



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

Heights Elementary welcomes Staff Officer Alan Canfield from the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Alan, the name he prefers to be called by students and adults, has been busy getting to know the students, staff and parents here at Heights. Alan will be here on campus every day through the remainder of this school year. In addition, you will notice additional support by detectives from the Lee County Sheriff's Office; during student drop-off in the morning and parent pick-up at dismissal. Our students, staff, parents, community members, the Lee County School District and the Lee County Sheriff's Office all working together to make safety a priority!

New Sign In Procedure for Visitors and Volunteers

The information below was in our March 5, 2018 Heights Happening Newsletter. We have decided to print this again for those who may not have seen this change in procedure:

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.

Heights Hurricane Choir

Our Heights Hurricane Choir will perform the National Anthem at the Fort Myers Miracles Baseball game on April 13 at 7 pm. General admission tickets are only \$7 for Heights students and parents. Come and support our Heights Hurricane Choir and the Fort Myers Miracles at Heights Night!

5th Grade Field Trip Donations

Our thanks to the following IB Sponsors for the 5th Grade End of Year trip:

- Williams Family—\$250
- Fine Mark National Bank & Trust in Fort Myers—\$500
- StudioPlus, LLC—\$500
- Pentecost Family—\$1,000



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!



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

- Apr 4 FSA Writing - 4th & 5th Grades
- Apr 6 Report Cards
- Apr 7 Kindergarten Pancake Breakfast - 8:00-10:00 am
Applebee's, 8043 Dani Drive, Fort Myers
- Apr 13 Kiwanis Book Fair
- Apr 18 Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety During PE
- Apr 20 Heights Family Picnic - Lakes Park Pavilion 2:30-
- Apr 24-25 FSA Reading - 4th & 5th Grades
- Apr 26 PTA Meeting - 2:45 pm Media Center
- Apr 27 Mother Figure/Son Dance - 6:30-8:30 pm Cypress
Lake Middle School



IB Profile Word for April

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



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JUST A LITTLE Students must be signed out by 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.

Kindergarten Kindergarten students collected and made baggies for the homeless. The students made cards and put together packages or soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, etc. The students' were really proud of this action project. The items were sent to an organization called Blankets and Blessings.

Third grade completed Student Led Conferences. Students enjoyed showing parents all the great things they have been doing in class. They were able to share what they have learned and what their goals are for the 4th quarter.

STEM The STEM Olympics took place last month. Students explored gravity, force and motion. Students investigated how weight affects gravity by designing, creating, testing a snowboarder. Students problem solved by adding weights to their snowboarder to get it to go further down the slope. After one test trial, students were able to redesign their creation and test it again to get it to work better. Great job students!

Ms. Lakatos, Ms. Eddy and Ms. Ceccarelli's classes are headed to Special Equestrians on 4/13. They will be meeting and greeting Special Partner horses, petting and brushing a Special Partner horse, learning about grooming, feeding and equipment, and reading to a horse.



IB Notes

Thank you to all parents, community partners, students, district leadership, and Heights staff for making the IB Evaluation visit a success! We appreciate the support of all of our stakeholders. The IB Evaluation visiting team reported the following areas as especially impressive: community support, respect throughout the campus, students taking action (community service), exhibition, the school culture, students as independent learners, communication, the Media Center, taught curriculum, development of the learner profile attributes, and teacher IB professional development. We will receive an official report from the IB organization in approximately 6-8 weeks. We anticipate a positive report and we look forward to continue developing our IB program. A special thanks to Amanda Leslie, our past IB Coordinator and Katie Riemenschneider, our current IB Coordinator for all of their hard work in preparing Heights Elementary for the IB Evaluation visit. You both are awesome!

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>.



A big THANK YOU to our volunteers who helped with the Father Figure/Daughter Dance, as well as the wrap up to Panther Fit with the Dippin' Dots Party and Principal's Lunch. The PTA is thrilled to assist with these opportunities and loves watching the smiles on little faces. But none of these things would be possible without the volunteer bodies to help execute the plans. It takes a village! Your efforts are valued by many.

Slough Trimming: Saturday, April 14th. We are looking for parents who want to play garden warrior and help with relocating and trimming vegetation at the end of the current boardwalk. Once that is done, we will lay a shell path that will allow children to walk further through the slough and discover wildlife. We will also be putting in planter boxers for each grade to grow vegetation of their choice. However, we need to clear the area first and can ONLY do that with help. PLEASE email us if you are willing to give a couple of hours to something that will benefit ALL of the students.

Picnic in the Park: Friday, April 20th, Lakes Park Pavilion, 2:30-4:30 pm. We will have inflatable games, Kona Ice, Jets Pizza and music. FREE for all Heights families. Spirit Sticks and Spirit Wear will be for sale. Bring your beach blanket, mingle and have some fun!

Please mark your calendars and set some time aside to attend one of the most important PTA meetings of the year. We will be voting on our NEW Board! We are looking for people who are interested in making a difference for the children of Heights. This is a great opportunity to get involved and have your voice heard. All positions are open, but we are in specific need for persons interested in the Treasurer and Recording Secretary positions. Please consider these opportunities for you or someone you know and send all nominations to Sherri Kendrick at sherri@sherritrains.com. All nominations will be channeled through the nominating committee (Sherri Kendrick, Lynn Malkani, and Kim Zeszutek.) **The PTA General meeting will take place in the Media Center on April 26th, at 2:45 pm.**

Attention Moms: **The Mother Figure/Son Dance** will be held on **April 27th, 6:30-8:30 pm at Cypress Lake Middle School.** Flyers will be coming home approximately 2 weeks prior. We WILL need volunteers for this dance (remember how we mentioned your efforts being valued) as many of the board members have sons and hope to enjoy this event with their child. Please email us if you are able to help out.

"While we try to teach children all about life, Our children teach us what life is about." Richard L. Evans

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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