

Heights Happenings

February 3, 2023

Newsletter from Mrs. Gossett

Dear Amazing Heights Families,

Please read below to keep informed about happenings at Heights.

Bilingual Career Day

Bilingual Professionals - Our students need you!

We need your help securing professionals who speak Spanish for our Bilingual Career day on May 12, 2023. Whether this is you or someone you may know, we would appreciate you sharing this information to help our students learn about the many occupations where being bilingual is an asset.

During your presentation in Spanish we would also like you to share how you learned the language, and how being bilingual has made a difference in your life and occupation. If this is you or you know someone who can participate in this event, please share this email along with this [sign up](#). For more questions please contact Nancy Leon (nleon@madisoned.org) or Priscilla Gossett (pgossett@madisoned.org).

From past events, the presentations are very motivating for our students. Thank you for your consideration in participating in our Bilingual Career day.

Site Council

I'm looking to start up our Site Council again this year. Now that our new office staff are settling into their roles, we can start meeting. The purpose of the Site Council is to ensure that faculty, staff, parents and the community are represented in order to provide feedback and perspective in the decision-making process. The Site Council supports the school's philosophy, vision, goals, student achievement, and school climate by overseeing the undesignated tax credit budget. The time commitment for this committee will be attending 3-4 meetings starting in February and continuing through May for an hour each time. If you are interested in being a parent representative for our Site Council please email me at pgossett@madisoned.org. I need three parents.

Thank you PTO

Thank you to our generous PTO for acquiring sponsors for meals for teachers, administrators and teacher aides during Parent Teacher Conferences. A special thank you to Handwrytten and Hutlzer Law for sponsoring meals on Wednesday and Thursday. It is always a treat to have meals provided for these two days of evening conferences.

Mark your calendars for these important dates:

February 8 - PTO meeting in the Cafeteria, 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Pizza Provided)

February 23 - Second Grade Concert at the Madison Center for the Arts

February 24 - Spring Picture Day, Glow Crazy Party sponsored by PTO, Read-a-thon kickoff

February 27 - Scholastic Book Fair starts

Have a wonderful weekend,
Priscilla Gossett
Principal
Madison Heights Elementary School

Madison Heights Read-a-thon and Scholastic Book Fair!

Our fabulous PTO will be organizing two great events to get our students excited about reading!

Our Read-a-thon starts Friday, February 24, 2023.

Our Scholastic Book fair starts Monday, February 27, 2023

About one week before our Read-a-thon starts, we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

Be on the lookout for more information regarding the book fair hours and opportunities for parents to volunteer. We hope everyone can participate.

Visitors during School Lunch

Having lunch with your child is a fun way to connect during the school day. Please read the guidelines below for having lunch with your child. Remember that no other students/friends may join you for lunch even if you are bringing lunch for your child and their friend. Please only take your child to the visitor's seating area in the cafeteria. Parents of the other child have not given permission, and there may be food allergies/dietary restrictions for the other student to consider. Lunch visitors must be on the student's approved check out list as submitted by the custodial parent or legal guardian. All visitors must sign in at the school office and get a visitor badge through the Raptor Visitor Management System before going to the cafeteria.

The custodial parent or legal guardian must notify the school office by 9:00 AM on the day they, or any visitor on the student's check out list, is planning to attend lunch. Lunch Notification Forms (available from the school) should be submitted no more than one week in advance.

Lunch visits are limited to two visitors per child.

No siblings are permitted during any lunch visits.

Other students in the grade level are not permitted to have lunch with you and your child.

The school principal or their designee, at their discretion, will have the authority to cancel lunch visits based on any issues they feel could impact their ability to provide a proper environment.

School rules to guide lunch visitors will be followed. These will include designated wait areas, instructions for meeting your student, no photographs or social media postings of other children, etc.

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principal will have the authority to suspend or revoke lunch visit privileges at their discretion.

Upon arrival at the school, all visitors must report to the main office. Office personnel will facilitate the process for visitor registration. Visitors will be required to provide a valid government-issued ID/correspondence that will be entered into the Raptor Visitor Management System. Visitors will be issued a temporary ID badge that is to be worn while at the school.

Once successfully checked in, proceed to the seating area located outside the cafeteria. Your student will meet you as their class enters the cafeteria. **Please use the designated tables marked "visitor seating" with your student.**

After lunch, please come directly to the office, sign-out, and return your visitor's badge.

The information below is from our Parent/Student Handbook at Heights:

There are a limited number of dates throughout the school year when lunch visitors are **not allowed**.

Please plan your lunch visits on days **other** than those listed below:

Early Release Days (such as TCT Wednesdays)

Half Days

October 26 - 28 (Parent Conference Days)

February 1 -3 (Parent Conference Days)

April 3 - 21: State Testing

May 12: Last day for lunch visitors

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legal guardian. All visitors must sign in at the school office and get a visitor badge through the Raptor Visitor Management System before going to the cafeteria.

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Volunteers

Cafeteria Serving Line Volunteers

As you know, we already have lunchroom volunteers to help students with opening packages and helping with general clean up. Here is a new volunteer opportunity in the cafeteria if you like working the serving line? We have had a part time job opening for several months now and have not been able to find someone to fill the position. If you are interested in this part time position use [this link](#) to apply. We are asking for volunteers until the position is filled. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers each day to help serve lunch from 10:30 - 12:30pm. Volunteers do not need any experience and do not need a food handler's card, all that is required is hair up off of the shoulders and a smile. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact our Cafeteria Manager - Katie Effa at keffa@madisoned.org. Remember you will need to be an approved volunteer to take part in this opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

***UPDATE* Free Meals Available for Students Who Qualify for Reduced Meal Pricing**

Free or Reduced Lunch Applications -

We are noticing some students are accumulating large amounts being owed for school lunch. Please make sure you have applied for Free or Reduced Lunch so that meal accounts can be charged at a reduced rate or even free if you qualify. Use this link: <https://family.titank12.com/> to apply for Free or Reduced Lunch for your student(s), by clicking on the "Apply for Meals Today" button. On December 14, 2022, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) announced temporary funding for schools to offer meals free of charge to students who qualify for reduced-price meal benefits. This funding is effective January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, or until the allotted funding runs out. To complete the free or reduced meal application [click here](#)--

Uniforms

School Uniforms

Please make sure your student is wearing the school uniform. When students come to school out of uniform we send them to the uniform closet located in the health office to change. We are noticing students wearing black pants instead of their uniform. We have also noticed students wearing only their sweaters without a uniform shirt underneath. As a reminder our uniform guidelines are below.

STUDENT DRESS –UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Heights students wear school uniforms. When purchasing school uniforms, we ask that you select items from the "School Uniform Section" of a store and not just look for clothes that match the color of the uniform. For example, basketball shorts and sweatpants come in navy blue, but are not considered uniform style clothing. The options are as follows:

Tops: White, navy or red **collared** shirt, blouse, turtleneck, or mock turtleneck. *Next year for the 2023-2024 school year, we will be adding that all uniforms should be a solid color. We have noticed that some uniform selections come with stripes and other embellishments. Please keep this in mind as you purchase school uniforms. This will also be a requirement for uniform bottoms.*

Bottoms: All bottoms are to be of school uniform style. Navy or khaki shorts, skirt, skirts, pants, jumpers, capri pants or dresses. *(Joggers, leggings, sweatpants, jeans are not acceptable uniform style bottoms)*

Shoes: Shoes should be worn at all times. They should ensure that students are able to walk to class safely and participate in all classes. Slippers, shoes with skates, slides and flip-flop style sandals are not permitted.

Non uniform clothing that is worn underneath the uniform. *Examples include undershirts and leggings/tights. All undershirts must be a uniform color – red, navy blue, or white. All leggings/tights must be a solid color. Permitted colors for leggings/tights to be worn underneath uniform bottoms are –red, navy blue, white or black. Jeans and other denim items may only be worn on designated PTO fundraiser \$1 dress days and/or picture days.*

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(NO LATER THEN FEBRUARY 10TH)



**** New Bus Rider a.m. and p.m. routes****

Parents see the link for the update times on the pick-up and drop-off!

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