



# Heights Happenings

## The Monthly Newsletter of Heights Elementary IB World School

**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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### Message from Administration

With the changing times, we find we must change with them. In reviewing our safety procedures, we have determined that we need to change our sign-in/sign-out process for students, visitors and volunteers here at Heights Elementary. All parents/guardians signing a student out, will be required to present their driver's license before a student will be called to the office. Visitors and volunteers will also be required to present their driver's license prior to entering the hallways, cafeteria, or classrooms. This new process may take a few extra minutes so we thank you in advance for your understanding.

Just a reminder that students may not be signed out after 1:30 pm. If parents arrive after 1:30 pm to sign their student out, they will be asked to wait until after 2:00 pm to give the office time to reach teachers to let them know about a change in transportation home. If you have an emergency, please let the office know. They will direct you to an administrator for a possible exception.

### 2nd Annual Autism Acceptance Day

The 2nd Annual Autism Acceptance Day will be held at Christ Community Church, 4050 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers on April 14, 2018 from 12-4 pm. There will be games, bounce houses, Kona Ice, arts and crafts, snacks, and lots of fun!

### All County Honor Choir

The following students will be representing Heights Elementary at the 2018 All County Honor Choir on March 8th, at South Fort Myers High School, 7 pm: Sarah Johnson, Ben Sabo, Paisley Pentecost and Delaney Martin. Congratulations!

### Read Across America Week

Students had fun this week wearing silly socks, hats, wearing wacky clothes, dressing up in green, and as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. On Thursday, the entire school dropped everything to read. On Friday, we had 40+ readers reading to our classrooms. Thank you! A big thank you to Ms. Davis, Ms. Lytle and Ms. Harris for their hard work to make this week enjoyable for students and staff.

### School Street—No Parking, Please

Just a reminder: Please do not park on School Street to drop students off in the morning or to pick students up at dismissal for the safety of our students.



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  
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### Upcoming Events

Mar 9	Daddy Figure/Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
Mar 16	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day 
Mar 19-23	Spring Break - School Closed
Mar 20	First Day of Spring 
Mar 30	Good Friday—No School
Apr 1	Easter 
Apr 2	Hurricane Make Up Day—School Open
Apr 4	FSA Writing—4th & 5th Grades
Apr 6	Report Cards



### IB Profile Word for March

Risk-Taker

*We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies.*

*We are **resourceful** and resilient in the face of **challenges** and change.*

*“**Growth** means **change** and change involves **risk**, stepping from the **known** to the **unknown**.” George Shin*



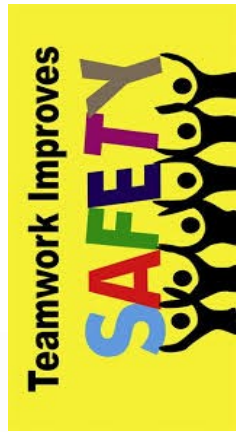
### The School Board of Lee County, Florida

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We have made some changes to our morning parent drop-off procedure and as a result, 99% of all students are here and in the building by 7:55 each morning.

Outside supervision of students in the morning does not start until 7:25 am. Safety is a concern for students dropped off prior to this time.

Please do not pass a stopped school bus during parent drop-off. This is the same as passing a bus on the road - against the law. Buses have priority on the bus ramp in the morning.

To drop students off, please use one of the car lines in the morning. Parking and walking students to the curb in front of the school creates a safety concern when crossing the flow of traffic.



## Notes

Our school IB newsletter, *The Communicator*, is a great way to learn about the IB program at Heights. To find the latest issue, please see *The Communicator* on our school website: <http://het.leeschools.net>.



Congratulations to all of our Heights students, families and staff for participating in our 3rd Panther Fit FUN-draiser! Thank you to everyone who contributed their valuable time to successfully coordinate and manage such a large two day event, and to the friends and families of our students for their generous donations. Our combined efforts will provide valuable resources to our school. Oh, and let's not forget to thank Pete the Panther for keeping our spirits high and motivating the children to do their best!! The PTA Board wants to send a special Shout Out to Cynthia Davey for, once again, spearheading this large event! She rocks WODS!!

### Thank you to our first ever T-Shirt Sponsors:

Greer Healthcare (Greer Family)  
CCG/Capital Care Group (Phillips Family)  
Stokes Marine (Stokes Family)  
Karras Painting Company (Karras Family)  
Nick & Stellas (Karras Family)

### Thank you to our first ever WOD Sponsors:

Flash Mob Social (Skinner Family)  
Pop 'Z BBQ & Catering (Johnson Family)

### This year, the classes with the most donation amounts were:

K - Pittard, 1st - Bocchino, 2nd - Crowe, 3rd - Einstein,  
4th - Edinger, 5th - Edwards

### The class with the most student participation: K - Zaenger

Many prizes have been given out (and some are still on their way) so be on the look out!

Our Gross Income for this year's event was \$30,650. THANK YOU for making this year's Panther Fit a home run!

### Coming Up:

The much anticipated **Father Figure/Daughter Dance** will be held at **Cypress Lake Middle School** on **March 9th, 6:30-8:30 pm**. **Ticket sales end March 5th**. Due to the popularity of this event, we have sought out a larger venue to try and accommodate more families. But please keep in mind that **tickets will NOT be sold at the door** and space is still limited! We look forward to seeing many of our Heights girls in attendance with their Father-Figure.

**Heights After School Picnic: Friday, April 20th at Lakes Park Pavillion, 2:30-4:30 pm**. FREE to all Heights families. Pizza, snow cones, games and more! Bring your beach chair/blanket and have some fun.

**Mother Figure/Son Dance: Friday, April 27th at Cypress Lake Middle School**. Look for flyers to come home mid April for ticket purchase.

**FUN FACT:** If you are a member of the PTA board, not only do you get the satisfaction of putting smiles on faces, improving academics, and making a difference in childrens' lives, you also get A **YELLOW Car Tag** that gets you access to the back gate in the mornings. This is a valuable asset for early morning drop offs. Elections are coming up in April, so if you would like to become a board member, please contact PTA!

Have you been hungry for an opportunity to volunteer? You're in luck!! We are currently looking to fill (3) open positions on our Nominating Placement Committee for the 2018-2019 School Year PTA Board elections. To join the Nominating Committee, an individual must be a current member of the PTA. The responsibilities of the Nominating Placement Committee will be to collect all nominations for each available board position. We will place your email address in all postings soliciting nominations. Any responses the committee receives will then be presented by the committee during our April 26th PTA General Membership/Election Meeting to be voted on by membership. You will be responsible for tallying/announcing the results during the meeting. If you are interested and willing to serve on our Nominating Placement Committee please email [heightselemppta@gmail.com](mailto:heightselemppta@gmail.com). All nominations must be received no later than March 16, 2018.

Elections will be held during our final PTA General Meeting on April 26th, 2018 in the Media Center at 2:45 pm.

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