Message from the Office

Please welcome Ms. Marko LeCain, our new Family & Community Liaison and Ms. Wallace our new school nurse. We are excited to have them be a part of our New Heights’s family!

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YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT

Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys parents of children who receive special education services to determine how well your child’s school is partnering with you.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Take Florida’s ESE Parent Survey at www.esesurvey.com
Or complete the paper survey distributed by your child’s school.

Help improve educational services for students with special needs.
Dear First Grade Parents,

**ELA Update**

We will be starting Module E mid-February. This unit has us looking at Meeting Characters and Going on Reading Adventures. We will be learning the differences between fiction and nonfiction books.

**Math Update**

We will be starting Unit E. This unit is about, counting, modeling and comparing numbers. It includes:

- Counting to 120
- Using Base Ten Blocks to build numbers
- Comparison Word problems (How many more? How many fewer?)
- Finding missing numbers in an equation (3 + ___ = 9)
- Comparing two 2-digit numbers (32 > 16)

**News from PE**

Parents,

You guys are doing an absolute AMAZING job at raising money for the Kids Heart Challenge!! We have already exceeded last year’s total, and the school goal of $1,200!! Please remember that the Challenge ends on February 14th, so all envelopes must be turned into the P.E. by the end that day. Prizes will be ordered after the event and sent home with the students as soon as they are delivered. Please keep up all the hard work!

February is also the NFL Play 60 Challenge month from the American Heart Association and The Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They are challenging all 5th grade students to play 60 minutes a day for the month of February. The PE department will be handing out weekly tracking sheets for the 5th grade students to keep track of their weekly minutes. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the AHA will be giving away prizes for the top 3 schools in the county that have the highest minutes played by kid on average. Activity minutes can include school activities like P.E. class and recess as well as team sport practice, walking, riding a bike, walking the dog, or even doing chores! Other prizes can be won just by simply participating. 5th grade students will turn in their tracking sheets weekly to Coach Peppers.

Keep up the good work!

PE Department

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**Homework Helpline**

Homework helpline offers free homework help for students in Grades 1 through 12. Homework help is available from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Monday through Thursday on all school days, except when there is no school the following day. Please call 727-547-7223.
**Reading Corner**

Parents, help your child become a more balanced reader by exposing them to texts surrounding a common theme. This will help your child see how different authors vary in their approach to the same theme. This also helps them understand how information can be integrated from multiple texts on the same topic, which is a skill they will need for writing, assessments and completing research papers in the future.

**Art Corner:**

Hey 5th grade - we need each of you to bring in at least 24 empty clean water bottles the day we get back from Spring Break.

Anyone else who wants to help, may bring their clean empty water bottles to the art room at any time!

WE need 2500 - 3000 bottles!

Help us with fantastic Chihuly project and donate soon.

AND if anyone has a connection where we can get free (or really cheap) chicken wire - please let us know

Thanks
S. Bley
J. Reilly

**IMPRESSANT DATES**

**Pro-Ed Day – No School for Students**
Monday, February 18th

**Spring Break**
March 11th – 15th

**Take Home Computers**

If your child has checked out a take home computer, please have them bring it back to school for a quick inventory check. As soon as they show it to Mrs. Carpenter and have the latest updates installed, it will be sent back home.

Parents, please contact Mrs. Carpenter, Library Media Technology Specialist at 727-521-5350 x 2030 or carpenterka@pcsb.org with any questions.