



Heights Happenings

The Monthly Newsletter of Heights Elementary IB World School

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.



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Message from Administration

A big thank you to our Heights families for your support of our reading celebration for the 1st quarter, "Raising Pennies for Hurricane Relief." With your help, we were able to raise \$1,830.52 with some last minute donations. The students had a great week bringing in pennies and then on Friday, dressing up as their favorite book character. Each student received a "YOU ARE PAWSOME" bracelet. Read on Heights Elementary!

This summer local Staples stores competed in a competition called Score with Intel® Core™. As part of this competition, electronics retailers from across the country competed head to head. Store sales representatives were asked to expand their knowledge about Intel® technology and the devices they sell. The winning stores then selected a local school to receive a donation from Intel on their behalf and Heights Elementary was selected. Thank you Staples and Ken Wolbert for the \$10,000 donation to Heights Elementary!

Thanksgiving is a great time for us to reflect and share the many reasons we are thankful. The 1st quarter of this school year saw lots of rain, flooding and Hurricane Irma. In all, we missed 13 days of school. We are thankful that Hurricane Irma made us better by giving to and helping others. Many families suffered substantial damage to their homes, but their spirit was untouchable and we are thankful for their resiliency.

We are thankful for:

- ⊗ Our students who come to school every day ready to learn. They give us a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here.
- ⊗ For our teachers, office staff, paraprofessionals, clinic staff, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and custodians who have the best interest of students at heart.
- ⊗ For our PTA, Watch D.O.G.S. , volunteers and business partners and community members who contribute so much to our school.
- ⊗ Our parents that put their faith in us. They continue to share their most valuable possession with us to be a partner in their children's education, safety and well-being.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Traducion disponible: Si desea 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 - 3:30PM
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Upcoming Events

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| Nov 11 | Veterans Day |
| Nov 13 | Interim Reports |
| Nov 22-24 | Thanksgiving Break - School Closed |
| Dec 1 | 1st Grade Barnes & Noble Night |
| 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 |



IB Profile Word for November

Communicator

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways.

We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

“Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.” Rollo May



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School Notes

School Clinic

We are in need of boys shorts or pants, sizes 5-16. If you have any boys shorts or pants to donate, please bring them to the clinic in the main office.

Parent Drop Off—Bus Ramp

Thank you for your patience as 400+ cars drop students off in the morning.

- ◇ Parents may not enter the bus ramp side until 7:30 am. The bus ramp is reserved for school buses until that time.
- ◇ **When a school bus is on the ramp after 7:30 am, the bus has priority and just like when you encounter a bus on the road loading or unloading, the same applies to the bus ramp. Cars may not pass a stopped school bus while loading or unloading.**
- ◇ Please have your child exit only from the passenger side of the car. When students get out on the driver's side, they cannot be seen by school staff creating a safety concern.
- ◇ Please do not allow students to exit your vehicle until you reach the sign stating, "Student Drop Off Starts Here," where the yellow safety line is painted on the curb, unless an adult comes to your car to escort your child.
- ◇ Thank you for making safety a priority.



Thank you to all who attended, sponsored, donated, bid and supported our annual auction on October 20th. For those who couldn't attend, some of the evening's highlights included: Jamie Crisp of **Jamie's Cuisine** donating a second catered dinner in your home which allowed us to sell that item twice. **Mr. Licata** and **Coach K** personally auctioned off a supervised kickball tournament for 20 kids, and if that wasn't enough, **Kona Ice** jumped in and added that they would come to the party too! **Stokes Marine** always seems to come through in a pinch, and donated a \$2,000 match to our "Raise the Paddle" portion of the night. This brought that total to over \$8,000. The Aranda's of **The New Home Spot** graciously threw their Marathon Keys house in again, allowing two stays to be bid on. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our two auction chairs, **Kathy Vatthyham** and **Ali Vest**.

Our class baskets were a huge success with **second grade** taking the prize for the basket that brought in the most money. Thank you to **Maria Butler** for all of her hard work making those baskets pretty!

Our experience with teacher donations this year was record breaking! We are so appreciative of your generosity, time and creativity with these. **Kindergarten** won the prize for the most money generated and most teacher participation for their teacher donations and will get Scholastic Bucks to use at the book fair.

So now, drum roll please...collective efforts brought forth our grand gross total of \$70,044!!!! **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** Our school and our children will benefit in many ways with this money.

In other news, our Wild West Book Fair is coming! Friday, November 10th will be the Preview Day and the Book Fair will be open November 13-17th! We will require volunteers to assist in running the event. A Sign Up genius will be posted. Follow us on Facebook (Heights Elementary PTA) and look for more details to come home with your student soon!

As the holiday season is quickly approaching, we will be holding our first Holiday House. The students will be able to shop for family and friends, buying things that they find meaningful for that special person. Save these dates for this fun experience: December 1st is preview day, and **December 4-8th** will be shopping days. More information will be provided as we move closer to the day.

Just a quick reminder that this year's Movie Night will be held on December 13th at Alliance for the Arts. Mark it on your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

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