



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

As we get ready to close the 2017-2018 school year, we would like to take a moment to thank our teachers, paraprofessionals, cafeteria workers and our custodians for their continued dedication to our students here at Heights Elementary. Most of all, we would like to thank you, the parents and guardians, for your continued support of your child and our school. We wish everyone a wonderful summer vacation and no matter where your journey takes you, we hope it is a good one.

Change for Change

Please consider attending the SAC Meeting, Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00 PM here at Heights Elementary. School District of Lee County School Board Chairman, Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, will be in attendance to discuss the facts about the Lee County Board's Half-Cent Sales Tax Referendum.

Parents of Pre-K to 4th Grade

For those students not returning to Heights Elementary for the 2018-2019 school year, due to moving out of district/state or will be attending a different Lee County school, private or charter school, please contact Mrs. Curry at 239-481-1761.

5th Grade Field Trip Donations

Our thanks to the following IB Sponsors for the 5th Grade End of Year trip:



Mitchell Family - \$500

School Lunch Hero Week

May 4th is National School Lunch Hero Day, a day to show appreciation for Food Service Workers in schools. May 4th also kicks off School Nutrition Employee Week, which runs from May 7th-May 11th. Thank you to our Food Service Workers who keep our students and staff happily fed!

Notification To Parents

Regarding 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:

Peggy Stamper, Rachael Komrowski, Jordon Stamper, Austin McElyea, Mandy Ryan, Janet Elrubaie, Sally Kee, Lorraine Trina, Briana Grelinski, Stacey Head, Janelle Babinski, Derrick Talbert, Lazaro Padilla.

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

- 05/09 SAC Meeting - Media Center 6:00 pm
- 05/17 4th Quarter AR Celebration
- 05/22 Kindergarten Celebration - Part 1
- 05/23 Kindergarten Celebration - Part 2
- 05/24 5th Grade Awards - Fort Myers High School
End of Year Celebration at Zoomers - 6:00 pm
- 05/25 5th Grade End of Year Field Trip
- 05/28 Memorial Day - School Closed
- 05/29-30 Early Dismissal - 12:00 pm
- 05/30 Last Day of School



To Read This Summer

	IB Profile Word for May
Reflective	<i>We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience.</i>
	<i>We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.</i>
	<i>"Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful." Margaret J. Wheatley</i>



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Kindergarten

Kindergarten is beginning their last IB planner for the year: How we Express Ourselves, Communities work together to build in different ways. Kindergarten are asking for different size boxes to be brought to school, ASAP! (Please make sure the box can be easily carried.) The students will be creating something awesome with the boxes. !

3rd GRADE

Students in Ms. Van Helden's class got to participate in an Escape Room to practice Language Arts skills for their upcoming Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) Reading assessment. Students had to work together to complete challenges to "Escape from Planet Emoji." Students had a great time while practicing the Florida Standards for Reading and Writing.

IB Notes

Our school IB newsletter, *The Communicator*, is a great way to learn about the IB program at Heights. To find the latest issue, please see *The Communicator* on our school website: <http://het.leeschools.net>.



The boys of Heights Elementary appeared to have a great time dancing, singing, and playing games at this year's Mother Figure/Son Dance, held on Friday, April 27th. With hard work from our volunteers and the generosity of Cypress Lake Middle School, we were able to create a memorable evening for everyone in attendance.

Thank you to the teachers and parents who were able to attend the final General Board Meeting, with elections for the upcoming year. We appreciate EVERY candidate who was willing to stop up and offer their time to the Board. It was a great turn out and we hope the momentum will continue as we introduce our NEW Board, effective June 30th. Please help us welcome President Carly Schwartzel, VPs Laura Hess, Christa Reyes, Samantha Savage, Treasurer Lisa Muench, Corresponding Secretary Jamie Lopes, and Recording Secretary Brooke Dias. Each candidate offers valuable experience and fresh perspectives and we are excited to see what new adventures await!

Heights students have collected over \$2,500 in Box Tops this year! Remember to keep collecting your Box Tops over the summer and turn them into your teacher in August. We'll get a great jump on fundraising for the new school year!

We understand it is difficult to start thinking about the next school year when this one is still wrapping up, but we are pleased to announce the 2018-2019 Auction Chair, Ana Winokur! As you may know, this is one of our biggest fundraisers for the school and we are honored to have Ana step up and lead the charge. Events of this size require a great deal of planning, so Ana will be hosting the initial planning meeting on May 22nd at 8am, location TBD. We encourage our Heights families to get involved. Please contact us at heightselempta@gmail.com if you would like to learn more, or if you feel you have some time you can contribute to this worthy cause.

Heights wouldn't be the incredible place it is without the incredible staff who work with our children. We will be showing our appreciation the week of May 7th, with various snacks/meals tied to a different theme each day. If you would like to show YOUR appreciation for the dedicated staff, please reach out to us at heightselempta@gmail.com. We would love some help with set-up, maintenance, or tear-down on each day.

As this is the final newsletter of the year, we would also like to mention our upcoming, and somewhat infamous (that last part might be pushing it, but we DID make the NEWS last year) Pool Noodle Line! If you have some time on the last day of school, arrive just before drop off or pick up, bring your pool noodle and celebrate another successful year for the children at Heights Elementary as we welcome them/see them off with a WAVE of noodles.

Those of us on the current board have had quite the adventure. Lots of time and effort has been dedicated to doing the best job we could for the kids of Heights Elementary. We came together, learned how to ask for help and leaned on one another to help carry us through the year. We each have our strengths and I think we each learned a lot through our experiences in the school. We are grateful for the opportunity and feel fortunate that this role has introduced us to many of you, who have extended a hand and donated your time to assist with various events throughout the year. We wish the new Board well, and plan to continue being involved to support them in their journey. Signing off: Michelle Mahaney, Dominique Stokes, Stephanie Celaya, Heather Nychyk, Laura Leslie, Sherri Kendrick, and Rochelle Butler.

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Have a great summer!

