

The New Heights Times

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Our New Arrival! ...

New Heights is ... expecting!

Announcing the arrival of the **PRIMARY CLASS**, coming to us September 1, 2010. We are excited to have this new addition join us, making the transition between our ECS and School program much more efficient and effective. The class is primarily for ages six through eight.

Space is limited. We are currently accepting registrations.

Congratulations New Heights!



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May 2010

*** IMPORTANT DATES:**

June 14 - F.O.P. Day (No preschool classes)

June 29 - F.O.P. Day (No preschool classes)

June 29 - Last day of regular classes

June 30 - Organizational Day (no school)

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

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Katie and Angie's Intermediate Class

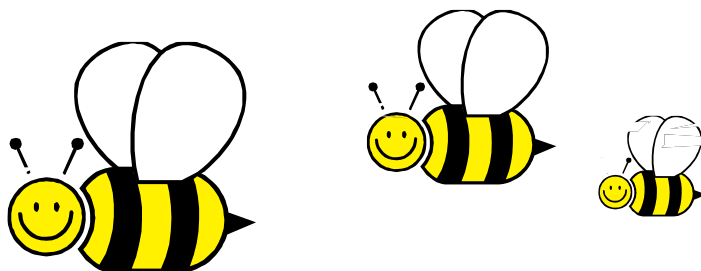
The Intermediate Class has been participating in a series of field trips on orienteering. We have learned how to navigate the world around us using a map, and are also learning about directions and how to use a compass. As always, we continue to practice our team and communication skills. It's been a fun unit, and we've enjoyed the chance to expand our classroom into the great outdoors!

Orienteering: By Nicole C.

Yesterday we were in the sun. We played at Edworthy Park. I went on the swing. I was on the team called Rebels and we ran to find colored circles. I like yesterday.

A Good Field Trip: By Arden G.

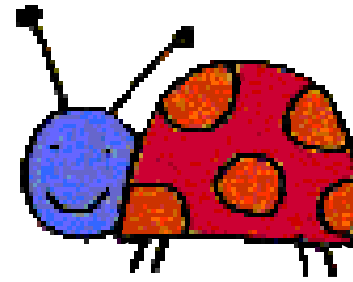
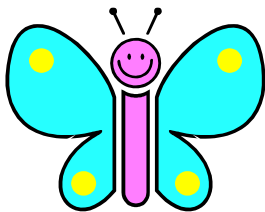
At orienteering we looked for stuff. We looked for pieces of paper with circles on them. There were 6 circles. There was one in the bush that was hard to find. We looked on a map to find where they were. My team was Ayden, Tyson, me, and AJ. We were called the Solid A team. We won because we found them all first and we ran fast. I was really good at finding the circles and looking on the map. I want to get better at looking at maps. For snack we ate at the picnic table. We played run to the hoops (Stix). It was really hot and sunny outside. It was so hot I still have my sun tan. I was good at running. I felt good because we did good stuff. I want to do it again to play more games.



Miss Reenie's Preschool Class:

We are enjoying the lovely spring-summer weather. We practice our play skills and socialization skills outside whenever we can. Inside, we're completing our unit on Community Workers, and are about to begin a unit on Spring. Our new theme will focus on spring weather, baby animals and growing plants. We're also planning a field trip or two before the end of the year, and will need a few parent helpers and drivers. Please contact Miss Reenie if you'd be able to volunteer. We have two more Family-Oriented Programming Sessions scheduled. The June 14 session will be about Sensory Challenges and Supports, provided by Jen Loewen, OT. The June 29 session will be about Transitions -- Summer and a New School Year, presented by Astrid Simmermon, speech therapist, and Lauren Guenther. We look forward to seeing many of you there. We'll also do a final IPP revision during June.

~ Miss Reenie



Miss Jewel's Preschool Class:

Spring has finally sprung, thank goodness!

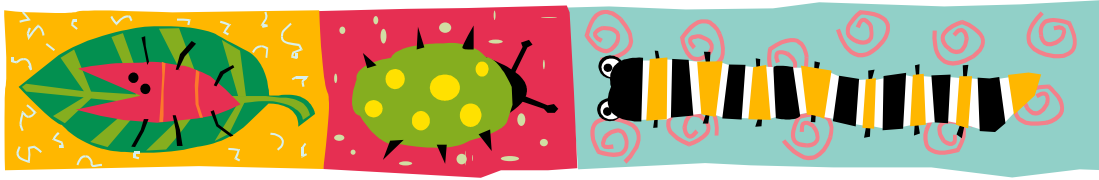
Our theme this month is "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star". We are singing the song during circle time and doing group work around the theme.

With the warmer weather, we've been spending more time outdoors. We recently went on a field trip that was a great success! The children really enjoyed getting out and exploring outside of the classroom.

During the month of June we will be enjoying more field trips.

~ Miss Jewel & Miss Becki





Ms. Irwin's Junior Class:

We got caterpillars in our classroom. I think they are cute. I like them a lot. They ate a lot. They don't have as much time as us to live. They go up to the branches and make a button. Then they make a chrysalis. After when they come out of them they will be a butterfly. We will keep them in our cage until we let them free.

By Jason S.

One day there was an egg then the egg cracked. There was a caterpillar. The caterpillar eats, eats and eats. Then the caterpillar was chubby. Then the caterpillar made a cocoon. Then two weeks later the cocoon cracked open. There was a butterfly.

By Aidan B.

Tickle Your "Funny Bone" ...

Four high school boys afflicted with **spring fever** skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

Update from PAC

Becki Mravunac

As the school year is starting to wind down, there was a lot of discussion at our last PAC meeting a few weeks ago! Here's a summary of the main topics we covered ...

Our **Schanks Event** in April raised an estimated total of \$828.00! Despite the wintery weather, it was quite a success and a lot of fun getting to know the other New Heights parents! Look for this event again next year in March or early April.

The "**Girls Just Wanna Have Fun**" **Mother's Day mini-spa** held on May 7 was a huge success! So far, we raised approximately \$1440! We're still awaiting payment from a few of our vendors as they agreed to donate a portion of any sales/orders from the event, back to the school. So, we will likely be able to add a few more hundred dollars to our \$1440 total. Watch for the *2nd Annual Mini Spa event* to take place again around Mother's Day 2011!

(As of our last meeting, there was approximately \$7660 in the PAC bank account! With these funds, PAC has been able to continue providing materials and sponsoring valuable programs at New Heights!!!)

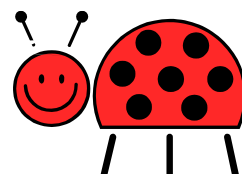
Plans are in the works for a few other upcoming events. One of which is a possible **Golf Tournament** at "Silver Wings" golf course in late August or September. With the tournament, there's potential to earn up to \$10,000! This fundraiser could be a great project as we would be working alongside larger charities (such as the United Way) and getting the New Heights name out there! Volunteers will be needed and your participation is greatly appreciated. Watch for more details soon!

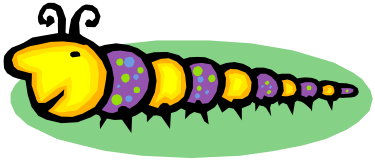
PAC would like to hold a **Family Picnic/BBQ at Bowness Park in September 2010**. This is a great opportunity for families and staff to get to know each other - without any fundraising. This event would kick-off the start of our school year in the fall and it's another great way to meet our current families and any new ones joining us in September!

PAC Positions for 2010/2011 - nomination forms for next year's PAC group have been sent home. Please take a moment to nominate someone (or volunteer to fill a PAC position yourself)! for the next school year. We have a few NEW PAC positions that will also be voted on. We will gather the nomination forms and hold a vote at the June 2010 meeting! Come out and join us - we'd love to see you there!

Teacher Appreciation Lunch will take place on **Monday, June 21, 2010**. This lunch is a way for New Heights families to show their appreciation for all of the hard work that our dedicated teachers and staff have done throughout the school year! We hope that each family will contribute something to our "pot luck" appreciation lunch for the teachers that day. A sign up sheet will be sent home with students asking parents to provide items (ie: salads; sandwiches; baked goods; beverages etc.). Please watch for that as it's coming up soon!

The next PAC meeting is Tuesday, June 8/10





Senior Class

The senior class has been working hard on their studies throughout the year. Now that the end of the year is here, we are changing it up a little. The students' work load will be lighter due to outings/fieldtrips.

We will be attending the Science centre to see the Body Works exhibit on the 2nd of June.

Two hikes are planned for the 9th and 16th (Nosehill then Picklejar lakes).

Additionally as a class, we will be partaking in golf, swimming and gym at Cardell, as well as an ice cream trip to Cochrane with life-skills. As a year end celebration, the senior boys will be spending a day (the 28th) at Princess Island Park.

Consent forms will be sent out prior to each event. If a parent is interested in joining us on our big hike at Picklejar, please let us know by phone or email.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

~ *Carrie Anderson*

Home Program: *Jane Wilde and Betty Heung*

Home Program would like to welcome Holly P. to our team of Developmental Assistants!

We would like to thank all those who participated in the recent fundraisers (e.g. 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun' and 'Balzac Meats'). For those of you who missed them, don't worry as there will be more to come!!!



Home Program
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Every year at New Heights is marked by growth and change: in our students, in our staff team, in our families, and in our programming. Our logo needed to be reworked as a part of this growth, and to keep our identity current with our unique culture and program. Media Designer Derek Moore wanted to capture the refreshing enthusiasm and youthful culture that he caught from learning about the program and meeting members of our community. Many thanks to Derek for creating a fresh, clean logo to help us be recognized outside our walls. The New Heights Board of Directors has approved the new logo this month.

WISH LIST:

Thanks again for your kindness and generosity in helping us by donating a few items from past month's "Wish List".

We still have a few "wanted" items on our wish list for the school:

- Binders
- Dividers
- Page protectors
- One garden hose (for playground). The kids love to play with this and our current one has seen better days.
 - Large durable fitness balls
- Any fitness equipment (dumb-bells, resistance bands, skipping ropes, medicine balls, etc.)

Thanks in advance! We really appreciate your donations!

New Heights Learning Services