

**Family Newsletter**

**May/June 2018**

# The Heights Community School

## MAY

**Friday, May 4, 2018**

5:00pm Student Council Dance & Carnival

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

Teacher Appreciation Day  
5:30-7:30pm Parent Forum  
**!Offered May 15 ONLY!**

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

5:00-7pm PTA Mtg

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

3:00-9pm Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser

**Monday, May 14, 2018**

6:00pm Plaza Movie Night

**Tuesday, May 15, 2017**

5:30-6:30 or 7:00-8:00 Parent Forum

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**

5:00pm PreK Registration  
6:00pm K Registration

**Friday, May 18, 2018**

Spring Concerts  
9:45am Grades K, 1 & 2  
2:10pm Grades 3, 4 & 5

**Monday, May 28, 2018**

NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

**Wednesday, May 30, 2018**

9:45am CARES Program All Grades

## JUNE

**Friday, June 1, 2018**

10:00am Ordway  
All School Field Trip

**Monday, June 4, 2018**

Field Day (rain day Tues, June 5)

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**

Talent Show

**Friday, June 8, 2018 – Last Day of School**

10:00am Staff vs 5th Grade Kickball  
11:30am All School Lunch

Find the complete 17-18 Family Calendar and Handbook on The Heights' website:

[spps.org/heights](http://spps.org/heights)

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## A Note from Principal Jones

Parent engagement is critical to the work we do at The Heights and I want to encourage more families to attend our parent focused meetings like PTA, Chat with the Principal and our Year in Review. These meetings are opportunities for our families to be well informed about our program, learn how together we can support scholars in our program, share ideas for improving what we do for the scholars at The Heights and how our school can be the best school it can be.

Thank you to the parents who attended the PTA meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>. I was able to share fiscal year 2019 budget information and the criteria in which The Heights will use to make budget decisions for the 2018- 2019 school year. Those that attended completed the Budget Survey after my budget presentation.

We will host our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Year in Review" Parent Forum on Tuesday, May 15. As always, your presence, participation and your voice are needed. The meeting will include a light meal and child care will be provided. Please look for the flyer to come home with the meeting times. Mr. B. and I look forward to reviewing the successes of our current year and planning for the future with you!

Although we do not take teacher requests for the upcoming classroom placement, families may write a letter describing the type of qualities in a teacher that would best fit their child/ren's needs. Staff do work to make the best placement for all of our scholars.



**The Heights Community School**  
**651-293-8815**

**PTA News**

The next PTA meeting is Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 5:00-7pm.

Please join us!

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**Saints North Family Skate Center**

1818 Gervais Ct, Maplewood  
 (651) 770-3848  
 New dates next year!

**Plaza Theater**

Mon. May 7 6:00pm

**Chuck E Cheese**

445 Commerce Dr, Woodbury  
 Fri. May 11 3:00-9 pm

Keep collecting:



**Box Tops Competition ends Friday, May 11!**  
**Prizes will be given to the classrooms that bring in the most boxtops.**

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!!Available Now!!

Look online for additional colors and size chart!

No deadline!

Order all year round!

Samples sizes available in the Parent Resource Room.

Use the order form on The Heights website at [spps.org/heights](http://spps.org/heights) (please send exact change with order form) or shop online!



**Morning Schedule**

- 8:15 Cafeteria opens for FREE Breakfast to Go
- 8:30 All students must be in their classrooms or they will be marked tardy.

Reminder:

Call the attendance line before 7:30 am when your child(ren) will not be in school.

(651)-744-2273

The attendance line is available 24/7!

**Field Trip Chaperones**

All volunteers who wish to chaperone field trips are required to have completed a background check. The cost is **\$15 (cash only)**. The background check is good for one year only.

**Please allow 2 weeks for processing.**

Parents can still volunteer in the building and in classrooms by simply filling out a volunteer form.

**PTA Chocolate Bar Sales**

The Candy Bars sale ended **Wednesday, April 11.**  
 Please turn in all money asap.  
**Thanks for selling!**

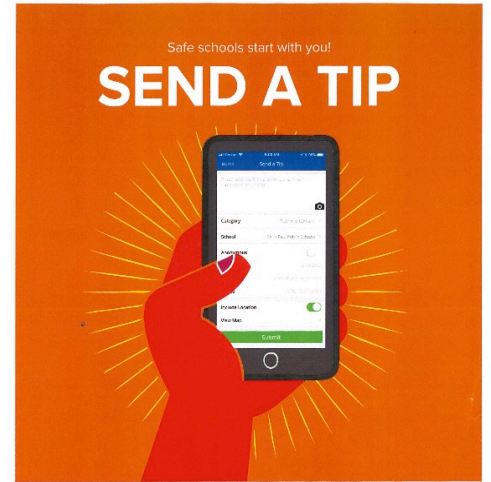
Avenue Shirt Works



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[stores.inksoft.com/heightscommunityschool](http://stores.inksoft.com/heightscommunityschool)

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**Conversation Corner #7**

A conversation with your child is a great way to encourage children to increase vocabulary and gain confidence with speaking. Mrs. Galowitz and Mrs. Johansen have worked together to give you some ideas to help you get more than a "yes", "ok", or "no" answer when asking your child about their school day. On the way home, at dinner or even bedtime is a great time for these simple questions..

1. What's the word of the week?
2. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
3. Did anyone cry?
4. What did you do that was creative?
5. What made you laugh?

As answers develop using a phrase such as, "tell me more" will help your child make more connections to school. It is a busy day full of learning and we hope children begin to talk more about the wonders of their school day.

## Specialists' News

### Science-Ms. Rhoads


- K- Learning about the Planet Earth and Seasons.
- 1st - Learning the Properties of Air.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Learning the Properties of Solids and Liquids.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Learning about Rocks and Minerals.
- 4th - Learning how Inventions can Solve Problems.
- 5th - Learning about the Biomes of the World.



### Physical Education-Mr. Guthrie

For the month of May, second through fifth grade will be doing fitness stations, and kickball. We will spend 45 seconds at each station, doing beam jump, squats, jump rope, shoulder taps, and crunches. During kickball, we will be outside playing on the kickball field, so please have your student come to school with shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. Kindergarten and first grade will be focusing on how to do jumping jacks, and squats. We will also play tag games that will involve those two exercises.

### Music-Mr. Claver

My name is Mr. Claver, and I am so excited to join the heights family as  music teacher. Over the month of April, our scholars have had a new introduction to music class. All grades have been diligently preparing for our concert. You can find all resources to review all music for the concerts on Schoology. As we look forward, I wanted to provide a quick reminder for our May performances. On May 18th at 9:30am, Grades K-2 will perform in a music concert. That same day, at 2:10pm, Grades 3-5 will perform. More information will be provided soon!



### Enrichment News-Mrs Allal

#### **Ms. Allal's Enrichment Groups:**

**Kindergarten-** We are learning about spring using literature and art. I am continuing to teach the Second Steps program on Problem- Solving and Fair Ways to Play. Ask your child to sing the song!

**Third Grade-** We are learning the seven continents and five oceans through song, group work, learning centers, iPad research and books.

#### **GT Fridays!**

**Grades 1-2** We are writing a play that takes place in Australia. Fifth graders are also teaching us chess! We alternate activities.

**4th and 5th grade GT** students are playing the Stockmarket Game until May 4. They are working in teams to research, buy and trade stocks using a virtual portfolio.

**Student Council-** Pennies for Patients will be starting later this year after spring break. Look for a note of fun activities to help bring in the change!

**Talent Show is June 6! Auditions coming in May!**

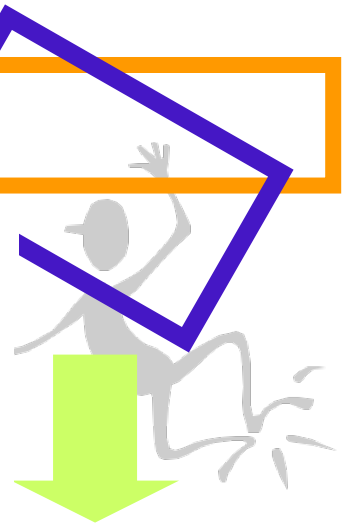
**Look for the parent information and permission note coming home in May.**

## PreK and K Registration & Orientation

PreK  
Registration is  
5-6:30 pm.

**Save the date!**  
Thursday, May 17 is  
PreK and Kindergarten  
2018-19 Registration

Kindergarten  
Registration  
is 6-7:30 pm.

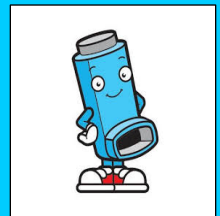


### Parent Reminder

Parents please remember that if your child has had a fever (over 100), diarrhea or vomiting; please wait

### 24 hours

of symptoms free before you send your child back to school.



## School Bus Transportation Form

Every student in the district must have the cosmic orange **School Bus Transportation Form** filled out and returned by **Friday, May 18.**



The forms **must** be filled out whether or not your student rides the bus or whether or not your student will attend The Heights next year.

## Health Office News

May 4th is the last day for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students' asthma training.

Parents/guardians of students with asthma are expected to be here at 8:40am to observe their children display what they have been learning for the past weeks.

Snacks will be provided.



## Library News



Attention!  
All library books are due by

**Friday, May 25th!**



## Minnesota Reading Corps Tutors Needed

The Heights Community School is looking for Minnesota Reading Corps tutors for the school year 2018-2019! If you or someone you know is interested please see the information below:

Minnesota Reading Corps is looking for more than 1,200 literacy tutors in 800+ schools across Minnesota. There are both full- and part-time positions available. Earn a living allowance and an educational award for your year of service.

Apply today at [ReadingAndMath.net](http://ReadingAndMath.net).

Questions?  
Contact [recruitment@servetogrow.org](mailto:recruitment@servetogrow.org)  
or  
866.859.2825



## Yearbooks 2017-18

\$18.00 buys a full color yearbook!  
Order now as they will sell fast!  
Don't let your children (especially fifth graders!) go on without the memories with their friends!  
(Cash ONLY Please!)



## Save The Dates

Special offer for The Heights families on May 23 at 7:00pm. Let's sit together and see the MN Lynx take on the Dallas Wings! Order tickets now at: [www.lynxbasketball.com/groupoffers](http://www.lynxbasketball.com/groupoffers) +promo code: HeightsCommunity

A flyer will also be sent home the first week of May.

Join us on the last day of school Friday, June 8 for our annual All School Lunch from 11:30-1:00.

Hot dog lunches cost \$4/person. Look for the flyer the first week of May to sign up. Please RSVP so we can order the correct amount of extra lunches.

