



# 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.

### Message from Administration

We are so very grateful for our wonderful PTA. They spend countless hours ordering, planning, volunteering, and fundraising for the students at Heights Elementary. With their commitment, Heights Elementary has additional classroom materials, field trips, special events throughout the year, and a new board walk out in the slough, as examples, that we might not otherwise have. Mrs. Mahaney, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Celaya, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Kendrick, and Mrs. Leslie have gone far and above to make our PTA one of the best in Lee County. We cannot thank you enough. You are awesome!

They are getting ready to go on to the next step in their journey, but are willing to train incoming PTA Board Members. Won't you consider being a member of our PTA Board? PTA Board elections are scheduled during the PTA General Meeting on April 26th at 2:45 pm, here in our Media Center. Please see additional information on the back of the Newsletter.

### WIDA Assessment

Our ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) Department is in the process of giving the WIDA to all students identified as LY or Limited English Proficient (LEP) for 2 years or less.

Who is determined to be LEP? A student who:

- Was not born in the U.S. and whose native language is other than English; or
- Was born in the U.S. but who comes from a home in which a language other than English is most relied upon for communication; or
- Is an American Indian or Alaskan Native and comes from a home in which a language other than English has had a significant impact on his or her level of English Language Proficiency; and
- Who as a result of the above, has sufficient difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language.

The WIDA is a state mandated assessment to ensure that all English Speakers of Other Languages are learning enough English to be successful in school.

### Student Enrollment for 2018-2019

The first enrollment period for 2018-2019 begins January 22, and ends March 23, 2018. Student Assignment will mail pre-printed applications to:

- Incoming Pre-K or Kindergarten students on February 2nd.
- 5th graders going to Middle School on February 9th.

For more information, please visit the District website, [www.leeschools.net](http://www.leeschools.net) or call Mrs. Curry here at Heights, 239-481-1761.

### School Street—No Parking , Please

Please do not park on School Street to drop students off in the morning or to pick students up at dismissal for the safety of our students.

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



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**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

Feb 5	5th Grade Exhibition Parent Night 6-7 PM
Feb 8-9	Panther Fit
Feb 12	3rd Quarter Interims
Feb 13	SAC Meeting 6-7 PM
Feb 16	1st Grade Dairy Queen Night Fundraiser
Feb 19	Presidents' Day—No School
Feb 20	Inservice Day—No School
Feb 26-Mar 2	Read Across America Week
Mar 2	Kindergarten & 1st Grade Field Day



### IB Profile Word for February

Caring

We show **empathy**, **compassion** and respect.

We have a **commitment** to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

“Never believe that a few caring people can't **change the world**. For, indeed, that's all who ever have.” *Margaret Mead*




### The School Board of Lee County, Florida

Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan, District 7 (Chairman)  
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Mary Fischer, District 1  
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Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, District 6

**Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Superintendent**

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 Started their new IB Planner—How the World Works/People Explore the World.



Started their new IB Planner—Where We Are in Place and Time. First graders are learning about how systems help people identify and communicate locations. We are exploring a map of a tourist attraction in Northern Ireland and identifying symbols from the



All second grade classrooms have been taking care of a mangrove in their classroom. We are recording and observing the life cycle of the mangrove to make connections to our IB Planner: Sharing the Planet. In the spring, we will invite guest speakers from the

## GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm at Florida Southwestern State College, 8099 College Parkway, Building A, Fort Myers, FL 33919. For children ages 3-17 (first come, first served.) Fun, educational activities and free dental hygiene services including: Dental Examination, X-Rays, Dental Cleaning and Dental Sealants.



## 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>.



Many great things are coming up from your PTA:

Panther Fit is fast approaching! This is a big fundraiser for our school, with great opportunity to benefit our students. In addition to collecting pledges, we are also looking for donations of your time to help make the day of the event a wonderful experience for the kids. Please visit the Sign Up Genius link to view times of the event and register to help. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0545adaf2aabfb6-panther3/30349626>

A big THANK YOU to our current business sponsors who will receive additional visibility through this event:

### T-Shirt Sponsors:

Greer Healthcare—Greer Family  
CCG/Capital Care Group (Certified Public Accountants/Financial & Business Advisors) - Phillips Family  
Karras Painting Company—Karras Family  
Nick & Stella's Pizza—Karras Family  
Stokes Marine—Stoke's Family

### WOD Sponsors:

Flash Mob Social—Skinner Family  
Pop'Z BBQ & Catering—Johnson Family

February 27th—Just for PARENTS—Officer Young from the LCSO will be giving a lecture on cyber safety and how to keep your little ones safe on the World Wide Web. 6:30-7:30 pm in the Heights Cafeteria. Let's make this a well-attended event to promote additional educational opportunities in the future!

Back by popular demand: Daddy Figure Daughter Dance!! March 9th, 6:30-8:30 pm. This year we will move the event to Cypress Lake Middle School so we can accommodate more of those little dancers with their father figure. Look for tickets to go on sale at the end of February.

We don't want those Mom's left out. Yes you get your chance too! April 27th will be the Mother Figure Son Dance, also to be held at Cypress Lake Middle School, 6:30-8:30 pm. Look for tickets to go on sale mid April.

The Annual Heights Picnic will be held on April 20th at Lakes Park, 2:30-4:30 pm. Free pizza, snow cones, games, music and fun for all Heights Families. Bring your beach chair and enjoy!

The school year is going by in a flurry. The end of the year will be here before you know it and we are looking for interested parents to fill positions on the PTA board. All of our current members have put in several years of work and it is not time for us to hand over the reins to some other eager, caring, motivated parents. All the educational, financial and motivational support the PTA gives to our school will not be possible without a board, so please consider running for a position. All positions are open—we will train! Feel free to contact any of our current Board Members if you have questions or want to learn more about the available positions:

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Elections will be held during our final PTA General Meeting on April 26th, 2018 in the Media Center at 2:45 pm.

“Your children need your presence more than your presents.” *Jesse Jackson*

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