Important Dates

FEBRUARY 2022
21 No School, Presidents’ Day
24 Virtual Family Reading Night

MARCH 2022
4 No School, Conference Prep
22&24 3-6 Conferences
25 No School, 8-1 Conferences

Conferences for other dates/times can be arranged

APRIL 2022
4-8 No School, Spring Break
11 Classes Resume
15 No School

Stay Healthy!

Please help keep everyone healthy. Do Not Send your child to school if sick with the following:
- Cold Symptoms
- Cough
- Fever 100.4 degrees or higher

COVID-19 Guidelines
Families should familiarize themselves with these guidelines, which are updated regularly and cover prevention strategies, health screening and monitoring, exclusion guidance, the SPPS COVID-19 Reporting System and free Vaccine Clinics at:
https://www.spps.org/covidvaccine

Click this link
https://www.spps.org/nutrition for information regarding:
- The current week’s lunch menu at a glance
- 2021-22 Meal Service
- Free/Reduced Meal Applications
- The The Zero\(^2\) Plan (Zero Hunger & Zero Waste Plan)
- Nutrition
- Afterschool Snack and Suppers
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program
- And much more!

The Heights website

Please check out our website at spps.org/theheights

Please read and discuss the Family Handbook with your students at:
https://www.spps.org/domain/13882

Click the link below for Title I information regarding:
School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP)
Family Friendly SCIP
Family Engagement Plan (FEP)
Compact
Parent’s Right to Know
https://www.spps.org/domain/3785

Title I information will also be available in the school office and the family resource room.
School Hours 7:30-3:00  
Office Hours 7:15-2:45

Testing Info

Parent/Guardian Information on Statewide Testing
The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires statewide standardized testing on an annual basis. For more information on statewide testing, as well as parents'/guardians’ right to refuse testing click the link below:
https://www.spps.org/Page/33916

Tests and Testing Schedules
For information on ACCESS 2.0, CogAT, FAST literacy and MCA testing for the 2020-21 school year check out the SPPS District Testing Calendar, Test Descriptions and School Schedules at this link:
https://www.spps.org/Page/21430

Testing for ELL Students
ACCESS testing starts in February. All students who are identified as ELL will take the ACCESS test. A change for this year: student in grades 1-5 will test on their ipads.

Testing Schedule:
Week of Feb 2 5th grade
Week of Feb 7 4th grade
Week of Feb 14 3rd grade
Week of Feb 21 2nd grade
Week of Feb 28 1st grade
(Kindergarteners test individually during Feb)

Health Office

Parent Reminder
Parents please remember that if your child has had a fever (over 100.4 degrees), diarrhea or vomiting;

please wait
24 hours of symptoms free before you send your child back to school.

iUpdate

Complete Your iUpdate
Families should complete their annual iUpdate for each student to ensure SPPS has your current contact information and other required forms on file.
Visit spps.org/onestop to complete yours now.

Yearbooks!

Want to order a yearbook? Click the link: http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09870300.

All yearbooks are $13.75.

Yearbooks must be pre-ordered before the end of March – yearbooks will NOT be available for purchase after the March deadline.

Ordered yearbooks will be delivered in May.
Hello Families! It’s already February, the winter is flying by quickly. In P.E. class we have worked on floor hockey skills/games, fitness, and new Multicultural games like; CRICKET, NATIVE AMERICAN GAMES, AFRICAN HOOP RELAY and more to come.

In February we will continue to do fitness activities, basketball, multicultural games and our own version of the WINTER OLYMPICS PE style.

Make sure to get outside for any kind of exercise in these winter months with your kids. Take them sledding, build a snowman or go for a walk or ice skating. Remind your child to be SAFE and RESPECTFUL TO ALL OTHERS at school.

Have a fun rest of the winter, only 2 or 3 months left! :)

MR. BEASON, P.E. TEACHER

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We’re working with CLAY!

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade have just finished making pinch pots. Our 2nd and 3rd graders will make clay puppets in a couple weeks and the 4th and 5th graders are currently making clay animals. We are finishing our clay pieces with some paint and then they are put on display at the front of the school and by the library. Students will begin bringing their artwork home after spring break. As always, if you ever want to get in touch feel free to email me at jordan.steger@spps.org!

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Science

We are continuing to plug away in Science getting through as much as possible in the time we have together. Here is a list of what each grade level is currently working on.

Kindergarten - The Life of Godlfish
1st Grade - Measurement
2nd Grade - Adaptations
3rd Grade - The Engineering Process
4th Grade - The Engineering Process
5th Grade - Research Unit on Biomes of the World

Mr. Welke

Greetings Heights Families,

I can’t believe we are over halfway done with our school year! We continue to have strong class routines, that has allowed us to dig deeper into our work. All scholars continue to growth their singing voice, play instruments, move, and listen to music.

Scholars in grades 2-5 began ukulele! So far, we have learned to hold our instruments, name the parts of the Ukulele, and play songs using just strings. Over this next month, we will continue to grow our skills by learning how to make chords and use strumming patterns to play full songs.

Scholars in K-2, began to learn our first song for a special musical project. Ask them about a song called "Click, Clack, Moo!" More details of our special music project will be out soon.

I appreciate our partnership! As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns email me at michael.claver@spps.org or text at 612-470-0943

In music,
Teacher Claver
Greetings Heights Families,
We now have rapid testing kits available to hand out. While this is exciting, we will be prioritizing how we hand them out due to having a limited number of kits available.
The health office staff will be handing kits out and the primary use of the rapid tests are for students who are being sent home with COVID like symptoms. Kits can also be requested for students who are at home with symptoms or for those who do not have access to testing sites. We do not have enough supplies to provide kits for daily or weekly testing of asymptomatic students.
If you are in need of a kit, please contact the Health Office at 888-7631 or call the main office at 293-8815.

Saludos Familias de Heights,
Ahora tenemos kits de prueba rápida disponibles para distribuir. Si bien esto es emocionante, priorizaremos cómo los entregamos debido a que tenemos un número limitado de kits disponibles.
El personal de la oficina de salud entregará kits y el uso principal de las pruebas rápidas es para los estudiantes que son enviados a casa con síntomas similares a COVID. También se pueden solicitar kits para los estudiantes que están en casa con síntomas o para aquellos que no tienen acceso a los sitios de prueba. No tenemos suficientes suministros para proporcionar kits para las pruebas diarias o semanales de los estudiantes asintomáticos.
Si necesita un kit, comuníquese con la Oficina de Salud al 888-7631 o llame a la oficina principal al 293-8815.

Nyob zoo Heights Families,
Tam sim no peb muaj cov khoom siv kuaj tau sai sai yuav muab xa tawm. Peb tseem yuav saib seb yuav muab tawm li cas vim tias muaj cov khoom siv no tsavg tsawg xwb.
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2022-2023 Enrollment for New Families

The Heights will be having a virtual Open House on Wednesday, February 22 from 10-11am for new families registering for the 2022-23 school year. Please pass this on to families you know who are looking to enroll for next fall. New families can call Julie Wellman 651-744-2284 or email julie.wellma@spps.org to register.

Winter Open Houses for 2022-23 Enrollment
https://www.spps.org/domain/6807#calendar80170/20220107/month

2022-23 Enrollment Process
The Heights Website

- Please be sure to check through the rest of our website to find information on curriculum and instruction, classroom activities, school events, and much, much more!

How do I enroll my child?

- If you wish to enroll at The Heights Community School, every NEW student must have a completed application.
- Contact the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3700 for an application or click here.

Enrollment Timeline for Fall 2022-2023:

- 2022-2023 Online Application - available January 2022
- Virtual Question & Answer Sessions:
  - Saturday, February 12, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. via Zoom
- Priority application deadline for ALL grades (PreK-12) - Friday, March 4.
- Early Admission to Kindergarten deadline - Friday, March 4.

5th Grade Parents,
Please open the attached Newsletters regarding Middle School Placement and selection for information on how to enroll your 5th grade student into the middle school of your choice!
PTA News

Check out our new Heights Eagles Merchandise!

T-shirts, hoodies, sweatpants, tumblers, lanyards & more!

Fill out the order form using the link below. You will need an Venmo account to place our order. You will add the Venmo information to the order form so we can match the Venmo payment to the correct order form.

Questions? Contact Julie Wellman at julie.wellman@spps.org

Order Form:

https://forms.gle/oWymwgC9Z5sYQa2BA