Greetings Heights Families,

“March Madness” is coming to Minnesota, but it arrived early at The Heights. As many of you may already know, we have experienced quite a bit of flooding at our school. We have had to relocate classrooms and have been unable to use our kitchen and cafeteria. Our Multi-Cultural Night and Student Council Dance & Carnival was cancelled as well. Though it has been a hardship for our staff and scholars, it is a great reminder of how important each member of our school community is to The Heights.

We have begun our MCA testing and will be completing testing in the month of April and the first week of May. Students in grades 3-12 take the test- please help prepare your child by ensuring a good nights’ sleep so they are well-rested and ready to be at their best daily.

Thank you for attending our conferences. It is always a pleasure for our staff to strengthen our partnerships with families to ensure our scholars’ success. Another thank you to those of you who took some time to take our climate survey. We appreciate your input and are appreciative of the opportunity to include our community’s voice in our decision making. Congratulations to the winners of our drawing:

- Kanisha W.
- Lucy
- Sussiane H.
- Samantha M.
- Lilly X.
- Mynor G.

Please call The Heights and make arrangements to pick up your $25 gift card!

Enjoy your Spring Break! We look forward to welcoming our scholars back on Monday, April 8.

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<td><strong>10:00am Ordway K-5 Field Trip, buses depart</strong></td>
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<td>Find the complete 18-19 Family Calendar and Handbook on The Heights’ website.</td>
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Office Hours 7:30am-3:45pm

PreK and K News

PreK Take Your Parent to School Day

Wednesday, April 24th

Learn how PreK students transition to Kindergarten. Parents will be given the opportunity to visit the kindergarten rooms and ask the teachers questions.

See you there!

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Save the date!

Thursday, May 16 is PreK and Kindergarten 2019-20 Registration

PreK Registration is 5-6:30 pm. Kindergarten Registration is 6-7:30 pm.

Information will be mailed to families after Student Placement assigns students to schools.

Conversation Corner

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. Tell me about something that made you feel happy today.
2. Tell me about a time when you felt bored.
3. What was the first thing you did when you got to class today?
4. Tell me something funny one of your classmates did today.
5. If you could change any rule at school, what would it be?

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.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, May 9
5:00-7pm

Please join us!

We’ll be final ideas for the PTA budget and school budget for 2019-20.

2018-19 PTA meetings 10/10, 1/10, 3/7, 5/9

Saints North

Family Skate Center
1818 Gervais CT, Maplewood
(651) 770-3848

Tues, Sept 25 6:00-8 pm

Thurs, Dec 6 6:00-8 pm

Fri, Feb 8 5:15-7:15 pm

Tues, April 16 6:00-8 pm

Chuck E Cheese
445 Commerce Dr, Woodbury, MN

Wed, Oct 17 3:00-9 pm

Fri, Jan 18 3:00-9 pm

Fri, March 15 3:00-9 pm

Fri, May 10 3:00-9 pm

Keep collecting:

PTA is working with Avenue Shirt Works.

Look online for additional colors and size chart!

No deadline!

Order all year round!

Samples sizes available in the Parent Resource Room.

A flyer will be available after spring break.

PTA Chocolate Bar Sales

The Candy Bar and Gummy Bear sale ends
Thursday, April 11.

Please turn in all money after Spring Break.

Thanks for selling!

651-744-2273

The Attendance Line is Available
24 Hours a Day/7 Days a Week!

Reminder!

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.

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Please, always use the Attendance Line to call in an absent student! (use even during regular school hours!)
Greetings from the science room! Here is what we are working on:
Kindergarten - Naming parts of animals
1st Grade: Different ways objects move.
2nd Grade: Engineering a pollinator
3rd Grade: Physics of sound
4th Grade: States of matter
5th Grade: Motion and simple machines

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.
Becky Saunders-Pearce 651-293-8815 becky.saunders-pearce@spps.org

Physical Education-Mr. Guthrie
For the month of April, third through fifth grade will be playing Floor Hockey. We will spend two days working on stick handling, two days on passing, and two days learning how to shoot and defend a goal. Once we put all four skills together, we will play a game of Sideline Hockey. Kindergarten through second grade will be doing fitness stations. There will be a line jump station, a squat station, a jump rope station, beam jump station, and a crunches station. Students will be broken up into groups, and they will spend two minutes at each station.

Music-Mr. Claver
This unit, scholars worked on musical performance, expression, and creation. Grades 3-5 are starting to improvise on xylophones. Scholars were able to create and perform melodies without any planning or preparation! Ask your scholar to define improvise for you. For grades k-2, scholars have continue exploring dynamics. Scholars are able to describe what they hear, and can name and perform crescendo and decrescendo. All scholars continue to reinforce basic music skills such as keeping a steady beat and pitch matching.
Our Spring Music Concerts are Friday, May 17, 2019.
K-2 – 9:45am
3-5 – 2:10pm
Please look for more information about our performances this month!

Enrichment News-Ms Clardy
March lessons–students learned about the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the U.S. government. We identify the key people, groups, and jobs for each branch of government.

Lesson 1 What is the primary job of each branch?
Lesson 2 Why are the three branches of government important?
Lesson 3 How are the three branches of government connected?

GT classes On Mondays students continue working on researching and creating a biography. On Fridays students work on thinking skills and emphasizing problem solving.

Student Council took pictures for this year’s yearbook Made posters for School spirit week.

Dominoes Club 5th grade students began teaching 4th grade students the game strategies.

Chess Club is offered to 4th and 5th grade. They meet on Fridays.

Art Club is offered to 4th and 5th grade. The club initiated and led by students.

Hmong dance is taught by a 5th grade student. It includes 4th and 5th grade students.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Mary.frances.clardy@spps.org
**Fifth Grade Students Transition to Middle School**

We are excited for our fifth-grade students as they finish their elementary education at The Heights Community School and transition on to middle school. When we return from our Spring Break on April 9, we will start focusing on middle school expectations. That being said, your child will participate in a variety of lessons, activities and discussions focusing on what is expected from a middle school student.

**The topics covered include:**

- Facts and Myths about Middle School
- How to read a schedule and make it to class on time
- How to open a combination lock
- Organization with many different classes
- Walking through the hallways freely
- Seeking support from adults

Each student will make their own “High Trust” button that they will wear and act as a pass. It will allow them to move through the halls without their teacher. It is the understanding that students can lose that privilege if they are not following the expectations. They can earn it back by fixing their behavior.

For more information, contact our school counselor, Kathy Drinkwine at 651-325-2415

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**Minnesota Reading Corps Tutors Needed**

The Heights Community School is looking for 4 Minnesota Reading Corps tutors for the school year 2019-2020! Full time and Part time positions are available. 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.

Questions?
Contact recruitment@servetogrow.org
or
866.859.2825

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**Save the Date: Parent Academy Seminar**

**Date: Wednesday, April 10 2019**

Introducing PBIS: Building a bridge between home and school

Offered in English & Spanish

5:30-6:00pm Dinner
6:00-8:00pm Seminar
FREE Child Care Provided

Learn what Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is and why schools use PBIS to create caring, supportive, learning environments for all students.

**Objectives: Families will...**

- Learn about PBIS and the school-wide expectations at The Heights
- Practice easy ways to use positive language to improve behavior and build stronger relationships.
- Create a family matrix to take home
Calendar Changes for April

The April 18th Student Council Dance and Carnival has been cancelled.

Due to the flooding and the ongoing work to get the cafeteria back into a usable space, we have been unable to plan for this event. We are sorry, but we have decided to cancel this year’s Dance & Carnival.

We will be planning for a fall Dance and Carnival for the 2019-2020 school year. A date has not been finalized yet. If you would like to participate in planning or volunteering for the event, sign up during fall Open House or email Julie Wellman at julie.wellman@spps.org with your interest and information.

Thank you,
The Carnival Committee

Student Support

Hello Heights Family,
Just another reminder that Mr. Thao will be providing services to our students to address a variety of obstacles that stand in the way of learning.

If you feel your child is struggling with issues such as hyperactivity, impulsiveness, peer relationships, or anything else that is preventing them from reaching their full potential, please call the school and ask for Ms. Kathy Drinkwine or Ms. Julie Dums. Mr. Thao is able to see students with any type of insurance except Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

For more information about Mr. Thao, please www.truethaocounseling.com

Yearbook Orders!

The 2018-19 Full color YEARBOOK will be ready in May!

Don’t miss out on keeping memories!

Please order your yearbook by visiting: https://ybpay.lifetouch.com

School ID code: 11770519
The cost is $19.50.

Orders due by Thursday, April 18, 2019

Health Office News

5th grade students who have asthma will be receiving training that provides tools and educational methods for asthma self-management. Students will be learning about asthma disease, triggers, treatment and how to understand an asthma action plan in the third week of April.

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.