

# HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS



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## 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.*



### A Message from Administration

Thanks to all the families who joined us for our Open House and the Ice Cream Social sponsored by our PTA. It was great to see how proud our students were to show the work they have completed in the first quarter. One highlight of the evening was Ms. Davis' Augmented Reality bulletin board. With your electronic device, you could hover over a picture on the bulletin board and students would come into view talking about what they have learned. Thank you to all of our teachers for their hard work in making this evening a success for our students and families.

During parent drop-off in the morning, we are asking parents to please stay in their vehicle and only allow your child/children to **exit the car on the passenger side of the vehicle**. Thank you for your help to ensure the safety of our students.

Thank you families for your generous response to our Can and Coins IB Action Project for the Salvation Army. Many families in the Fort Myers area will benefit from your donations.

### Heights Elementary Anthem Performance

Our Hurricane Choir will be performing the National Anthem and our families will be recognized at the Florida Everblades opening night game on Friday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Germain Arena. Tickets can be pre-ordered through Ms. Cantwell for \$12 each. Checks can be made out to the Florida Everblades. The deadline to pre-order is October 7. Tickets at the door will be \$20.

### Volunteer Orientation

If you have completed a Volunteer Application, and/or already volunteering in the school, please plan to attend the Volunteer Meeting on October 11, 8:15-8:45 a.m. in the cafeteria. Please plan to enter and exit through the cafeteria doors.

### Fifth Grade Trip

Fundraising is under way for the annual Fifth Grade Trip. Every donation helps us reach our fundraising goal. If you choose, there are three different Sponsorship Opportunities: \$1,000-Title Sponsor-provides 14 students with an opportunity to attend the field trip. As a sponsor, your name or company name will be printed on the field trip shirts as Title Sponsor, your name or company name listed in the Heights Happenings Newsletter, and reserved seating at the Heights 5th Grade Graduation. \$500-IB Sponsor provides 7 students with an opportunity to attend the field trip. Your name or company name printed on the field trip shirts as Contributing Sponsor, your name or company name listed in the Heights Happenings Newsletter and preferred seating at the Heights 5th Grade Graduation. \$300-Hurricane Sponsor provides your name or company named listed in the Heights Happenings Newsletter.

### 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:

Janet Elrubaie, Sally Kee and Lorraine Trina.

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 - 3:30PM

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### Upcoming Events for October/Octubre

3	Rosh Hashanah—No School/No Hay Escuela
11	Volunteer Orientation—8: 15 a.m. Cafeteria/Orientacion de Voluntarios—8:15 a.m.
14	End of 1st Quarter/Final del 1er. Bimestre
17	Professional Duty Day—No School for Students/Dia Profesional- No Hay Escuela
21	PTA Auction—Barbara B. Mann/Subasta de PTA—Barbara B. Mann
25	School Advisory Committee Meeting—6:00 p.m. Media Center/Reunion de SAC. En la Biblioteca— 6:00 p.m.
26	Report Card Day/Dia de Tarjeta de Calificaciones
<b>School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Dates/ Fechas para Reuniones de SAC October 25, February 28 and April 25</b>	

### IB Profile Word for October

#### Thinker

*We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems.*

*We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.*

*"Nature your mind with great thoughts; to believe in the heroic makes heroes." Benjamin Disraeli*

### The School Board of Lee County, Florida



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## School Notes

Note

**Clinic:** Donations of new boys underwear in various sizes are needed for the Clinic.

**FOCUS Parent Portal Account:** To get access to your student's grades, assignments and schedules, please visit our website: <http://het.leeschools.net>—under the School Updates section.. There are two options. 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. Without the SSN, please contact Mrs. Curry here at the school for verification and get access to your child's information.

**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 will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week the week of October 24th:

- ⊖ Monday, October 24th is the day for all students to wear RED in support of Red Ribbon Week.
- ⊖ Tuesday, October 25th is "Team up against drugs" day. Students can wear their favorite team jerseys.
- ⊖ Wednesday, October 26th is "Put a Cap on It" day. Students can wear their favorite hat.
- ⊖ Thursday, October 27th is "Sock it to Drugs" day. Students can wear their silly socks to school.
- ⊖ Friday, October 28th is "Say Boo to Drugs" day. Students can wear a non-scary Halloween T-shirt (no costumes, please.)



## IB (International Baccalaureate) News

### What is Action in IB?

Action is a part of who we are. We help students personalize the action they take and understand that it is not just a mandate from teachers, but a lifelong mindset they develop.

Every teacher wants their students to take action that makes a difference in the world. Action can only make a difference in the world when it is developed with a toolbox of explicitly taught skills, modeled behaviors, scaffolded plans and a gradual release of responsibility.

Teachers provide the scaffolded learning experiences that help students gain the skills (including how to collaborate and how to focus on solving challenges) and knowledge to take sustained and meaningful action. We are lifelong learners. Thanks for taking action in the canned food drive, and reflecting on the difference we have made in our community. Mrs. Leslie, IB Coordinator



Congratulations go out to Kindergarten for having the most parents signed up for PTA. Current membership is at 368. With a total goal of 400, we're almost there!

We had over 400 Spirit Wear items ordered!! Thank you, Heights Families, for showing spirit and supporting your PTA! The Spirit Wear orders should be delivered by the end of October. We will deliver your total order to the class of the oldest student on the order form, so please check backpacks for your family's ordered items. If you have questions or concerns, please direct them to Heather at [HeightsElemPTA@gmail.com](mailto:HeightsElemPTA@gmail.com).

A big thank you to Pam Faylor (and Emma), Jeanne Bruno, Kathy Shy, Jackie McCall, James Spenser and Heights alumni Matthew Spencer and Hayden Leslie for all of their help serving ice cream at Open House. What a great team they were!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the annual auction is fast approaching. Tickets are on sale now! You may send in your order form with a check or cash, or visit <http://heights16.gesture.com> to purchase. We have some really AMAZING items up for bidding: Private session for four at Sanibel Sea School; Dinner for 10 at Iona Fire Station; Gourmet dinner for eight prepared at your home; Disney tickets; Sea World; One week stay at a four bedroom home on Marathon Key; A full set of dental braces; and, we can't tell you everything but it's cute, cuddly, furry, hypoallergenic and will be your best friend for a long time. All will be revealed October 21st at Barbara B. Mann. You don't want to miss it. All proceeds to benefit the enrichment of our school. Please have all donation items and class basket donations in by October 5th. Remember, class basket themes are: K—Road Trip; 1st—Movie Madness; 2nd—Baseball; 3rd—A Day on the Water; 4th—Gifted; 5th—Fitness.

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to our sponsors who are helping make this event possible: Advanced Pain Management, Pool Pros, Scott Moorey-Attorney at Law, Stokes Marine, Pain Management Consultants, Institute for Orthopedic Surgery, Orthopedic Centers of Florida, Collins Vision, Citrolas Italian Grill, R-Way Construction, Martin Law Firm, Kushner and Kushner, Mi Medical Spa and Iberia Bank.

**BIG News:** After two (2) years of planning, prepping, fund-raising, blood, sweat and tears, we are thrilled to announce the slough project has FINALLY received permitting!!! We are currently considering bids for phase one of the project. If you are in the construction business and would like to help with this project, please email us at [heightselempta@gmail.com](mailto:heightselempta@gmail.com). Thank you to Ally Perez and Matt Horton who have put so much time and effort into this project to bring it to fruition. The students at Heights will benefit from this project for years to come.

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget he is someone today." *Stacia Tauscher*

**Mark your calendar for 16/17 PTA meetings:** 09/08/16, 11/17/16, 2/2/17, 4/27/17. All meetings will be at 8:05 a.m. in the cafeteria AND at 2:45 p.m. 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.