



# HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS

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Heights Elementary IB World School

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*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

As we get ready to say good-bye to the 2016-2017 school year, we want to thank you for allowing Heights Elementary to be a part of your child's education. We appreciate your support and the time you have taken to do homework each night, attended school events, and your patience in the parent drop-off and/or pick-up lines this year. We know there are other schools you could have chosen, but we are honored you chose Heights. We wish everyone a restful and fun-filled summer!

## 5th Grade Awards Ceremony

The 5th Grade Awards Ceremony will be held at Fort Myers High School on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 9:00 am. 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!

## IB Exhibition—Change of Date

The 5th Grade IB Exhibition has been changed to May 17, 2017, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

## Kiwanis-Gateway to the Islands Promotes Summer Reading

On May 10, all students will be receiving a new, free Scholastic book of their choice to promote summer reading. We thank Kiwanis-Gateway to the Islands for sponsoring this special event for Heights students.

## Media Center Closing Dates & Book Returns

The school Media Center will be closed starting Wednesday, May 17th. All books are due back by that date. Students will be asked to pay for lost books, but if the book is later found, the payment will be returned to the family. Thank you for your help in making sure all books are returned by May 17th.

## STEM Competition Tour

Students in Mrs. Lisa Alexander's resource gifted class won first, second and third place in this year's Chamber of Commerce STEM Tour Competition. The Tour took a year to complete, with competitions taking place on Saturdays throughout the year. Congratulations!

## Heights Hurricane Choir

\*The Heights Hurricane Choir will perform the "National Anthem" and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," at the May 1, Miracles Game at 6:35 pm. Some of the proceeds will come back to our music program. General Admission Tickets at a reduced price can be ordered in advance through Mrs. Cantwell.

\*On May 10, we will perform our Spring Musical, "Willy Wonka," at 6 pm in the cafeteria. A big thanks to the Community Art Club that helped to create the props. Everyone is invited to attend!

## Thank You, Volunteers - Reading Carnival

A BIG thank you to all of the PTA members and volunteers for helping create games for the students and for volunteering at the Reading Carnival. It was a huge success and students reported that they had a great time. Thank you Mrs. Riemenschneider, for organizing our amazing Reading Carnival!

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 - 3:30 PM

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## Upcoming Events for May



10	Spring Musical, "Willy Wonka" 6:00 PM Cafeteria
11	New Student Open House 6:00-7:00 PM
17	Media Center Closes for Remainder of School Year 5th Grade IB Exhibition 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
24-26	Half Days—Dismissal at 12:00 PM
26	Last Day of School for Students/Report Cards
29	Memorial Day



IB Profile Word for May

### Reflective

*We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience.*

*We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.*

*"Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful." Margaret J. Wheatley*



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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
May 2 & 3	FSA Science	5	May 2 & 3	FSA Math	4
May 4 & 5	FSA ELA Math	3			

## Classroom Notes:

**Kindergarten** is beginning their last IB planner for the year: How We Express Ourselves—Communities work together to build in different ways. Kindergarten teachers are asking for boxes of different sizes that can be easily carried and brought to school. Please send them in as soon as possible.

**5th Grade:** The students and staff are excited for our end of year field trip to EPCOT! As you know, we were able to purchase a ticket for each student and now, **we have been able to purchase two (2) MEAL TICKETS as well!** Thank you for your support!

## IB News

The IB focus for May: Students who are **Reflective** know what they are good at and what they're not. They make changes where they can. They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and consider their personal strengths and weaknesses in a constructive manner.

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

- Spend some time reviewing their report card with them. They should have the opportunity to look at this document and consider it as well. Discuss it with them and truly consider their thoughts on their strengths and areas for improvement.
- Consider the goals that your child could set for the next term. Make a list not only of the goals, but of specific actions that can be taken to achieve these goals. You might want to list actions that your child will take independently as well as actions parents will take to support them. For example, if one of the goals your child sets for herself/himself is to improve writing, the action might be to keep a journal and write in it for at least 10 minutes each night. As a parent, you might decide that the two of you will participate in shared writing, for 30 minutes each week and produce a book of narratives together.
- Consider non-academic strengths and areas for improvement. Set goals and create an action list.
- 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*



Our Heights annual picnic was a HUGE success. What a great turnout from families and Heights Staff. Thank you to all those who chipped in to help make the day a fun, end of year celebration for the kids. They had an absolute blast!

We also had a lot of fun at our first ever Mother Figure/Son dance! A special thanks to Maria Butler and Stacy Meagher for taking the time out of their VERY busy lives to make corsages and decorate. Big thanks also to Neena Kushner, Carly Swartzel, Jaimie Lopes, Renee Raykovics and Ally Perez for all their help that evening with check-ins, management, photos, and clean up.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We will be treating the staff of Heights to a "Trip Around the World". Well, not really but hoping to make them feel that way. Make sure you tell them how much you appreciate all they do for our school. I know they would love to hear it.

As the school year winds down, I would like to thank all those who so graciously gave their time to support the various activities that make Heights Elementary an extraordinary school for our children. You may not be aware of the amount of events, and enrichment projects the PTA does, but believe me, it is A LOT. Please consider joining and helping out where you can next year so that we can continue to keep Heights one the best elementary schools in Lee county!

Just a reminder that we have secured a date for our 2017 Annual Auction! It will be held on **October 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm**, at University Grill restaurant.

The Kindergarten Open house will be held on **May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Spirit wear will be available for sale at this time.

***"Children make your life important!"*** Erma Bombeck