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Student Progress CHECKPOINTS

The next Checkpoint for Quarter 3 is going out on February 17th. The second Progress Report for this quarter goes out on March 20th.



As always, please don't hesitate to contact teachers with specific questions.

Sports

Boys Basketball is in the last couple of weeks of the season. Goodluck to all of the athletes as they compete in the Basin Tournaments!

Track practice has begun - meets start on March 9th. Heights is hosting the first meet and will need volunteers to run field events. Contact Coach Leupold if you're available to help!
wleupold@fms.k12.nm.us

To see the game schedules follow this link:

[Sports Schedules](#)



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Band Updates

- The Symphonic Band is premiering ***Soaring to New Heights*** by Kirk Vogel, a brand new music composition commissioned by Heights Middle School, on February 28th during the Spring Pre-MPA Band Concert.
- Spring Pre-MPA Band Concert: February 28th, 6:00pm, San Juan College at the Henderson Fine Arts Center
- The Heights Symphonic Band students will be travelling to Bloomfield HS on March 1st to perform for a judging panel to receive ratings based on their performance. Good luck Knights!

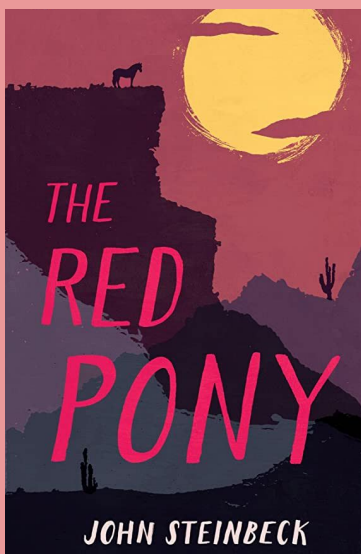
Track and Field

Track practice has begun, but students can still join the team. Students who want to do track should see Coach Leupold. Students must have good grades and all paperwork submitted on rankonesport.com in order to be eligible to run track.



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Book Club



When:
Wednesday's
Time:
8:00am
Where:
Room 310

Snacks will be provided

Game Zone



When: Wednesday's
Time: 3:35-4:30pm
Where: Room 310

Snacks will be provided

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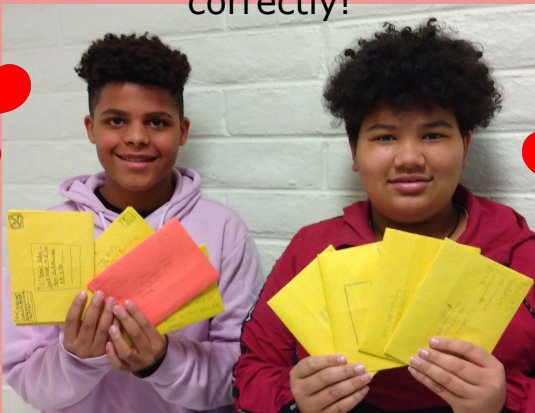
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Valentine's Day Cards

Some of our 6th, 7th and 8th graders have been crafting Valentine's Day cards for the seniors at Bonnie Dallas Senior Center.

They used their Focus Time class to color and/or design a card, write a message and fold an envelope that they also addressed correctly!



Thank you for being kind and supportive to all members of our community! Way to go!

National Civics Bee

Are you passionate about a problem present in our community? If so, put your writing skills to work and enter the Civics Bee! Write a 500-word essay, by February 24th about a community problem. Top three winners will be awarded a cash prize:

1st Place - \$500

2nd Place - \$250

3rd Place - \$125

For more information on rules and how to enter, visit [this website](#).



Flower Grams



All flower gram orders were delivered first thing, on Valentine's Day. Thanks to everyone who supported the Girls Basketball Program!

Weekly Reading Logs



Win Ice Age Froyo!



Heights Library Reading Logs are a fun way to earn prizes. Scan the QR Code to turn yours in every week!

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Upcycled Skateboard Jewelry Workshop

With Diné Pyrographic Artist: Di'Orr Greenwood

March 1st and 2nd from 3:30 – 6:00 pm in Room 502

This workshop allows students to engage with a variety of different material in creating jewelry from old skateboard decks. This teaches the importance of recycling and utilizing materials to reduce waste. Jewelry making takes patience and this workshop will allow students to be mindful in how they are using materials in creating something out of what would be typically thrown away.



Get a permission slip from Ms. Paige - they are due February 23rd.

Hoop Dance Workshop

With Diné, Hopi Dance Instructor - Talavi Cook

March 9th from 3:30 – 6:00 pm in Room in the Heights Library

Students will participate in utilizing hoops to create shapes/figures while dancing. They will be learning about the history of hoop dancing and other traditional tribal ceremonial dances. This session will also teach about the connections they have with people, animals, and the natural world.



Get a permission slip from Ms. Paige - they are due March 2nd.

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German Food Club

On January 25th, the German Food Club made guacamole, followed by salsa and quesadillas. Mr. Bauer and 12 students prepared everything from scratch, recorded a little video and enjoyed the food afterwards. The video was sent to Mr. Bauer's homeschool in Ludwigshafen Germany, where the students will now try to prepare the same food according to the video tutorials we sent. It's great fun to watch our little chefs at work as they prepare fantastic meals while learning something about food traditions from other countries! Last week a traditional German dish called "Kartoffelpuffer mit Apfelmus" (potato pancake/fritter with applesauce) was on the menu - which was a big success. We can't wait to see what else comes out of the kitchen from our Heights Knights!



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Anti-Vape Unit



After our APTT presentation on Vaping Prevention and Cessation, we started an anti-vaping unit in Focus Time. First students analyzed videos of real teens talking about their [Vaping Mistakes](#). Next, students completed a [self-paced module](#), and then we analyzed the aggressive marketing techniques used in vaping advertising. Finally students designed their own anti-vaping posters to be hung around school. *Great job students!*

National Junior Honor Society - **BLOOD DRIVE**

NJHS students are looking forward to their upcoming project, A Day at the Club. On Friday, March 3rd they, along with NJHS groups from Hermosa and Mesa View, will be heading to the Boys and Girls Club from 9am-1pm for a service project that will benefit The Club, The Bee Hive, Blue Star Moms, our military, teachers, and Appleridge residents. They will also be hosting a blood drive that day. Please consider donating. You could save a life! If all slots are taken, you may donate at any other drive or at the Vitalant building anytime before 3/3. Please be sure to use the drive code AEBGC and mention Heights. Scan the QR Code to sign up

Eat a good meal, drink plenty of water, and bring an ID.



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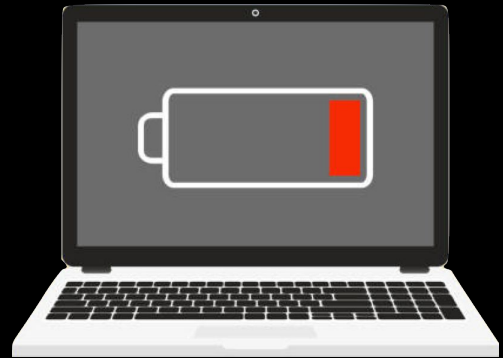
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Knight Pride!



-From Mrs. Perry's ELD Class

Attention Parents!



Please make sure you are sending your child to school with a charged laptop. Bringing an uncharged laptop is a disruption to the learning environment.

Vacancies:



Art Teacher



Educational Assistant



Gifted Teacher



Lunch Aide



Special Education Teacher

To view all of our job listings and apply for available positions use this link:
[Heights Vacancies](#)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				BBB vs. Bloomfield		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	½ Day Progress Reports First Day of Track	BBB @Hermosa		BBB @Mesa View		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	½ Day Last Day to Order Flower Grams	Valentine's Day Flower Grams Delivered BBB vs. Tibbetts		PV Visit for 8 th Graders BBB JV Tournament	BBB JV Tournament	BBB JV Tournament
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	NO SCHOOL – President's Day	BBB vs. Aztec		BBB Varsity Basin	Science Olympiad Competes in Soccoro BBB Varsity Basin	Science Olympiad Competes in Soccoro English Expo BBB Varsity Basin
26	27	28				
	½ Day	Spring MPA Band Concert @SJC – 6pm				

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Band MPA			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	½ Day		Choir MPA	Track Meet @FHS (Heights is Hosting)		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	No School – Spring Break	No School – Spring Break	No School – Spring Break	No School – Spring Break	No School – Spring Break	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	No School for Students – Professional Development Day			Track Meet @AHS	Musical Theater Performance – Cafeteria @6pm	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	½ Day	NM-ASR Testing (8 th grade Science)	NM-ASR Testing (8 th grade Science)	Track Meet @FHS (Heights is Hosting)		