



# Cherokee Heights Weekly Newsletter

December 14, 2023

## Dear Cherokee Heights Families,

Thank you for all you are doing for our children. As the weather gets colder, we will continue to go outside unless the windchill or temperature is below zero. Help to make sure that your child is dressed for the weather. Please let us know if you need any winter gear and we can help get you what you are needing. Have a good week and stay warm.

In Partnership,  
Mrs. Koury



## Upcoming Events

Every Friday is Cherokee Spirit Day. Wear Cherokee Heights gear or orange, purple and/or black

Spirit day - December 22nd - PJ Day!

No School - December 23rd through January 8th

## Photo of the Week

Ms. Justine has been helping our students learn about science with tons of hands on experiences!



## Cherokee Heights Pajama Day Friday, December 22nd, 2023!

Wear winter and school appropriate pajamas to school  
on Friday 12-22-23.  
No blankets, please.  
Slippers (inside only) are welcome.

**NEW! Metro State University**, Winter Food Distribution, 690 E. 7th Street, St. Paul MN 55106, Student Center Rm 101, 2:30-4:00 pm, December 13, 2023, January 10, 2024, February 14, 2024, March 13, 2024, April 10, 2024, May 8, 2024



Eligibility: Our Fresh Produce Distribution events are open to everyone! Identification

and documentation is not required to attend. • Recommendations: We encourage you to bring your own large, reusable bags and a cart if you have one

• Parking: Parking is available in the Metro State ramp for \$8. Otherwise, street parking is available along 7th St. and Bates Ave.


For cancellation updates and more information, please visit:

[www.neighborhoodhousemn.org/programs/food-support/fresh-produce-events](http://www.neighborhoodhousemn.org/programs/food-support/fresh-produce-events)

**NEW! ANGEL TREE/TOY SHOP Registration 2023** will be available only online from Wednesday, November 1st – Friday, December 1st, or until 5,000 available spaces are filled. Register at <https://saangeltree.org/> Toy Shop Registration questions can be transferred to the Clearinghouse at 651-746-3595, Mon-Fri 9am-4pm excluding Thanksgiving and Black Friday.




**Distribution locations:**

- Crosswinds Community Church, 9125 Newgate Ave N, Stillwater - December 19-21
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 13801 Fairview Dr, Burnsville - December 19-21
- Friendship Academy of the Arts, 3320 E 41st St, Minneapolis December 18-22




**Join Us for  
SPPS Reads Movie Nights!**


We will be showing the award-winning documentary "The Right to Read". Executive produced by host of PBS' "Reading Rainbow" LaVar Burton, the film follows the story of the literacy crisis in America and what we can do about it.

 <b>Wednesday, November 29</b> <b>5:30-8 p.m.</b> Johnson Senior High School	 <b>Thursday, December 7</b> <b>5:30-8 p.m.</b> Humboldt High School	 <b>Tuesday, December 12</b> <b>5:30-8 p.m.</b> Central High School
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**Event Details:**

- Please note that the film can only be shown in English.
- Literacy resources for families will be available in other languages at the beginning of the event.
- Dinner will be provided.
- The film will be shown in the school's auditorium starting at 6:15 p.m.
- While children are encouraged to watch the documentary, childcare will be available in the cafeteria during the film.



**Register online at [spps.org/righttoread](http://spps.org/righttoread)** 



## Acompáñenos Noches de Película de SPPS Reads

Estaremos proyectando el galardonado documental "The Right to Read" ("El derecho a leer"). Producida por la presentadora de "Reading Rainbow", LaVar Burton de PBS, la película sigue la historia de la crisis de alfabetización en Estados Unidos y lo que podemos hacer al respecto.



**Miércoles,  
29 de noviembre  
5:30-8 p.m.**

Johnson Senior  
High School



**Jueves, 7 de  
diciembre  
5:30-8 p.m.**

Humboldt High School



**Martes, 12 de  
diciembre  
5:30-8 p.m.**

Central High School

### Detalles del evento:

- Tenga en cuenta que la película sólo se puede proyectar en inglés.
- Al comienzo del evento habrá disponibles recursos adicionales de alfabetización para familias en otros idiomas.
- Se proporcionará una cena.
- La película se proyectará en el auditorio de la escuela a partir de las 18:15 horas.
- Si bien se anima a los niños a ver el documental, habrá cuidado de niños disponible en la cafetería durante la película.



Inscríbese en línea en [spps.org/righttoread](https://spps.org/righttoread)



## Social Responsibility Monthly Theme and Book of the Month

December Theme: Empathy

Book of the Month: [I am Human: A Book of Empathy](#) by Susan Verde

Each month our school will focus on a monthly theme and all students are able to read and talk about the book of the month.

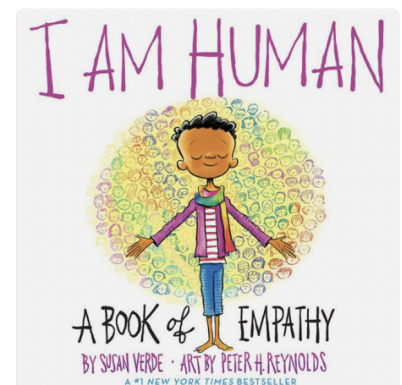
Here is some of the academic language that students will use this month when talking about the book of the month.

- empathy- the feeling that you understand or share another person's feelings or emotions
- compassion- a feeling of wanting to help someone
- thoughtfulness- showing concern for the needs or feelings of others
- equality- when people are treated equally no matter what they look like or where they come from

## In Partnership,

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## Important Links

<https://www.facebook.com/CherokeeheightsSPPS/?rf=148534228506967> Cherokee's Facebook Page

<https://www.spps.org/cherokee> Cherokee Heights Website



**Heidi Koury**

Heidi is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters