



Home of the Hawks

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Principal

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Administrative Intern

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 & DISMISSAL TIMES

Gates open at 8:15 AM,

School starts at 8:45 AM,

Teaching begins at 8:45 AM

Breakfast served until 8:30 AM.

Dismissal at 2:45

Lunch Menu

www.pcsb.org/Page/693



Pat Wright,

Area 1 Superintendent

Nikita Reed

Director of

Transformation Zone

Transportation Call Center

727.587.2020

For more information, consult Pinellas County School Website

www.pcsb.org

Message from the Office

New Heights Elementary School would like to welcome our new Administrative Intern, Mr. Logan. He comes to us with 15 years in education and an additional 6 as an administrator. We look forward to gaining from his knowledge and experience as he supports our scholars.

We want to thank Angela McCoy for all she contributed to our school family. She will be greatly missed.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Oct. 1 PTA Board Meeting 6 PM
Oct. 11 Picture retakes
Oct. 4-12 Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 12 End of first quarter PTA Fall Festival
Oct. 15 No school for students
Oct. 25 Chick Fil A night
Oct. 26 Report cards go home

Table with 2 columns: HAWKS Expectations and Classroom Rules. Includes items like 'Have respect', 'Act responsible', 'Work cooperatively', 'Keep trying', 'Stay safe' and 'Use school appropriate voice, words, and actions', 'Arrive on time with all materials', 'Follow directions immediately', 'Work during all work times', 'Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself'.



Friday, October 12th, 5:30-7:30

Come enjoy fun, food, games and silent auction with your New Heights family

Admission:

\$5 per student or \$15 for up to a family of 4

FREE Popcorn and games with each paid admission!

Also featuring: The Book Fair and Kona Ice!

Pizza and drink for \$2.00

\*Donate an unopened package of children's underwear/bottoms size 4/5-16/18 (youth, dress code approved), or a gently used book for one free food ticket\*

## October Book Fair

The book fair is coming!  
This will be the first of two  
book fairs for the year.

### In School Dates:

October 8-12, 2018

**Where:** Media Center

**Night Event:** Friday

October 12<sup>th</sup>

(5:30 PM - 7:30 PM)

**Payment Options:** Cash,

Check (payable to New Heights Elementary), Credit Card or eWallet. Please add 7% tax to all purchases.



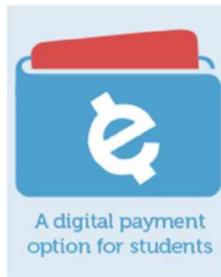
Funds raised by the book fair go to purchase more books for the library, technology/library needs and professional development.

Can't find the book you want? Shop online October 4 – 14, 2018 at [www.scholastic.com/bf/newheights](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/newheights)

### New Book Fair Feature!

Give your student(s) a secure, cash-free way to shop the fair. Simply create an eWallet and authorize a spending limit on your credit card.

- Secure way to give kids money to buy books.
- Pre-authorized amount to control spending.
- Funds immediately available for use.
- Parents will only be charged for what is purchased (up to the spending limit they selected). The preauthorized amount will expire after the last day of the book fair.
- Family members can gift money to students.
- Additional funds can be added to the eWallet at any time.



Visit the book fair website to set up your account!

[www.scholastic.com/bf/newheights](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/newheights)



## MISSED PHOTO DAY?

No problem... the photographers will be back on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you need a do-over, please send back the photo package from the first photo day.

## Fall Festival Baskets

There will be a silent auction during our Fall Festival. Please bring items in to fill your students' grade level themed basket by Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

ASD: Outdoor camping

Pre-K: Candy

Kindergarten: Baking

First grade: Gift wrapping

Second grade: Reading

Third grade: Fall

Fourth grade: Movie Night

Fifth grade: Sports

Specials: Rays



Proceeds made from the baskets will help fund PTA sponsored events throughout the school year.

## Office News

October 4, 2018

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to our students and to our vision of 100% student success. They are all certified by the state of Florida. In addition, they attend workshops and trainings designed to support them and offer strategies to help our students achieve.

Teacher selection and scheduling can be a challenging process. Occasionally it becomes necessary to assign a course to a teacher for which he/she is not currently certified. These decisions are made with consideration to teacher competence and with a continual commitment to highest student achievement.

Any teacher assigned out of field is chosen carefully, given additional district support, and is expected to work toward appropriate certification in a timely manner.

Shannon Bailey – Autism Spec Disorder

Christine Ducady – ESOL Endorsement

Erin Duffin – ESOL Endorsement

Kathleen Hinkle – ESOL Endorsement

Elizabeth Ivy – ESOL Endorsement

Jennifer Kehoe – ESOL Endorsement

Dawn Uebersetzgig – ESOL Endorsement

Jennifer Zamora – ESOL Endorsement

**\*\*\*\*\*Due to a new Educator Certification Application System launched at the Florida Department of Education, it is taking longer for teachers to be issued their teaching certificates. Without a certificate, a teacher must be reported out of field even though he/she will be certified in the area he/she is teaching once the certificate is issued.**

Erin Duffin – Elementary Education

Elizabeth Ivy – Elementary Education

Jennifer Kehoe – Elementary Education

Jennifer Zamora – PreK/Primary Education, Exceptional Student Education

## Literacy Corner:

Students will have an opportunity to earn free personal pan pizzas throughout the school year by reading at home and completing a reading log. Here are some fun ways to encourage reading through everyday activities: explore the library together, turn shopping into a reading and learning experience, read a book then watch the movie to discuss the differences and don't forget to help your child find a special place to read.

## 5 Math Tips for Parents

### 1. Make math fun!

Play board games with dice. Do puzzles. Let your child pour water in plastic containers while taking a bath. Build with blocks and legos. Count anything!

### 2. Use math in the kitchen.

Practice measuring with fractions. Try to double the recipe or make half of the recipe. Figure out what time it will be when the pizza needs to come out of the oven.

### 3. Use real world Math.

Let your child figure out how much change you'll get or how much to tip. Include your child in home projects in the garden or building a bookshelf. Let your child help you measure for new blinds or furniture.

### 4. Have fun with technology.

Students can use websites such as [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com), [jr.brainpop.com](http://jr.brainpop.com) or [brainpop.com](http://brainpop.com) to practice math concepts. (Brainpop username: newheights\_es password: school52). Play on apps such as IXL, Monster Math, or Hooda Math.

### 5. Watch math videos on [khanacademy.com](http://khanacademy.com) or [youtube.com](http://youtube.com).

Often children are doing a math a "different way" than we learned as kids. By going onto these sites, you can watch teachers teach short 2-3 min lessons or math algorithms.

## Character Traits

Why is it important to teach character traits to your child? Teaching good character traits start at home. Research has shown that teaching your child good character traits like honesty, self-control, or perseverance can improve their health, academics and overall create responsible successful individuals for life.

This month at New Heights are character theme is "Responsibility." At New Heights we teach our children every day to be responsible for making positive choices and their behavior. At home you can teach your child to be responsible by teaching them to clean their room, doing a chore, etc.

Teaching children the values of character traits can make for an upstanding citizen because in the end success in life does not always rely in academics.

## Art Corner

"Can't be Smart without art!"

Hoo boy - new art teachers... New ideas. New names. New projects. New techniques. New procedures. New rules. Lots of "new!"

No easy task when you consider we only see your scholar for a total of 25 hours a year! (Just imagine what you can — or can't — do in 25 hours). But Ms. Reilly and I are excited for the opportunity to share some amazing art NEW projects this year.

Ask your artist what they are working on and encourage everyone to try their best and not to give up - it's not "hard," its "new" is heard every day in the art room. Everyone has to practice to get better at anything: music, baseball, swimming, soccer, gymnastics, math, science, and of course art.

As Matisse once said... *"Creativity takes courage."*

We are looking forward to a fabulously creative year!

Ms. Bley & Ms. Reilly

Art wants: Empty cereal boxes, yarn, newspaper, hand wipes

## Attendance Corner

Children who have frequent absences miss out on critical instruction which cannot be made up merely by completing assignments. And children who are late have their school day start out in a disorganized manner and disrupt the teaching which has already begun. Our school hours are from 8:45 to 2:45 and learning occurs from bell to bell!

If your child is absent, please provide a written excuse (or note from the doctor/dentist) when your child returns to school. Otherwise the absence is considered "unexcused." Additionally, families may log on to our school's website at [www.pcsb.org/newheights-es](http://www.pcsb.org/newheights-es) to report their child's absence that day. Click on the icon "Report Student Absence" and then click on the blue circle and it will create an email to the school directly. While we recognize that families at times have emergencies and absences are unavoidable, please do not schedule vacations or family trips during school days.

The attendance policy for Pinellas County Schools is in the Code of Student Conduct. If you have any attendance questions feel free to contact Socorro Thomas, School Social Worker at 521-5350 ext. 2070.

## Take Home Computers

If you have a child in grades 3-5, they may be eligible to check out a laptop computer to use at home for the entire school year! Parents, please contact Mrs. Carpenter, Library Media Technology Specialist at 727-521-5350 x 2030 or [carpenterka@pcsb.org](mailto:carpenterka@pcsb.org)

Driver's License or Photo ID required.