



Message from the Office

Parents, for the safety of our students, PLEASE do not drop them off at school prior to 8:15 EXCEPT for the 4th and 5th grade students receiving extra support. Please see below for more information.

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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 & 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



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Area 1 Superintendent

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For more information, consult
Pinellas County School Website

www.pcsb.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19 – No school

April 22 – Dinner with Books

5:00 – 6:15

PTA Meeting 6:30 – 7:00

Book Fair 5:00 – 7:00

April 25 – Bucs Vision Van

April 30 – Music Moves Me

Spring Concert 6:30



JOIN US on APRIL 22nd

Starting at 5pm



Please send in RSVP for Dinner with Books by April 5th

Book Fair

in Media Center
from 5:00 - 7:00



GENERAL PTA MEETING

from 6:30 - 7:00 pm

FIRST GRADE FUN

Dear First Grade Parents,

ELA Update

We will soon be starting Module F. This unit focuses on characters, settings, events, and comparing and contrasting these. We will be focusing on Frog and Toad stories. In writing, we will be working on writing realistic fiction stories. The students get to make up their own character and write about them!

Math Update

We will be starting Unit F. This unit will be focused on adding two-digit numbers. It will also involve reviewing some other standards that we have previously learned.

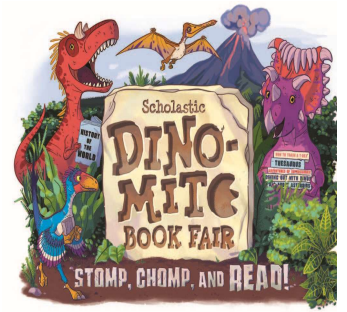
Art Corner:

ALL classes are learning to create art with technology by using the county's traveling iPad lab. Drawing Pad, Art Rage and PicsArt. Exciting (and easy clean up 😊)!

Thanks
S. Bley
J. Reilly

April Book Fair

The book fair is coming! This will be the last book fair for the year.



In School Dates:

April 22 – 26th

Where: Media Center

Night Event: Monday

April 22nd

(5:00 PM 7:00 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

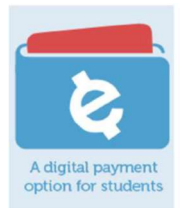
April 12 – April 25, 2019 at

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

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

News from PE

Parents,

We are wrapping up our fitness testing in April so please make sure to encourage your child to do their best on all their exercises! Once testing is completed, we will have some fun skills your students will be learning in April like Volleyball and Baseball while also learning fun games like tetherball and 4-square!

We also would like to wish all of our students good luck as they rock all of their upcoming academic testing!!!

-New Heights PE Dept.

Music News

NHE SPRING CONCERT

"Music Moves Me"

April 30, 2019

6:30 pm

Grades 3, 4, and 5 - Instrumental Ensembles
and Choral groups

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students
who performed at the District's **Elementary
5th grade Honors Music Festival:**

Vocalist:

Alyse Carey

Serenity Kabosky

Lis Franqui

Corianna Smith

Percussionist:

Nylan O'neal

William Taylor

They will be on Channel 14 - Check you local
listing and look for Elementary All-County!

Take Home Computers

If your child checked out a laptop through the district's Title I Connect for Success program, you will need to return the laptop to New Heights Elementary during the week of April 8-12 (for K-2 students) and during the week of April 15 – 19th (for grades 3-5). Please return the computer to our school's Connect for Success Liaison, Karyn Carpenter, in the Media Center before school or to one of our front office staff members.

This is a mandatory step so the district can conduct an inventory of the computers and make sure they are properly updated and maintained. Once that process is completed, the laptops will be reissued to students who are currently enrolled in Kindergarten through fourth grade for use during the summer and into the next school year.

Again, it is important that you make sure the laptop is returned on the above dates so that it can be properly updated for your child's extended learning activities. Please note that current fifth graders will not be able to check out laptops over the summer since the program is for elementary students.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for partnering with us in your child's education.



Breakfast and Books

News from Family & Community Liaison

Thank you for making me feel so welcome as your new Family & Community Liaison here at New Heights Elementary School. I want to thank your volunteers who were able to come out and help with March and April's Breakfast with Books. As a parent, I hope that you enjoyed having a snack and reading a book with your child.

Our next event will be Dinner with Books on April 22. We will have a spaghetti dinner. The dinner will have an art theme and in addition to getting a book to take home, your child will be able to make a bookmark to take home with them. The art supplies and dinner will be donated by GFWC St. Petersburg Junior Woman's Club. I hope to see you there.

Anita M. LeCain

New Heights Elementary Guidance Department: Testing Tips for Parents

Encourage your child to study a little while for several nights before a test instead of waiting until the night before the test. This can be done by having your child do computer based/paper practice tests for FSA at <http://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>

Make sure your child exercises every day. Daily exercise helps reduce stress and helps children sleep better. This, in turn, will help your child do better on a test.

Make sure your child gets to bed on time the night before a test.

Help your child organize and get ready those things she/he will need in the morning (clothes, glasses, backpack, lunch, snack) and put them in a place that will be readily accessible in the morning.

Make sure your child gets up on time the morning of the test. An unrushed morning can help your child feel less stressed.

Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast and has a healthy snack for school the morning of the test.

Make sure your child gets to the bus or to school on time. Being tardy can increase your child's anxiety. Hug your child. Touch can actually comfort and relieve anxiety for your child.

Make sure your child is at school on the day of a test unless she/he is truly ill (fever or throwing up). If they are absent and not ill, they are only avoiding the test until later and are learning to avoid rather than handle situations that may produce anxiety for them. Avoidance may temporarily relieve anxiety but will likely increase future avoidant behavior and anxiety.

Be positive about tests. Tests are an opportunity for your child to show what she/he has learned. Tell your child that you will love her/him no matter how she/he does on the test but you expect them to try their best (not be perfect!).

Studies prove that some test anxiety will actually help your child be better prepared and do better on the test. However, if your child seems very worried, help her/him practice anxiety reducing exercises like positive self-talk, breathing, flexing and releasing muscles, etc.



April Test Dates

Monday, April 1, 2019

Grade 4 FSA Writing

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Grade 5 FSA Writing

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Grade 3 FSA Reading (session 1)

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Grade 3 FSA Reading (session 2)

Friday, April 5, 2019 through Friday, April 12, 2019

FSA Make up tests

May Test Dates

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Grade 4 FSA Reading (session 1)

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Grade 5 FSA Reading (session 1)

Grade 4 FSA Reading (session 2)

Friday, May 3, 2019

Grade 5 FSA Reading (session 2)

Monday, May 6, 2019

Grade 5 FSA Math (session 1)

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Grade 4 FSA Math (session 1)

Grade 3 FSA Math (session 1)

Grade 5 FSA Math (session 2)

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Grade 3 FSA Math (session 2)

Grade 4 FSA Math (session 2)

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Grade 5 FSA Science (session 1)

Friday, May 10, 2019

Grade 5 FSA Science (session 2)

Thursday, May 2, 2019 through Tuesday, May 14, 2019

FSA Make up tests