



The New Heights Times

Read all about it ...

The Principal's Message

Katie Blasetti

Have you heard about our Life Skills program at New Heights? As of February 1st we're enhancing our life skills programming starting with the Senior Class. Using the students' IPP goals as well as looking at the basic life skills needed in a city like Calgary, we will be doing community trips and life skills workshops with individuals or small groups of students every Monday and Tuesday afternoon. The program is organized with monthly themes including Home Skills, Business and Careers, Transportation and Entertainment, and Food Skills (such as grocery shopping and cooking). We are excited with the potential of this Life Skills program, and are looking forward to the opportunity for the students to be challenged and grow in this area! If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact myself or Mrs Black.

Also, a reminder to parents of students in Grades 4 and up: Alberta Education will be sending Accountability Pillar Surveys to your homes. By completing the survey, you are giving your school, your school authority and your provincial government important information to gauge the quality of education your child is receiving and make improvements where needed. Please be sure to fill out the survey to the best of your ability, and if there are any questions about the survey or the process, please contact the school at 403-240-1312. The more accurately and honestly the survey is filled out, the better New Heights School will become.
Thank you!

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* IMPORTANT DATES:

March 9 - PAC Meeting @ 7pm
March 10 - IPP Meetings (TBA)
March 22 - F.O.P. Day (No preschool classes)
March 26 - Last day of classes (Spring Break)
March 29 to April 2 - Spring Break (School closed)
April 6 - Classes resume

*** PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

The newsletter is
available online!
www.newheightscalgary.com

NOTE: The "Annual
Educational Results Report"
has been updated on the
website!

Update from the PAC:

Becki Mravunac

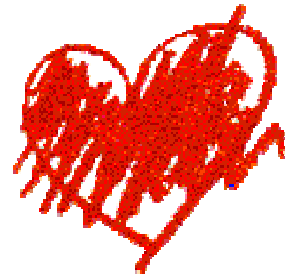
James Parkes (our PAC Vice President), has been working on our next fundraiser which will be held at **Schanks** in Crowfoot (NW) on **Saturday, April 24th at 7pm!!!** This will be a fabulous event for the adults and we are really looking forward to it!

Tickets will only cost each person \$10! This will include your entry into the event and a snack buffet! Games & other activities (pool, mini golf etc.) can be purchased separately and 100% of the proceeds from those games will go to the school! There will be prizes awarded and lots of fun for all! We'll start selling tickets soon and hope that each family can help out by purchasing tickets and supporting this event.

As with any of our fundraisers, we will need volunteers to make this event a success! Hockey playoffs should be on at Schanks around this time, so put on your sports jerseys and join us! More details on the Schanks event coming soon ... stay tuned!

Also, PAC has kindly donated funds to help support New Heights in several ways. We've been able to cover the costs of various items, educational seminars & services that were requested on behalf of the school. It will all benefit the students and PAC was more than happy to do so!

The next PAC meeting is **Tuesday, March 9th** at 7pm. Come out and hear what's happening!



Miss Jewel's Preschool Class:

This month in preschool, we have been focusing on our February theme of TRAINS and transportation! The stories of the month are "Down By the Station" and "The Wheels On the Bus".

The kids really enjoy listening to the musical stories on CD while we imitate actions to the songs!

During circle time we also build tracks and push trains on the tracks. Each child takes their turn and it's a good lesson in sharing.

In Group work, we take turns in the rice bin, or play dough etc. We're also focusing on more Independent work - which the kids love!

Miss Jewel & Miss Becki

Ms. Irwin's Junior Class:

The Junior class is well into our study of the Polar regions. We found the Polar Regions on a globe/map to determine their location in Canada and in the world. We have studied weather conditions and physical geography and how these influence life in these areas. We have looked at a number of animals that live in the Arctic and Antarctic: their appearance, adaptations to their environment and their interrelationships. We will then move into a study of the people who live in these areas and how the physical geography helped shape communities. We will examine the relationships between the land, places and people in both the past and the present.

We are setting up our aquarium (thank you Colton's family for their kind donation) and have a field trip planned to a local pet store to pick out future occupants. Students and staff of New Heights enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Neil - The Reptile Man! This was a special presentation thanks to Jake and his family. Jake decided that he would like his birthday party to be a visit from Neil The Reptile Man and he wanted to share it with his friends at school. As a result the whole school had the opportunity to see, learn about and even touch some amazing creatures!

Ms. Irwin & Mrs. Lopes

New Heights RECYCLING!!!

Thank you everyone who has sent in recycling!

Angie and students from the Intermediate class regularly make a run to the Bottle Depot on Tuesday afternoons.

We would really appreciate it if you could **bring your recycling in either Monday night or Tuesday morning** as we have very limited storage space in the school to keep bags throughout the week. :-)

THANKS for all your help and cooperation!





School Wish List:

New Heights is in need of the following:

- geometry sets
- (1) large white board
- outdoor toys (pails, shovels, molds, water toys, etc.)
- swimming pool
- shaving cream (preschool sensory/art projects)
- sand (sensory)
- small fidget toys (squeezeable)
- art/craft book(s)
- graph paper
- printer
- science supplies (beakers, droppers, microscope, dissection kit, bunsen burners, tongs, glass tubes, beaker stoppers, petri dishes, glass slides).
- 3 booster seats (similar to those found in restaurants - not car seats)

If you (or your business) is able to help support our school by donating any items on our “Wish List“, we would be very grateful!

Thanks again for all you do!

Up in the Air

Intermediate Class Submission by Ayden Kechnie

In science class we are learning about air and aerodynamics. What I didn't know is that it involved two field trips!

The first one was at the Spaceport. It was really fun. We did all sorts of experiments. One featuring me and it's kind of a long story. We were watching a presentaion and the lady who was doing the presentation said, "Who doesn't mind getting pushed around on stage"? So I was the only one who put their hand up. So she points to me, I come on stage, and she brings out this big, white, wooden box on wheels. She folds the box open and there was a double air cannon! Then she puts hockey gear on me! She put two foam balls in the air cannon, and one had a golf ball in it. Then the lady said, "Who wants to shoot him"? Then my friend Tyson was raising his hand as high as he could, which I'm not surprised about. My friend Brandon got chosen to shoot me. The lady said, "Give him a countdown from three ... 3 ...2 ...1 ... BAM! So I guessed I'm the first person in New Heights history to survive getting shot by a cannon.

Then our second field trip was to a giant field to watch Mr. Pete and Mr. Tim fly remote control planes. They made them do all sorts of tricks. There was a yellow plane, an army plane, a seaplane that crashed, and my favorite, this awesome helicopter that could go really fast and could do lots of tricks. It was cold, but fun.

In conclusion, air and aerodynamics was a lot cooler than I first thought it sounded.

