



# Heights Happenings

## The Monthly Newsletter of Heights Elementary

**Vision:** To be a world-class school.

**Mission:** Heights Elementary IB World School is dedicated to developing balanced, life long learners through educational excellence, a global perspective, reflection and action.

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### A Message from Administration

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great summer and hope you had an opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime with your child.

It was great to see everyone at Open House. We welcome your partnership in your child's education, and together, we will make 2017-2018 an exciting school year.

### Free Breakfast and Lunch

All students at Heights Elementary, in cooperation with the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge, regardless of family income status.

### PTA

Joining PTA will open you up to a whole new side of involvement into your child's life. Join communities, learn valuable information, and provide support for our school. For more information, please visit the Heights PTA website at: [heightselempta@gmail.com](mailto:heightselempta@gmail.com).

### WATCH D.O.G.S.

Calling all dads! We are looking for male father figures to join our WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program. The WATCH D.O.G.S. program at Heights provides a strong male presence in our school and provides many services and volunteer hours throughout the year. If you are interested in joining, please call Mike Licata, our WATCH D.O.G.S. coordinator.

### Volunteers

Heights Elementary loves their volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please complete an online application, which can be accessed on the Heights Elementary website, or stop by the office and complete a paper application. All volunteers must complete a new application at the beginning of each school year and the application must be approved prior to volunteering.



### Low-Cost Home Internet Access

Internet access is one of the most valuable tools for students today. Comcast Internet Essentials offers low-cost high-speed Internet for qualifying families. For more information, please see additional information on the Lee County Schools website, [www.leeschools.net/low-cost-internet-for-home](http://www.leeschools.net/low-cost-internet-for-home), or contact Comcast directly at 1-855-846-8376.

Traducion disponible: Si desean información sobre este boletín por favor de llamar a Lizzette Roman (481-1761) de 7:45am-2:00pm.



**Breakfast: 7:25 AM - 7:45 AM**

**Student Hours: 7:55 AM - 2:10 PM**

**Office Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:30PM**

<http://het.leeschools.net>

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### September Events

- 4 Labor Day—School Closed
- 14 4:30 PM—Open House, Pre-K, 1st & 2nd Grade
- 5:45—WATCH D.O.G.S. Meeting
- 6:30 PM—Open House, Grades 3, 4, 5
- 18 Interims Go Home Today
- 21 Rosh Hashanah—School Closed
- 27 Individual Picture Day

### IB Profile Word for August

#### Inquirer

*We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research.*

*We know how to learn independently and with others.*

*We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.*

*“Judge a man by his questions, rather than by his answers.” Voltaire*



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# School Notes

Please return your child's completed white emergency card as soon as possible. It is very important that we have a way to reach you in case of an emergency.

Communication between teacher and parent(s) is essential. All classes will send home graded papers and other handouts in an envelope each Monday. The contents will enable you to see your child's progress. Parents are expected to review its contents, sign the outside of the envelope, and return it to school the next day.

If your child will ride a school bus to a day care, you must complete the Day Care Bus Stop Request form. This form must be completed in advance and must be approved by administration prior to your child riding the bus.

To find a bus stop, go to [www.leeschools.net](http://www.leeschools.net). Click on Parent Portal and then scroll down and click on Bus Routes. Enter your street number and street name and then scroll down and click on Heights Elementary.

If your child is going home a different way than what the school has on file, the change must be in writing and given to the office prior to 1:00 p.m.

Car Tags will be issued to all Kindergarten students and students new to Heights Elementary. If your child is returning to Heights, you may use the same tag from last year—just cross out the old grade number and write in the new grade number. If you need a replacement card, please stop by the main office. The cost for a replacement or additional Car Tag is \$1 each.

Buses have priority on the bus ramp during student drop-off in the morning. Drivers must yield to school buses on the ramp.



What is the PTA? Why should you join? The number one reason to join the PTA, is to benefit your child. When you register, you automatically assist your entire school community. When you become a member, you also gain access to information pertaining to Heights Elementary. Through the years, the Heights PTA has provided various enrichment opportunities for the children, provided necessary supplies, organized family and community activities, facility improvements, teacher recognition and so much more. Receive all of this for the annual bargain price of \$5. The class in each grade level with the most PTA Members by September 14<sup>th</sup>, will WIN a popsicle party! Signing up for PTA does NOT commit you to volunteering, although we welcome any and all volunteers throughout the year.

- **Stay informed by liking us on Facebook at “Heights Elementary PTA”** for frequent updates on what’s happening at Heights.
- Save the date for our **Annual Fall Auction** (our biggest fundraiser of the year) to be held at Barbara B Mann on **October 20<sup>th</sup>**! This year’s theme will be “Mardi Gras”. Donation and sponsorship opportunities are available. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities as well. Please contact [Heightselempta@gmail.com](mailto:Heightselempta@gmail.com) for more information.
- Want another EASY way to raise money for your school? BoxTops are BACK! We’re kicking off BoxTops strong with a start of school challenge. Download the BoxTops For Education app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and start scanning your eligible grocery receipts. If we can collectively bring in \$1,000 by August 31<sup>st</sup>, ALL KIDS will get a little treat. Hint: There are bonus BoxTops promotions worth 2 to 100 BoxTops!
- Watch for Spirit Wear Order Forms to come home in the coming weeks. We have a fun variety of shirts and other spirit wear items. Thanks for supporting your PTA while showing your school spirit!
- We are beyond thrilled to have started and almost completed the first phase of the slough. Over the summer we obtained various final permits and were able to install 162 feet of boardwalk! This has been a very long process, which would not have been possible without the dedication of Stokes Marine, Matt Horton of Ensite Design, Steve and Kevin Shimp and all of the financial contributors. We are offering the sale of planks on the boardwalk for \$300 or nature phrases plaques for \$500 to keep the momentum going and propel us into the next phase of construction. Please email us if you would like additional information or if you are able to assist with this amazing project.
- Huge changes have been made to the back recess “yard”. We’ve added a well, irrigation, grass, basketball court, shades, hopscotch, 4 square, as well as multiple sports balls, jump ropes, and hula hoops for the children to enjoy. This was made possible by Panther Fit dollars. A special thanks goes to Cynthia Davey for all of her hard work on this project, and Marc Bilodeau for his generous donation to the cause. Awesome!

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