Greetings Heights Families,

Can you believe it’s already March?

Attendance counts! Students with chronic absenteeism and/or tardiness struggle in our classrooms both academically and behaviorally. Sleep is a basic human need for us all and without it your child’s learning and progress can be negatively impacted. Please help us help your child be successful by setting an early enough bedtime for him/her to get plenty of rest and an early enough wake up time to ensure that s/he has the time needed to be at school on time every day. Thank you!

It’s time to start planning for next year and we need your help. Please attend the March 12 PTA meeting where we will review and discuss our 2020-21 Title I budget. We also start reviewing the SCIP, Family Engagement Plan and Compact for next year. Please contact Julie Wellman at julie.wellman@spps.org if you need child care, transportation and/or an interpreter.

Conferences are scheduled for March 17, 19 and 20. It is important for us to have 100% participation from our families. Our teachers and support staff want to celebrate and share how your child(ren) are growing and discuss how your partnership can support our students’ success. This is one way you can show just how important school is for you and your child(ren). Please help us plan for next year during conferences by participating in the Parent Survey to review the Title I Budget and Activities to Support Partnerships. Families who participate are entered in a drawing to win $25 Target gift cards!

Principal Moeller

Don’t Forget! Set clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 8.
Early Admit to Kindergarten

Students whose fifth birthday falls between Sept 2 and Dec 31, 2020, may apply for an early admission to kindergarten assessment through the Student Placement Center. The deadline for applications is March 20, 2020. Students recommended for early admission to kindergarten will be enrolled based on available space, and only after all kindergarten-eligible students are placed.

For more information, please call the Student Placement Center at 651-632-3760.

The Heights Community School
651-293-8815

School Hours
7:30am-2:00pm
Office Hours
7:15am-3:00pm

Reporting Absences

Please, always use the Attendance Line to call in an absent student!
(651) 744-2273
The Attendance Line is Available
24 Hours a Day/7 Days a Week!

Conversation Corner

A conversation with your child is a great way to encourage children to increase vocabulary and gain confidence with speaking. Mrs. Galowitz has put together 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. Who did you play with today?
2. Tell me something you know today that you didn’t know yesterday.
3. What is something that challenged you?
4. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
5. Did you like your lunch?

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.

Box Tops for Education is moving toward collecting via an app.

Sign up and get the app at BTFE.COM

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for:
Thursday, March 12
5:00-7pm
Please join us!
Child Care, Transportation and Interpreters are available upon request.
Contact Julie Wellman (651)293-8815.

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The 2019-20 PTA meetings are held: Oct 10, Jan 16, March 12, April 16 and May 7 from 5-7pm.
The PTA and Title I budgets are discussed at the March 12 & April 16th meetings.

Saints North Family Skate Center
1818 Gervais Ct, Maplewood
(651) 770-3848
Cancelled
Tue, Oct 22 6:00-8 pm
Cancelled
Tue, Dec 10 6:00-8 pm
Cancelled
Tue, Feb 4 6:00-8 pm
Cancelled
Tue, April 16 6:00-8 pm
Sts North is looking for a school for us to pair up with next school year. All dates for this school year have been cancelled.

Chuck E Cheese
445 Commerce Dr, Woodbury
Wed, Oct 16 3:00-9 pm
Fri, Jan 17 3:00-9 pm
Fri, March 13 3:00-9 pm
Fri, May 8 3:00-9 pm

Please keep sick children home a full 24 hours after their last symptom of fever, vomiting or diarrhea before letting them attend school. Kids are still contagious and this will cut down on spreading illness to other students.

Please consider sending extra clothes on the days with melting snow especially if your child is drawn to puddles! The health office has a limited selection of clothes that is used for emergencies.

Finally, the health office could use more clothing especially for the older students. If you have extras, we’d love to have them!

Thank you!
Science - Ms. Kartes
Greetings from the science room! Here is what we are working on:
Kindergarten - Sorting and describing objects
1st Grade: Air and Weather
2nd Grade: States of Matter and Habitats (plants specifically)
3rd Grade: Engineering
4th Grade: Immune system and states of matter
5th Grade: Biomes and Motion
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Physical Education - Mr. Beason
This month in PE at the Heights School we will focus on a variety of things in PE classes.
- striking activities of soccer and floor/scooter hockey
- Winter Olympic relays
- Aerobic=non-stop, continuous exercise
- "March Madness", basketball skills
- Also continue to work on Positive Behavior

Music - Mr. Claver
This month, scholars continued to develop their skills playing instruments. All scholars in grades K-2 spent time perfecting their drumming technique, and were able add musicality to their performances. In 3rd grade, we have perfected the notes B and A on our recorders. In 4th and 5th Grade, we have mastered playing single notes (reading tablature), and have begun playing chords.
Starting this month, all students will begin their preparation for the May Concerts! We are so excited to share our new skills with you.

Looking Ahead:
Our Spring Music Concerts are Friday, May 15, 2020
K-2 8:50am
3-5 9:40am

Enrichment News - Ms. Clardy
February lessons in honor of Black history month. We continued to study our social-emotional curriculum. Parents of 4th and 5th grade students ask your students about the videos they are making.

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 is taking pictures for this years’ yearbook, planning School Spirit Days and writing letters to local “celebrities” to invite them to the Heights.

2019-20 YEARBOOK will be ready in May. Look for order forms in your students’ back packs.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.
Mary.frances.clardy@spps.org
The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library during conference times
March 17th, 19th and 20th

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair theme is: Book Fair Jungle:
Elephants, Tigers, and Books, OH MY!

Watch for a flyer to come home that will show some of the items that will be coming to our book fair. (The flyer cannot be used to place an order, but you can visit the book fair online at scholastic.com/fair.)

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Julie Wellman (651-293-8815).

School documents can be translated upon request or interpreters made available upon request.

Āmarinya (Amharic)
yeti / bètì senedochi bet’iyak’è weyimi āsiterigwamìwochi lìteregomu yichilalu.

Myanmar (Burmese)
kyawngghearaote hcarrwathcartammyarr taunggsonhuokshoetmahote m r shine lo htcakarrpyan aapawshoet bharsarpyn htarra saw nineparsai.

Nēpālī (Nepali)
Anurōdhāmā skūla kāgajātahārū anuvdā gama sakincha vā vyākhyākātāharū upalabdha garā’unā sakincha.

Spanish
Todos los documentos pueden ser traducidos o interpretados oralmente si usted lo solicita

Hmong
Tej ntaub ntawv tom tsev kawm ntawv uas xa los rau nej, peb yuav pab txhais thiab nhiaiv neeg txhais lus rau nej yog nej hais qhia peb

Somali
Dhammaan dukumintiyada iskuulka waa la turjumi karaa ama waxaa la heli karaa turjumaan haddii la codsado

Karen
“หนังสือในห้องสมุดและห้องเรียนให้บริการแปลเป็นภาษาไทยที่หน่วยงานสื่อสารสอบสวนที่ใกล้เคียงกัน”
THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. You can still clip them and send them to school.

Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for your school. Make sure each one has a clearly visible product acronym and expiration date.

*All valid Box Tops clips submitted per the Program Rules by a Coordinator(s) of (an) eligible, enrolled school(s) will be honored.

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS

Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school’s earnings online.