

HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS



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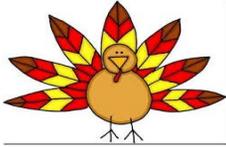
The Monthly Newsletter of

November 1, 2016

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 you Heights families we were able to collect , with cans and coins, 6,203 cans of food! Heights Elementary was honored by the Salvation Army as providing the most food of any school in Lee County! As a result of our IB Action Plan, students learned about giving back to the community, ensuring families will have enough to eat during the holidays. Thank you for your generosity!

As we move into the holiday season, it is the perfect time to pause and reflect on the things of which we are thankful. We are thankful for our students, parents, staff, bus drivers, PTA and volunteers. There is so much that happens behind the scenes to ensure our school provides a safe, nurturing learning environment. Happy Thanksgiving!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Media Center from Monday, November 14, 2016 through Friday, November 18, 2016. There will be lots of great books available. The profits will be used to purchase books and materials for the Media Center. Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, and assist students as they shop for books. Please contact the PTA if you are able to volunteer. Thank you for your support!

Fifth Grade Fundraiser—Holiday Pies!

PIES, PIES, PIES...Have you sold your Perkins Pies? Please remember to ask your family and local friends if they would like to buy a pie from our fundraiser. It's as easy and delicious as pie. All of the profits go toward the 5th grade field trip. All pie orders are due on November 9th.

Fifth Grade Field Trip Donations

Our first IB Sponsor for the 5th Grade Trip is the Sawczyn Family who graciously donated \$500.00. This generous donation will help make this trip a special memory for seven of our 5th grade students.



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>

Upcoming Events for November/Noviembre

11	Veterans Day—School Closed/Día de Veteranos—No Hay Escuela.
14-18	Scholastic Book Fair—Media Center/Feria del Libro—Media Center
17	PTA Meeting—8:05 A.M. in the Cafeteria or 2:45 P.M. in the Media Center/Reunion de PTA—8:05 A.M Cafeteria o 2:45 P.M. en Media Center
23-25	Thanksgiving Break—School Closed/Día de Gracias—Escuela Cerrada
	School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Dates/ Fechas para Reuniones de SAC February 28, 2017 and April 25, 2017

Family Math Night

Florida Southwestern State College is having a Family Math Night on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 5:45 pm to 7:30 pm at the college. Math Activities for Grades K-8 in Building U—Room 102. Games & prizes for students and their families.

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.” Rolo May

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

School Notes



AM Parent Drop Reminders:

- ⊖ Please do not drop students off before 7:25 A.M. Outside supervision of students begins at 7:25 A.M.
- ⊖ Please use both the normal parent drop off area and bus ramp (after 7:30 A.M.) to drop students off in the morning.
- ⊖ Please have students ready to exit your vehicle in the morning. We ask that parents stay in their vehicle and prepare for students to **exit on the passenger side ONLY**. Thank you for helping us with the safety of our students.
- ⊖ School Buses have priority on the bus ramp. If you enter the bus ramp, please do not try to drive around a bus, you must stop, for the safety of our students.

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.

IB News

Introducing Staff Hurricane of the Month! Teachers and staff voted for another colleague on their team that exhibits the attributes of the IB Learner Profile: Inquirer and Knowledgeable. Congratulations staff for being an awesome IB role model!

August "Inquirer" winners were: Leadership, Ms. Wood; Kindergarten, Ms. Caudill; 1st Grade, Ms. Joyce; 2nd Grade, Ms. McDonald; 3rd Grade, Ms. Speiser, 4th Grade, Ms. Edinger, 5th Grade, Mr. Hassen, Enrichment, Ms. Pyszka; Paraprofessional, Ms. Charter; and Office, Ms. Naranjo.

September "Knowledgeable" winners were: Leadership, Ms. Lytle; Kindergarten, Ms. Blanchard; 1st Grade, Ms. Joyce; 2nd Grade, AMs. Wroblewski; 3rd Grade, Ms. Einstein; 4th Grade, Ms. Healy; 5th Grade, Ms. Mintz; Enrichment, Ms. Huston; Paraprofessional, Ms. Grey; Office, Ms. Wilkinson.

Technology News

Hello Heights Families! Here is an overview of the skills your children are working on in the computer lab: Kindergarten students are learning to use the mouse and find the keys on the keyboard; First Grade is learning to quickly find the keys on the keyboard; Second Grade is reviewing the keyboard and learning how to use size, font and color applications in Microsoft Word; Third Grade is using Microsoft Word to type stories and IB Profiles; Fourth Grade is beginning to use the keyboarding program, Typing Web, to learn the correct finger placement for fluency in typing, along with reviewing the properties of Microsoft Word to type IB Profiles and Attitudes; and Fifth Grade has been working diligently on keyboarding skills with Typing Web, and are discussing digital citizenship and being safe online. We invite you to go to the technology website to check out links that are appropriate for your child's grade level: <http://leeschools.oncoursystems.com/websites/11518113>.



Thank you to all the teachers that so generously donated to our Auction this year! The children and their families love having an opportunity to spend extracurricular time with you; Ms. Joyce, Mrs. Watson, Miss Reab, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Pyzka, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Benedon, Ms. Huston, Mrs. Riemenschneider, Mrs. Thorstad, Ms. Kee, Mr. Palow, Mrs. Marderness—Alumni Teacher and Mrs. Salko—Alumni Principal! Also, a special thank you to each grade level, Grade Level Representatives, and families that donated items to fill those wonderful class baskets. They were a hit at the Auction!

Congratulations to **First Grade** for bringing in the most money in bids for both their grade level basket and teacher donation combined as well as the highest number of donations from their teachers overall at the Auction this year! They have earned \$200 in prize money to use either toward their field trip or school supplies.

Thank you to those who helped out on Auction Night and kept everything running smoothly; Lizette Roman, Lisa Hanson, Karen Wood, Sara Nickerson, Peggy and Jordan Stamper. Special thanks also to the Auction Committee and all those who put so much work into getting items, making baskets, decorating and setting up. Well done all!

We don't have all the numbers together at this time but we do know that the Auction was profitable enough to allow us to give each grade level \$1,000 to use for field trips or assemblies. Thank you to all our generous supporters!

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of November 14th. Look for flyers to come home. We will be looking for volunteers to help with check out, assist the little ones with shopping, reshelving, etc., so please check your calendars and possibly set some time aside?

SPIRIT WEAR—More options for new Heights Spirit Wear will be coming home in the next few weeks. Please watch for another order form with new Youth and Adult designs from which to choose.

Next general PTA meeting will be on November 17, 2016 at 8:05 am in the Cafeteria or 2:45 pm in the Media Center.

"Children don't need your presents, they need your presence." -Anonymous

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.