dr. Sauceda
    - Emailed at the end of each week to Heartland Families
    - Contains important information about Heartland or upcoming events.
- **Major Saver**
    - This is a District-Wide Fundraiser. It is not a fundraiser for Heartland. It is a fundraiser for the Blue Valley Educational Foundation.
- ***Math Intervention***
    - Students who qualify for extra help in math may be pulled out for 30 minutes during intervention.
- ***Mathletics***
    - Students in 3rd, 4th, 5th grade during the school day once a quarter
    - Students work in teams to complete a variety of timed math related problems
- ***Meet the Teacher Ice Cream Social***
    - Monday, August 11 from 4:30-6:30 for Parents and Students
    - Meet your child's classroom teacher and bring your child's school supplies. If you preordered school supplies, pick these up in the gym.
    - Join PTO, Boy or Girl Scouts, sign-Up to help with school parties

- ***MTK:***
    - Stands for Membership Tool Kit
    - This is the website PTO (Heartland's Parent/Teacher Organization) uses to communicate with parents.
        - Join PTO
        - Upload yearbook pictures
        - Pay for special events
        - Purchase School Yearbook
- ***Nut-Safer List***
    - Parents may choose from this list of brand-specific foods or choose foods clearly labeled as "not containing nuts" when selecting party snacks or class snacks.
    - All foods brought into school for special events must be purchased in stores and cannot be homemade products in order to reduce the possibility of cross contact.
- ***ParentVue***
    - ***Link:*** ParentVue
    - Parents enroll students on ParentVue
    - Parents add money to their child's lunch account on ParentVue
- ***Paw Prints***
    - Volunteers needed
    - Teachers drop off materials that may need to be cut, laminated, etc. that can be finished by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, contact the office.
- ***PTO***
    - Heartland's Parent/Teacher Organization
    - $25 dues paid each year
    - 100% of this fee goes to Heartland's PTO
        - These fees cover the PTO website costs, banking fees, cultural arts, visiting author, Seuss Cafe, field trips, special events.
        - Some of the special events include:
            - Ice Cream Social
            - Pastries with Parents
            - New Parent Picnic
            - Daddy/Daughter Event
            - Carnival
            - Mother/Son Event
            - PTO Appreciation Event
    - Heartland Elementary PTO Website
- ***PTO Dine-Out Fundraiser***
    - These are held throughout the year at various restaurants.
    - This is a fundraiser for our school.
    - Restaurants give us a percentage of their profits.
    - Organized by PTO

- *Reading Intervention*
    - Students who qualify for extra help in reading are pulled out for 30 minutes during intervention.
- *ROAR*
    - Acronym for our mission statement - Responsible, Organized, Active-Learner, Resilient
- *ROAR Store*
    - Student run store for students to purchase fun school supplies each Wednesday morning
- *Room Parent -*
- *Safety Patrol*
    - Safety Patrol is a community service opportunity for 5th-grade students. These students arrive early and stay after school to assist teachers with the lower lot car drop off/pick up duties.
- *School Carnival*
    - Saturday daytime event
    - Usually in the Fall
    - Organized by PTO
    - Volunteers needed
- *School Colors*
    - Yellow and Black
- *School Mascot*
    - Jaguar
- *School Supplies*
    - Supplies commonly used by students in the classroom such as crayons, markers, glue, folders, headphones, pencils and pens.
    - These items are purchased by parents.
    - Each grade level has created a specific supply list.
    - School supplies may be ordered in April and May for the upcoming school year or parents may purchase items on their own.
- *Seuss Cafe'*
    - This long time tradition is held in the library around the 1st week of March
    - All grades attend Seuss Cafe' with their grade level buddies to read Dr. Seuss books and enjoy a provided snack together
    - 5th graders apply to be servers and help serve the students
- *Skating Party*
    - Held once or twice a year in the evening at Skate City in Overland Park
    - Organized by PTO
- *Specials*
    - Art, Music, Physical Education (PE), and Spanish classes taught by teachers who specialize in these areas.
        - These teachers are often referred to as “Specialists.”
    - Students attend 55 minutes to one hour of specials each day.
- *Spelling Bee*

    - 3rd, 4th and 5th grades participate through a classroom “spell off”
    - Usually in January
- ***Spirit Days***
    - Monthly themed fun dress up days.
    - Dressing up is optional.
    - See Heartland calendar for monthly spirit day themes
- ***Spirit Wear***
    - The PTO creates customized Heartland clothing.
    - Sold by PTO at the beginning of each school year.
    - May be ordered at Meet the Teacher Ice Cream Social on August 12.
- ***STUCO***
    - Student Government Group
    - Group of 4th and 5th grade students who meet monthly to talk about things they want to do for the school
    - STUCO also runs our ROAR Store (see above for more information)
- ***Take Home Folder***
    - Every Heartland student is given a take home folder to bring to and from school everyday.
- ***Talent Show***
    - The Talent Show is opened to 4th and 5th grade students.
    - This takes place either the last week or second to last week of school.
    - Students must audition in order to participate.
    - Mrs. Coday will send out an email with all the information in late April.
- ***WHRT***
    - WHRT is Heartland's morning announcements broadcast program. Students in 4th and 5th grades can join this group that meets before school.
- ***WSC – Wilderness Science Center***
    - The Carolyn Ball Blair Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center (WSC) is an educational facility created with the primary goal of providing authentic learning opportunities for students. The trails, study stations and the Helen & Victor Regnier Learning Center on the 30-acre site have been under development since 1999 and are located behind Blue River Elementary and Blue Valley Middle schools.
- ***Yearbook***
    - Heartland’s yearbook is a book of photos and words published annually to commemorate and highlight the events of the school year. Parents may contribute pictures to the yearbook through Heatland’s PTO website. You do not have to be a member of PTO to contribute pictures.
        - Parents may pre-purchase yearbooks when registering their child for school.
        - Parents may also pre-purchase yearbooks in February and March. Watch for emails on when to order.