



# HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS

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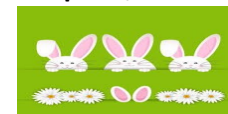
Heights Elementary IB World School

April 1, 2017



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

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



## A Message from Administration

It is hard to believe that another year is almost to its end. Our 5th grade students are getting ready to embark on their next journey—middle school! This year, our **5th Grade Awards Ceremony** will be held at **Fort Myers High School** on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 9:00 am. 5th grade students will be taken by school bus to and from Fort Myers High School. Due to time constraints, students will not be allowed to check out with parents at Fort Myers High School, but can be checked out once they return to Heights Elementary. We look forward to seeing you there!

We would like to take a minute to thank our PTA for all of their hard work this year. Whether it was the Ice Cream Social, Auction, Panther Fit or Dippin' Dots Party, our PTA has been tireless in planning and supporting the students of Heights Elementary. Thank you PTA!

We hope everyone has a restful and joyful Spring Break!

## 2016-2017 Yearbook

The first order of our 2016-2017 Yearbooks have been sold out. More are on the way! Date to be announced. The cost is \$10 each.

## Picnic in the Park at Lakes Park

Fun for EVERYONE! Friday, April 21st is our annual after school Picnic in the Park. It will be held at Lakes Park, at The Lodge from 2:30-4:30 pm. There will be inflatable games, snow cones, pizza, drinks, music and lots of fun. This event is sponsored by our wonderful PTA and is **FREE for all Heights families**.

## BUGS (Bring Up Grades)

4th graders celebrate with the Kiwanis Club! Students in 4th grade, who maintain their grades from quarter to quarter and bring up at least one grade in any subject, are eligible to receive a special recognition from the Kiwanis Club at the end of each quarter! Talk with your child about setting goals to reach their fullest potential. Thank you Kiwanis, 4th grade teachers, and IB Coordinator, Ms. Leslie.

## IB Exhibition

The 5th grade IB Exhibition will be held on May 18, 2017. The Exhibition Unit is a chance for our 5th grade students to exhibit what they have learned throughout their school-life at Heights. Importantly, this unit will require students to explore their own capacity, talents and gifts for learning.

## District of Lee County - Parent Survey

The School District of Lee County values your opinion. Please help us in our efforts to serve you better by taking a brief online survey. You may access the survey at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6NKC6>

El Distrito Escolar del Condado Lee valora su opinión. Por favor, ayúdenos en nuestros esfuerzos de servirle mejor contestando esta encuesta. Puede tener acceso a la encuesta mediante este enlace:

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Traducción 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

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## Upcoming Events for April

10-16	Spring Break—No School Vacación de Primavera –No Hay Escuela.
14	Good Friday—Viernes Santo
16	Easter—Día de Pascua
21	Picnic in the Park at Lakes Park—2:30 pm-4:30 pm Picnic en Lakes Park—2:30-4:30pm
27	PTA Meeting—2:45 pm, in the Media Center Reunión de PTA—2:45 en la librería.
28	Mother Figure/Son Dance-6:00 pm (Sold out) Baile de Madre e Hijo—6:00pm (función llena)



## IB Profile Word for March

### Balanced

*We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives **intellectual, physical, and emotional** to achieve well-being for ourselves and others.*

*We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.*

*“The foundation stones for a balanced success are: honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty.”*  
Zig Ziglar



## The School Board of Lee County, Florida

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# School Notes



Students in grades 3, 4 & 5 will take the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) as indicated below:

Date	Assessment	Grade	Date	Assessment	Grade
April 19 & 20	FSA Math	5	May 2 & 3	FSA Science	5
April 25 & 26	FSA ELA (English Language Arts)	5	May 2 & 3	FSA Math	4
April 27 & 28	FSA ELA (English Arts)	4	May 4 & 5	FSA Math	3

## Classroom Notes:

Students in Mrs. Apostol and Ms. Baughman's room are learning how to be a scientist. They will be doing a variety of simple experiments and document each step of The Scientific Method.

2nd Grade will be going to the Edison Home at the end of April to learn about what Thomas Edison invented and the contributions he made to our community and the world. Thanks to all who contributed to our very cool field trip t-shirts. Thanks to Miss Kee for spearheading this project!

## IB News

The IB focus for April: Students who are **BALANCED** are healthy are aware that eating properly and exercising is important in their lives. They understand that it is important to have a balance between the physical and mental aspects of their bodies. They spend time doing many different things. Students balance work and play.

### How can parents help develop students who are *Balanced* at home?

- Encourage your child to participate in a wide variety of structured activities.
- During less structured time, also be aware of the activities that your child is participating in. Too much time in front of the computer or television is not desirable. Generally active kids should take time for quiet reading or reflection; students who spend a lot of time drawing or reading, should be encouraged to also exercise and play.
- Discuss the food groups with your child. Spend a few minutes during a mealtime deciding if what your family is eating is balanced.
- Spend time as a parent or family doing many different things.

*Taken directly from Being an IP PYP Parent, Brown International Academy, Denver Public Schools*



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**FINAL PTA Meeting:** This is your last chance to hear and be heard at a PTA meeting for this school year. Mark your calendar for April 27th at 2:45 pm. We will only be hosting an afternoon meeting on this day as it is also an ELECTION meeting! We need to discuss and vote on Board Members for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Available positions include: President, (3) Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. If you would like to make a nomination, please contact a member of our Nominating Committee at the following email addresses: Jamie [jamietch@comcast.net](mailto:jamietch@comcast.net), Lynn [lccm925@yahoo.com](mailto:lccm925@yahoo.com), or Carly [jcschwartzel@gmail.com](mailto:jcschwartzel@gmail.com).

We are so excited to be hosing our FIRST Mother Figure/Son dance on April 28th in the cafeteria! Invitations went home on March 27th. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis as space is limited. **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN SOLD OUT!**

We are excited to announce that we have secured a date for our 2017 Annual Auction! It will be held on October 20th at Barbara B. Mann. At this time we are forming a committee to get the plans under way. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we need volunteers in order to hold the event and make it a success. Many of our 5th grade families that have been a part of the committee are graduating this year! We would like to see some new volunteers that come from our early grades so that this great fundraiser can continue. We train for all areas of this event. Please let us know if you can help in any way or would like more information by sending us an email at [Heightselempta@gmail.com](mailto:Heightselempta@gmail.com). We have our first committee meeting on May 3rd at 6:30 pm, at University Grill restaurant.

**"Every child is its own individual flower but together, they sure make a beautiful garden!"** *Anonymous*

**Mark your calendar for 16/17 PTA meetings:** 4/27/17 at 2:45 pm, in the Media Center.