

HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS



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The Monthly Newsletter of Heights Elementary

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IB World School

Vision: To be a world-class school.

A Message from Administration

A big thank you to our PTA, WatchDogs, and other volunteers who came out to help sticker every student who arrived in the morning, or help in the parent drop off lines. Heights Elementary loves our volunteers!

Thank you for your patience as we continue to monitor the traffic flow into and out of the campus.

Please take a few minutes to review the bright yellow paper that was sent home in students' backpacks on August 29, 2016. This paper lists ways to safely make the AM arrival and PM dismissal easier for you and the students.

Please join us for our Open House which will be held on September 22, 2016. The times are listed under the Upcoming Events for September.

IB Action Project

This year, we will be hosting a **Salvation Army Canned Food Drive from September 19th-30th**. IB students will be learning that hunger affects many families in our community and that they **CAN** help make a difference. Students are encouraged to bring in **canned goods or coins** to help local families in need. Did you know that one person can be fed for 50 cents? Bring in your **spare change or canned goods** during the food drive. Students will develop the IB Learner Profile trait **CARING** as they give to others during this school wide IB Action Project. They will also **REFLECT** on how it feels to help others. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Riemenschneider in the Media Center.

Fifth Grade Field Trip Donations

Our first Title Sponsor for the 5th Grade Trip is the **Lewis Family** who graciously donated \$1,000. This generous donation will help make this trip a special memory for 14 of our 5th grade students.

Thank you

Volunteer Meeting

If you have completed a Volunteer Application, and/or already volunteering in the school, please plan to attend the Volunteer Meeting on September 13, 2016, 8:15-8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. Please plan to enter and exit through the cafeteria doors.

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS REGARDING OF 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. 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, Pam Lewis, Vivian Nest-Tapanes, Austin McElyea, Mandy Ryan, Susan Fortier, Christopher Pellant.

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
<http://het.leeschools.net>
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Upcoming Events for September

5	Labor Day—School Closed/No Hay Escuela
8	PTA Meeting 8:05 a.m. or 2:45 p.m./Reunion de PTA 8:05 a.m. o 2:45 p.m.
9	Team Spirit Day/Dia de Espiritu de Equipos Deportivos
12	Interim Reports/Informe Interino de Notas
13	Volunteer Meeting 8:15 a.m./Reunion de Voluntarios 8: 15 a.m.
22	Open House/Visita Anual a los Salones de Clases 4:00-5:00 p.m. Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd 5:00-6:00 p.m. WatchDog Meeting/Reunion de Watchdog 6:00-7:00 p.m. 3rd, 4th & 5th
28	Individual Picture Day/Dia de Fotos Individuales

**School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Dates/
Fechas para Reuniones de SAC
October 25, February 28 and April 25**

IB Profile Word for September

Knowledgeable

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines.
We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.
"The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge." Thomas Berger

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

School Notes

Absences: Please remember to send in a note when your child is absent. These notes determine whether the absence will be documented as excused or unexcused. A phone call alone will not excuse or unexcuse a child's absence. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Curry.

After School Program: Currently, the After School Program here at Heights Elementary is full. A waiting list has been started in the front office.

Cafeteria: Students at Heights Elementary are eligible for lunch and breakfast at no charge, regardless of family income status. If you would like to visit your child during breakfast and/or lunch, you must sign in at the front office and obtain a visitor's pass before entering the cafeteria. All visitors must exit through the cafeteria doors.

Volunteers: The School District of Lee County has a new method for accepting volunteer applications. To access the electronic Volunteer Application, please visit our website: <http://het.leeschools.net/parent-info>. Please be sure to click Heights Elementary as the school you would like to volunteer for.

Counselor's Corner

◇ We have two School Counselors at Heights Elementary who are here to help support all students. If you have concerns about your child, feel free to give them a call:

School Counselor:	Works With:	Here on:
Ashley Jarzyk	Grades K, 1, 2 & 3	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Jessica Owen	Grades 4 & 5	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

◇ **Hurricane of the Month:** Each month classrooms select the student from their class that most exemplifies the featured IB Profile Word of the Month. The student is then honored at the end of the month with the Hurricane of the Month award. Ask your student what IB Profile Word he/she thinks they demonstrate most.

Inquirer~Knowledgeable~Thinker~Communicator~Principled~Open-Minded~Caring~Risk Taker~Balanced~Reflective

IB (International Baccalaureate) News

The PYP (Primary Years Program) prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom. The PYP nurtures independent learning skills, encouraging every student to take responsibility for their learning. The program incorporates local and global issues into the curriculum, asking students to look at six related, transdisciplinary themes and to consider the links between them. The themes include: Who We Are, Where We Are in Place and Time, How the World Works, How We Organize Ourselves, How We Express Ourselves, and Sharing the Planet. Each theme lasts four to six weeks. Every classroom K-5 is an IB classroom. If you have any questions about our IB Program, please contact Ms. Leslie, our Heights IB Coordinator.

FOCUS Parent Portal Account

Do you want to have access to your student's grades, assignments and schedules? All you have to do is register for a Focus Parent Portal Account. Instructions can be found on our website: <http://het.leeschools.net>—under the School Updates section. Parents/Guardians have two options to create an account—one requires school verification, the other option does not. If you provide your child's date of birth, student ID number, the email address you have on file with the district **AND** the last 4-digits of your child's Social Security Number (provided the student's SSN is on file with the district), you will have immediate access to your child's information. **NOTE:** If your child's SSN is not on file with the district, or you elect not to provide it, school verification will be required in order to get access to your child's information.

We would like to thank ALL the wonderful volunteers that came out for the first week of school to help with stickering. It definitely helped the dismissal process tremendously. A special thanks also to Jeanne Bruno, Pam Faylor and Kim Zestutek for pitching in and helping sell tshirts during Meet Your Teacher Night.

Please remember to order your HEIGHTS SPIRIT WEAR by **Wednesday, Sept. 7th**. We will no longer be stocking Spirit Wear so pre-orders are the only way to purchase items. Act now to ensure your pick of some returning favorites and some fun new items as well! Check out pictures, sizes, prices or print a pre-order form by visiting our website at heightspta.org or find us on Facebook at Heights Elementary PTA. Thanks for your support!

Leggings— Youth Sizes only- S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16) \$20.00 Purple Dry Fit Shorts-Youth Sizes – S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16) \$20.00

Gray Dry Fit Shirt – Youth only - XS (5-6), S (6-7), M (8-10), L (10-12), XL (12-14) \$15.00

Goldenrod Tie Dye Shirt – Youth only- S (6-8), M (10-12), L (14-16) Price: \$15.00

Purple Dry Fit Shirt- Youth Sizes –XS (5-6), S (6-7), M (8-10), L (10-12), XL (12-14) Price: \$12.00



THANK YOU TO OUR PLATINUM AUCTION SPONSORS: **Advanced Pain Management, Pool Pros, Scott T. Morrey, and Pain Management Consultants.** Your generosity will help enrich our school and the education for all the students at Heights. So many great items coming in for our auction. We are still accepting sponsorships and item/services donations so if you would like to contribute, please just email us at heightselempta@gmail.com and don't forget to line up your sitter for **OCTOBER 21ST**, for our annual fundraising silent and live auction. It is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year with all proceeds going to the PTA which in turn, supports our school. Look for invitations to come home in the next week.

We have just over 350 awesome people that have become PTA members with 91 sponsorships for teachers! So far kindergarten is in the lead for grade level with the most members. If you haven't filled out your membership form, please do so. Grade with the most members by September 8th wins a popcorn party!

Mark your calendar for 16/17 PTA meetings: 9/8/16, 11/17/16, 2/2/17, 4/27/17. New this year: All meetings will be at 8:05 in the cafeteria **AND** at 2:45 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. If your kids don't tell you what's going on in school, we will. Just come to a meeting.