



Heights Happenings

The Monthly Newsletter of Heights Elementary IB World School

Winter Break

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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

Dec 6	Chorus Holiday Show—6:00 PM
Dec 8	Kids Night Out—6:00 PM
Dec 13	Heights Movie Night (PTA) 5:00 PM
Dec 22	Early Dismissal Day
Dec 25—Jan 5	Winter Break

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.

Message from Administration

As Winter Break approaches, we want to acknowledge the commitment of our students, parents/guardians, volunteers, teachers and staff of Heights Elementary. Without everyone working as a team, the wonderful learning and events here at Heights would not be possible. Thank you!

"In the New Year, never forget to thank your past years because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future!"
Mehmet Murat ildan



Raising Pennies for Hurricane Relief - Last Update

With some last minute donations, our grand total for our Reading Celebration for 1st quarter, "Raising Pennies for Hurricane Relief," was \$1,830.52. We have shared the proceeds of our fundraiser with:

- * Foundation for Lee County Schools, asking that the money go to helping students and their families affected by Hurricane Irma.
- * Community Cooperative, asking that the money go to helping feed children and families affected by Hurricane Irma.
- * United Way of Lee County, asking that the money go to those families displaced here from Puerto Rico by Hurricane Maria.
- * Juan Seguin Elementary School in Richmond, Texas. Juan Seguin was devastated by flooding displacing K-2 students at one school, and 3-5 students at another school. We asked that the money replace books in their library/media center.

Thank you for making this fundraiser a success!

Heights Hurricane Choir

The Heights Hurricane Choir will have their Holiday Concert on December 6th at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. Please come and support our music program.

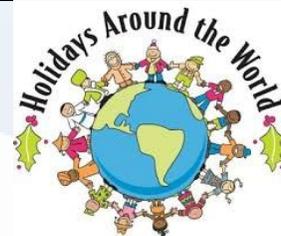
Holiday House Gift Shop

Students will have the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for family and friends in the IB Holiday House on Friday, December 1st and Monday December 4th through Thursday, December 7th, from 8 AM—2 PM. Each gift comes with a free gift bag. Gifts range from 25 cents to \$19—with most gifts under \$6. The money raised will be used for IB classes, IB Exhibition, and IB Professional Development materials.

5th Grade End of Year Field Trip

We would like to thank the following businesses for donating to the 5th grade End of Year Field Trip:

- * Orthopedic Center of Florida, Inc., \$250
- * Marbela Medical Wellness Associates, \$485



IB Profile Word for December

Principled

We act with **integrity** and **honesty**, with a strong sense of **fairness** and **justice**, and with respect for the **dignity** and rights of people everywhere.

We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

"The principles you live by **create the world** you live in; principles you live by, you will change your world. Blaine Lee



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5th Grade 5th Grade is doing great things with all subjects! You can see this through the start of our IB Exhibition. While students work hard to research problems found around the world, they are also looking to create action right here at school. We are continuing our efforts to raise money for our End of Year Field Trip. Right now, we are about half way there! Thank you to all of our parents who have sponsored the field trip as well as those who are helping their child raise money. We look forward to our next fundraiser, Kid's Night Out, on December 8th.

ART

Half of the 5th graders have contributed to a community art display. They are showing off an ornament they made in art at the "Edison Tree Trail," at the Edison/Ford Winter Estates, from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, now through December 31st.

Physical Education  We collect new and gently used sneakers for our Shoe Closet for boys and girls in need, or who may need sneakers because their shoes break during the day. The most popular sizes are 3 to 6, in children/young adult sizes. As you clean out your closets and come upon boys and girls shoes, please consider donating them to our school.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm at Florida Southwestern State College, 8099 College Parkway, Building A, Fort Myers, FL 33919. For children ages 3-17 (first come, first served.) Fun, educational activities and free dental hygiene services including: Dental Examination, X-Rays, Dental Cleaning and Dental Sealants.

IB Notes

During the month of November, 5th grade students researched their IB Exhibition topic. During December, students will take Action in order to solve the problem or issue they researched. For example, if students selected, "No Hunger," as their topic, they will plan an action project that will reduce hunger, such as hosting a canned food drive or volunteering in a food pantry. Students will submit a plan of Action by December 4th.

Our school IB newsletter, The Communicator, is a great way to learn about the IB program at Heights. If you missed the September/October issue, please see The Communicator on our school website: <http://het.leeschools.net>.



We look forward to hosting our 5th annual Heights Family Movie Night! December 13th at Alliance for the Arts. We will be showing Despicable Me 3 and admission is FREE for all Heights families. Leroy Selmons will be there selling dinner so you can have a picnic under the stars. Gates open at 5pm, movie starts at 6pm. Look for a flyer to come home soon with more information.

We understand that schedules are busy and it can be difficult to commit to volunteer opportunities. If you're interested in helping Heights Elementary, Panther Partners might be a great fit for you! If you are an approved volunteer, come pop by the media center on any day and assist with projects our wonderful teachers have left for us. Cutting, sorting, organizing projects so our teachers can focus their time on our kids! Panther Partners does have a weekly meet up time on Thursdays at 1pm, but you aren't limited to that. Bonus: Bring your PPU car tag in with you and pick your child up directly from the cafeteria to skip carline!

The PTA is looking forward to collaborating with Mrs. Riemenschneider to hold a Heights Holiday House Gift Shop! This gift shop will run from Friday December 1st to Thursday December 7th, 8 am to 2 pm! This is a great opportunity for your child to do a little holiday shopping on their own! Please send their shopping money in an envelope or zip lock.. Volunteers will be available to help your child select presents for their friends and family! Additional information will be coming home with your child. If you would like to help volunteer please use the sign up genius or contact the PTA! We look forward to making this a memorable experience for all of our students!

What a fantastic Book Fair!!! A special thanks goes out to all of the Book Fair Volunteers- many parents and grandparents joined in to help our students pick out great books and count lots of coins! Though the final numbers are still being tallied, we couldn't have had such a successful fundraiser for the Media Center without their help- thanks again, Heights Families!

A special thanks for some awesome

IB examples: We are grateful for the honesty, generosity and cooperation from various students throughout the duration of book fair. We have some amazing students at Heights Elementary and great parents helping them along!

Attention All Parents: ALL the PTA board positions will be open come the Spring elections. Most of the current board, have worked tirelessly (some for 5+ years) and it is time for us to retire. The only way to continue the support and great activities we give to our school is if we have a motivated, full functioning board. Please consider running for a board position. There is opportunity to start shadowing now for the position you may desire. Positions available are: President, VP of membership, VP of spirit-wear, VP of fund-raising, recording secretary, corresponding secretary. Please email us if you need more information or are interested in a position. heightselempa@gmail.com