# **New Heights Elementary**



#### Home of the Hawks

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Vision: 100% student success.

#### Mission:

To provide an environment that meets the needs of our students through staff development, family involvement, and community resources.

#### SCHOOL OPENING &

<u>DISMISSAL TIMES</u> Gates open at 8:15 AM, School starts at 8:45 AM, <u>Teaching begins at 8:45 AM</u> Breakfast served until 8:30 AM. Dismissal at 2:55



Transportation Call Center 727.587.2020 For more information, consult Pinellas County School Website www.pcsb.org THE



January 2020

#### Message from the Office

Parents, please help our school by taking the Pinellas County Schools 2019-2020 Parent Survey. The information is below.

Lisa Austin austinli@pcsb.org Christopher Boulanger boulangerc@pcsb.org **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** 

January 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Semester begins January 16 Ready, Set Kindergarten 5:00 pm January 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No school for students January 27 Breakfast with Books 7:15 am January 30 Class Pictures



Kindergarten registration for the 2020 – 2021 school year begins January 13, 2020. New Heights will be hosting, "Ready, Set… Kindergarten" on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.



Register for kindergarten, explore classrooms, meet teachers and learn about opportunities to get involved. Find out about great programs available, such as art, music, gifted programs, science labs, STEM academies, physical education and other enrichment programs. This is a great way to get siblings signed up

prior to the summer rush. We hope to see you there!

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Or go to our website: https://www.pcsb.org/Domain/50 and click on Parent/Student Survey.

Hurry, the survey will close on January 24!

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Dear First Grade Parents,

Happy New Year! This month, in science we will be exploring pushes, pulls and changing motion. Here are some things to discuss with your student:

- How do things move?
- What makes things move?
- How can we change the way an object moves?
- What are the different paths objects take (zig zag, round and round, back, and forth, straight, etc)?

In math we will finish our second unit on numbers within 20. Some ways you can support this learning is by:

- Practicing word problems
- Practicing making and answering questions about graphs (tally charts and picture graphs)
- Review adding three numbers

In reading we are starting Module D. In this unit we are revisiting nonfiction. Some ways you can support this learning is by:

- Read a story with your first grader and discuss if it is fiction or nonfiction.
- Read a nonfiction book and ask about the main topic and key details.
- Discuss how two ideas, events, or individuals are connected.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Corner

What are we learning in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade in January

Reading- Students will be exploring Traditional Tales: fairytales, fables, and folktales. They will compare and contrast different versions of the stories by different authors and from different cultures. Also they will learn a variety of ways to think about a story in order to learn its lesson or moral.

Math- Students will be learning to read and write three-digit numbers and compare three-digit numbers to determine whether numbers are greater than, less than, or equal to each other.

## News from our Family and Community Liaison

Happy New Year! Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our November Chick Fil A Dinner with Books and our December Chick Fil A Spirit Night. Our next Title One Family Engagement event will be a Breakfast with Books on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 am. We will provide a drink and a light snack for you to enjoy as you read a book with your child. I hope to see you there.

A quick reminder if you plan to attend any field trips with your child, you will need to register online before you will be able to attend. Please register at this link: www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration.

Thank you, Anita M. LeCain Family & Community Liaison



Join us January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 am

# **Take Home Computers**

If you have a child in grades K-5, they may be eligible to check out a laptop computer to use at home for the entire school year! If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Carpenter, Library Media Technology Specialist at 727-521-5350 x 2030 or carpenterka@pcsb.org

Driver's License or Photo ID required.



### Stars in the Arts

"Welcome back! We have created our Portfolios 2.0 and I am excited to stuff them with art! We will have more three-dimensional art this semester. These projects will come home at various points in the semester! All two-dimensional projects will come home in their portfolios at the end of the semester! Thank you so much and happy January! #Artrocks

-Love, Ms.Weber"

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Corner

Fourth Grade has a new homework format! The new format will help students be better prepared for FSA reading and writing, students will be practicing breaking down prompts, and finding evidence for their writing. In addition to the new format, students will start completing one practice problem from the math sheet so that they have an example to refer to when they're at home. This way parents will also know what is expected with common core math. We are hoping these new additions help bridge the gap between school and home.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Corner

The district application period to apply for middle school programs opened January 8th and will be open until January 17th. You can log in online to <u>https://reservation.pcsb.org</u> to apply for these programs. You will need to have your parent portal username and password which can be obtained in the front office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the front office for more information.

### Change your lunch plans.

# Change a child's life.

"It's like having a best friend you can always talk to."

#### **Be the Difference** Have lunch with a child at a nearby school

**Be a Friend** To a child who really needs a friend

**Be Inspired** Be surprised by how good you will feel

It's easy to be a Lunch Pal Learn more/Join us



#### PE Corner Parents,

We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break and we are excited to be back in school!! As we get back into the swing of things I would just like to remind everyone some policies that pertains to Physical Education class. First off please ensure that your child is properly dressed for the weather and is wearing appropriate shoes. Sneakers should be worn during the days your child has P.E. Please write your child's name in any jackets, scarves or gloves to help ensure that any lost items are returned to their correct owners. For the month of January, we will be working on some balance and coordination skills from Educational Gymnastics, some striking skills used in baseball and tennis as well as kicking skills used in soccer and football.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a representative from the American Heart Association to help kickoff our Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser. Money that is donated will be given to the American Heart Association to help fund cancer research, while students who raise money will be given thank you gifts as well. The American Heart Association also gives the P.E. department a gift certificate that we use to help buy new equipment every year! This is a great opportunity to raise some money and give back to those in need. Information packets will go out on January 16<sup>th</sup> and will have envelopes attached to collect the money. Money will be collected when the event ends on February 14<sup>th</sup> with our Kids Heart Challenge day with fun games and activities for all students to enjoy.



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