



# HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS



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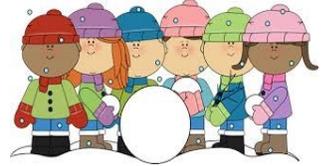
The Monthly Newsletter of

January 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.*



**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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### A Message from Administration

We want to take this opportunity to wish all our Heights Elementary families a happy and healthy new year. We hope your holiday was relaxing and filled with memories to cherish with family and friends.

As we start the second semester of the school year, it is important that students arrive at school on time and they are here everyday. Those precious minutes before school starts help students transition in to a day of inquiry and learning. When students arrive late, they miss valuable instruction and struggle to get into the inquiry and learning mode. Please know that students are considered to be tardy after 7:55 a.m. We would like to thank you in advance for your help in making sure every student is here every day and on time.

### Lee County School District Teacher of the Year

Our very own Katie Riemenschneider, Media Specialist, was selected as the Lee County School District Teacher of the Year! She was surprised and honored by her husband Eric, her son Rhys, Dr. Akins, Superintendent, Board Members, Mary Fischer, Cathleen O'Daniel Mortan and Chris Patricia, and Executive Directors for the school district, Shanna Flecha, Dr. Santini, Dr. Pruitt, and Soretta Ralph and TALC President, Mark Castellano. Congratulations Katie, from your Heights Family!

### Headphones/Earbuds

We encourage all students to bring their own headphones or earbuds for their own private use on school computers. Please send the headphones or earbuds in a Zip-Lock bag with the students name and grade on it. The headphones or earbuds will be used in the classroom and will be taken with students to the computer lab.

### 5th Grade Fundraiser

Thank you to the families who participated in Kids Night Out and our PTA Movie Night at Alliance for the Arts. The fifth grade teachers would like to thank you all for your efforts in raising money for our field trip. As we get ready to start the second half of this school year, please look for a letter to come home regarding our field trip balance and how much we will still need to meet our goal.

### School Advisory Committee (SAC)

The date for the next SAC Meeting has been changed to Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. We encourage all families to attend to learn more about the happenings here at Heights Elementary.

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

### Upcoming Events for January/enero

2-6	Winter Break—School Closed/Vacacion de Invierno-No Hay Escuela
11	SAC Meeting-Media Center, 6:00 P.M./Reunion de SAC 6:00 P.M.
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—School Closed/Dia de Martin Luther King Jr. No Hay Escuela
26	Student Assignment Open House—6:00—7:00 P.M./Open House para nuevos estudiantes—6:00-7:00 P.M.
School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Dates/Fechas para Reuniones de SAC April 25, 2017	



### IB Profile Word for January

#### **Open-Minded**

*We critically appreciate our own **cultures** and personal histories, as well as the **values** and **traditions** of others.*

*We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.*

*"Where there is an open mind there will always be a **frontier**." - Charles F. Kettering*

### The School Board of Lee County, Florida



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## School Notes—Reminder



### Student Assignment 2017-2018

January 23—March 24, 2017

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, will be mailed their child's personalized application on January 19, 2017.

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 to us, 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](http://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)**

## IB News—Being an IB PYP Parent

The PYP (Primary Years Programme) is a strong curriculum framework, building knowledge, skills, attitudes and conceptual understanding, as well as encouraging students to take action and become life long learners. This learning and personal development does not stop once the school day ends. As IB PYP parents, the reinforcement and consolidation of student learning and development away from the classroom is critical and powerful. Through the Learner Profile, the PYP aims to develop the whole child, fostering positive attitudes and skill development.

The Learn Profile strives to build global citizens and life long learners, challenging us all to be the best that we can be in the home and school. As parents, using this language and terminology in the home can be a powerful way of reinforcing these ten personal attributes: Communicator, Risk Taker, Principled, Thinker, Open Minded, Balanced, Reflective, Caring, Inquirer, and Knowledgeable.

The IB focus for January are students who are:

**Open-Minded** students know that all people are different. They listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. They celebrate the differences that make all people unique.

How can parents develop students who are **Open-Minded** at home?

- Encourage your child to try new things—new foods, new games and new activities.
- Expose your child to different festivals, celebrations and traditions and be sure to present them in a non-judgmental way.
- Encourage your child to really listen to others when they speak.
- Introduce literature about many different cultures into your home library. Be sure that it is appropriate and reflects the culture in an appropriate way.



The kids really enjoyed the "Good Behavior Raffle" last month. Thank you to my little elves that did the shopping and bought all of those fun gifts and to administration for helping spread the joy over the holiday season.

Big things coming up so mark your calendar!

- Panther Fit Challenge: This was a tremendous success last year and we are so fortunate to have Mrs. Cynthia Davies, Chair and organize this event again. Dates are February 9th and 10th. Look for more information to come home soon.
- AND...for the first time ever at Heights: Daughter/Daddy (figure) Dance!! March 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This will be open to all Heights girls and the special adult man in their life. Don't have a daughter? Don't worry, we have you covered. April 28th will be the Mommy (figure)/Son Dance. Additional details will be provided as we move closer to these dates, so stay tuned.

Our next general PTA meeting will be February 2nd at 8:05 a.m. in the cafeteria, and 2:45 p.m. in the Media Center. Please choose the time that best suits your schedule.

We will be sending Spirit Wear home in late January, so please check backpacks at that time for any items you have ordered. Thanks for supporting Heights Elementary PTA!

*"Truly wonderful the mind of a child is." -Yoda*