



HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS



Volume 3, Issue 7

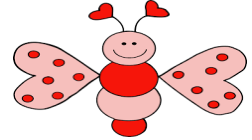
The Monthly Newsletter of

February 1, 2017

Heights Elementary IB World School

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

January 23, marked the 100th day of school for the 2016-2017 school year! The 100th day celebrates the various math concepts that can be taught using the number 100. From the very first day, kindergarten classes begin keeping track of the number of days they've been in school looking forward to the 100th day. Coffee stirrers or Popsicle sticks, ten of which become a "ten bundle," lay the ground work for counting by tens and ones. Students brought in bags which contained bags of 100 cars, pennies, buttons, etc., and teachers dressed up as if they were 100 years old! The students had a great time celebrating the 100th day of school.

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>

Follow us on Twitter @HeightsIB

Upcoming Events for February

2	PTA Meeting 8:05 a.m. Café or 2:45 p.m. Media Center
8	Classroom Pictures
9	Interim Reports
9-10	Panther Fit
17	4th Grade & 5th Grade Field Day
20	President's Day—No School
21	Teacher Inservice Day—No School
28	SAC Meeting—6:00 p.m. Media Center
School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Dates/Fechas para Reuniones de SAC April 25, 2017	



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

During student drop-off in the morning:

- Supervision for students, other than the before school care program, does not start until 7:25 a.m.
- Please do not use your electronic devices during student drop off in the morning.
- Please have your child exit the passenger side of the vehicle only.** Students exiting on the driver's side or from the back of the vehicle create a safety concern.
- When dropping students off on the bus ramp circle, please do not drop students off until you reach the part of the sidewalk where it divides into two separate paths and is in the direct vision of a staff member.
- School buses have the priority on the bus ramp. If you are following a bus on the bus ramp, you must stop and wait until the students are unloaded and the bus begins to move. Passing a school bus on the bus ramp is the same as passing a school bus out on the roads of Lee County.

IB Profile Word for February

Caring

We show empathy, compassion and respect.

We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." Margaret Mead

Notification To Parents Regarding Out-Of-Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers, at times, must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Heights Elementary are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation:

Debbie Prince (Elementary Education)

In addition, the following teachers are engaged in training to add the endorsement, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates: **Holli Reab, Peggy Stamper, Wendy Sokhanvari, Rachael Komrowski, Jordon Stamper, Fallon Lakatos, Jessica Schiller, Austin McElyea, Mandy Ryan, Susan Fortier, Janet Elrubaie, Sally Kee, Amber Rivera, Lorraine Trina, Briana Grelinski, Debbie Prince**

The School Board of Lee County, Florida



Mary Fischer, District 1 (Chairman)
Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, District 6 (Vice Chairman)

Melissa W. Giovannelli, District 2
Chris N. Patricca, District 3
Steven K. Teuber, District 4
Pamela H. LaRiviere, District 5
Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, District 7

Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Superintendent

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

School Notes—Reminder

Note

NOW OPEN!

Student Assignment 2017-2018

January 23—March 24, 2017

Hopefully by today, parents of currently enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2017/18, received their child's personalized application. If you did not receive a personalized application for your child, please contact Mrs. Curry here at Heights Elementary. The school phone number is listed below.

Those receiving the applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is a nine-week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have nine weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1, 2017, and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements.) This should be done during the first application period (January 23—March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply on-line, they must register in person.

There are **no automatic assignments**—parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school. Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations. **Mrs. Curry, here at Heights Elementary, is available to answer any questions you may have. (239-481-1761)**

Classroom Tidbits

- Second grade had their Student Led Conferences during the week of January 23rd. Students were excited to share their data, goals, reading, and IB Portfolios with their parents and grandparents. Some even stayed to enjoy lunch with their children. We appreciate our parents!
- Fifth Grade is about \$5,000 from their goal to send our 5th grade students on their end of the year field trip in May. Thank you to everyone who has helped with or donated to our Fifth Grade trip.
- All 4th and 5th Grade students will take the Writing Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) on Tuesday, February 28th.

IB News

The IB focus for February are students who are **CARING** want people around them to be happy and are sensitive to their needs. They think about the world and work to take care of their community and the environment. They remember to treat others how they themselves would like to be treated.

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

- Role model the caring behavior you would like to see in your child all the time. Your child has big eyes and ears and notices everything you do. Using kind words, helping people without being asked, and being an active listener all show your child that you care about people. Even a simple thing, like holding a door for someone, shows your child that you are aware of others around you and want to help them.
- Think about how your family can get involved with community organizations.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Compost.
- Smile.
- After reading a book, spend some time considering how the people in the book acted. Was someone in the book caring? All of the time or just some of the time? Were all of the characters in the book caring or just some of them?

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



SPIRIT STICK SALE: Thursday, February 2nd and Friday, February 3rd in the lobby. Sales will be from 7:30 a.m. and close promptly at 7:55 a.m. so that all students can get to class on time. Come purchase some specialty sticks for your little ones. Spirit Sticks are \$1 each.

PANTHER FIT IS BACK: Our second (and last) fundraiser of the year will be held at school on Thursday, February 9th and Friday, February 10th. 100% of the proceeds will come back to us! The plan for funds is to renovate the back recess field with irrigation and some play equipment (look at the improvement to the PE field we were able to do with last year's funds!!) Get those pledges in by February 10th for a chance to qualify for some of the amazing prizes being offered.

Daddy Figure/Daughter Dance: Friday, March 3rd, 6:30 p.m. here at Heights. Open to all current Heights girls and the father figure in their life. Look for more information to come home next week.

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world." *-Malala Yousafzai*

Mark your calendar for 16/17 PTA meetings: 2/2/17, 4/27/17. All meetings will be at 8:05 a.m. in the cafeteria AND at 2:45 p.m. in the Media Center. Pick the time that works best for you. Free child care available in afternoon for all potty-trained children and seated siblings are welcome for morning meetings.