

Family Newsletter

October 2024

The Heights Community School



Important Dates in October:

- 3 **No School** (Professional Dev Day)
- 16 Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser (Woodbury)
- 17-18 **No School** (MEA)
- 22 PTA/SCIP/Title I Annual Mtg
- 23 PreK Fall Family Day & Title I Mtg
- 24 Stem Night & Title I Annual Mtg
- 25 **No School** (Conference Prep Day)
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- October 30: Picture Day
- December 4: Retake Day

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 Attendance Line 651-744-2273
<https://theheights.spps.org/>

Stay Healthy!

Please help keep everyone healthy!

Do Not Send your child to school if sick with the following:



- *Fever 100.4 degrees or higher
- *Throwing up/diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- OR
- *If medications have been given to keep fevers down in the last 24 hours



Cold Symptoms, Cough or other concerns – send/bring your child to school and have our health team assess your child. We’re here to help!

The Heights Website

Please check out our website at <https://theheights.spps.org/>

Please read and discuss the Family Handbook with your students at: <https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1705473127/sppsorg/q8xugosl3abkjk2fegd/19copy.pdf>

Click the link below for Title I information regarding:
 School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP)
 Family Friendly SCIP
 Family Engagement Plan (FEP)
 Compact
 Parent’s Right to Know

<https://theheights.spps.org/about/title-i>

Title I information will also be available in the school office and the family resource room.

Translations & Interpreters

For interpreting needs, please call 651-293-8815:
 Hmoob – Dennis Xiong
 Español – Herbert Mancilla Lima

All school documents can be translated or interpreters made available upon request.

Spanish

Todos los documentos pueden ser traducidos o interpretados oralmente si usted lo solicita

Hmong

Tej ntaub ntauv tom tsev kawm ntauv uas xa los rau nej, peb yuav pab txhais thiab nrhiav neeg txhais lus rau nej yog nej hais qhia peb

Somali

Dhammaan dukumiintiyada iskuulka waa la turjumi karaa ama waxaa la heli karaa turjumaan haddii la codsado"

Karen

“ကျိလ်လါခဲလ်တံသုကွဲးကျိင်ထံအီ၊ မုတမံ ပုကတံကျိင်ထံတံသုတတံကအိင်ဝဲလးနယုထီတံအဖိခိင်န့လီ။”

The Heights Community School
651-293-8815

PreK Parents

PreK Fall Family Day
Wednesday, Oct 23rd
7:30-8:30am

Fall Family Day promotes *families' ownership* of their children's school, engagement in their children's education, and child and family wellness by bringing families together in *relationship* with *one another*, and with their *children's school, teachers, and other staff*.

Families will be able to:
*See a typical day in the classroom

*Meet staff and other adults

*Share ways to help PreK students learn

* Learn about Family Engagement:
PTA, Volunteering

Office Hours 7:15am-2:45pm



7:15 Cafeteria opens for FREE Breakfast to Go

7:30 All students must be in their classrooms or they will be marked tardy.

Please, always use the Attendance Line to call in an absent student!
(use even during regular school hours!)

651-744-2273

The Attendance Line is Available
24 Hours a Day/7 Days a Week!

Classroom Celebrations

We promote food-free classroom celebrations. Due to food allergies and dietary food restrictions, we will not be allowing cupcakes or sweet treats to be shared with classmates in ALL classrooms at The Heights.

Ask your teacher for an approved snack list. Please see our family handbook for more information on our website at:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1705473127/sppsorg/q8uxogsln3abkjk2feg>

iUpdate

Complete Your iUpdate

Families should complete their annual iUpdate for each student to ensure SPPS has your current contact information and other required forms on file.

Visit spps.org/onestop to complete yours now.

Family Engagement at The Heights

Parents are welcome at The Heights at any time. Families are encouraged to engage at The Heights throughout the year in a variety of ways:

1. Volunteer (library, classroom, field trips, family events, etc)
2. Participate and/or observe in your child's class
3. Communicate with your child's teacher
4. Join PTA. Virtual Meetings are Oct 22, Jan 14, March 218, April 22 & May 20 at 5:30pm

Please call or email Julie Wellman for more details.
651-293-8815 julie.wellman@spps.org

Testing Information

Dates and deadlines have been set for the 2023-24 Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT7). This test determines student eligibility for accelerated services in Saint Paul Public Schools.

The CogAT7 test will be provided to all SPPS students in kindergarten and in second grade between October 7 -November 7.

Students in grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 may also be nominated for this assessment by an SPPS staff member, family member or community member.

Please email stacy.klage@spps.org if you would like to nominate a student as soon as possible. **The deadline for student nominations is October 18th.**

If you would prefer that your student not participate in the CogAT7 testing, please provide a written note indicating that choice to Principal Moeller.



School Attendance Matters

On Time. Every Day. Every Class.

It is important for students to be in school the entire time that school is in session.

All students should be in their classroom from 7:30 am until their teacher dismisses them at the end of the day at 2:00 pm.

Tardy students and students that are picked up early are distracting to the entire classroom.

Students leaving early may miss last minute instructions given by the teacher.

To avoid being referred to the School Attendance Matters Program do not pick up your child(ren) early from school unless:

- *they are ill
- *they have a medical/dental appointment
- *there is an extreme family emergency

Parents/guardians **MUST** communicate **every time** a child is absent. Please note **not all absences will be excused.**

Call in or send a note to the main office, state reason for absence. Be specific.

Documentation may be required to excuse these absences.

Parent Reminder

Parents please remember that if your child has had a fever (over 100.4 degrees), diarrhea or vomiting;

please wait

24 hours of symptoms free and NO medicines given before you send your child back to school.

Stay Healthy & Keep Others Healthy!



Cafeteria Information

Every SPPS family should complete an application for Education Benefits/Free or Reduced Price Meals. Not only does this help us identify families in need of assistance, it also allows the District to receive federal dollars for classroom programming. A new form must be completed each school year. Additionally, families who have completed an application and have experienced a change in household income or size are encouraged to complete a new application.

How to apply for free and reduced-price lunch?

- Applications can be completed online at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/spps>.

[Video Link: Parents SchoolCafe Eligibility Walkthrough](#)
Paper applications can be mailed to your home by request by calling Nutrition Services at 651-603-4950

The Fresh Fruit and Veggie Program runs October through April/May. Students at The Heights will receive a fruit or veggie snack on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Menus are available online at

<https://www.spps.org/about/departments/nutrition-services/menus>

Choose the Orange Breakfast and Lunch Monthly Menu for The Heights. The site also has a feature for parents of students with allergies to filter out the menu items containing each allergen. It also gives nutritional information and can help with counting carbs for diabetics. It's a great tool for parents to help educate their kids about their allergies!

SPPS Attendance Policy



Attendance Policy - Every Day Counts!

Need Support or Assistance?

Contact Attendance Team at (651) 744-2273, Main Office

Doors Open/Breakfast To-Go	School Start Time	School End Time
7:15 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.

How Do I Contact the School Regarding My Student's Absence?

Communicate EVERY DAY that your student is going to be absent from school. Inform the school about barriers to attendance and we will do our best work with you and your student.

Call the Attendance Line at (651) 744-2273

When leaving a voice message, provide:

- Your Name
- Your Phone Number
- Student's Name
- Student's Teacher/Grade
- Reason for Absence
- Today's Date



Scan the QR Code to access the School Calendar

If a student has 5 or more unexcused absences, we are required by law to contact the County that you live in. You may receive information from the school or County if unexcused absences continue.

What is considered an absence?

Any time a student is not in class, it is considered an absence.

Excused Absences

- ✓ Illness (school may ask for a medical note if there are 3 or more illness days in a row, or excessive illnesses)
- ✓ Religious Holidays
- ✓ Family Emergencies
- ✓ Medical / Mental Health / Dental Appointments (when possible, schedule outside of the school day and attend school before or after appointment)

Unexcused Absences

- ✗ Travel/Vacation
- ✗ Tired from work/travel
- ✗ Weather: Too Hot/Cold
- ✗ Babysitting
- ✗ Car Trouble
- ✗ Missed Bus
- ✗ Overslept
- ✗ Not Immunized
- ✗ Needed at Home



Póliza de asistencia - ¡Cada día cuenta!

¿Necesita ayuda o asistencia?

Contacte al Equipo de asistencia **651-744-2273**

Se abren las puertas/desayuno para llevar	Hora de comienzo clases	Hora de termino de clases
7:15 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.

¿Cómo contacto a la escuela sobre las ausencias de mi estudiante?

Comunique CADA DÍA que su estudiante estará ausente de la escuela. Informe a la escuela si tiene barreras para asistir y haremos lo posible para trabajar con usted y con su estudiante.

Llame a la Línea de asistencia al **651-744-2273**

Cuando deje un mensaje, proporcione:

- Su nombre
- Su número de teléfono
- Nombre de su estudiante
- Maestro de su estudiante/grado
- Razón de la ausencia
- Fecha del día que llamó



Escanee el código QR para acceder al calendario escolar

Si un estudiante tiene 5 o más ausencias injustificadas, estamos obligados por la ley a contactar al condado donde usted vive. Puede que usted reciba información de la escuela o del condado si es que las ausencias injustificadas continúan.

¿Qué se considera una ausencia?

Cada vez que un estudiante no está en clases, se considera una ausencia.

Ausencias justificadas

- ✓ Enfermedad (la escuela puede solicitar una nota médica si hay 3 o más días de enfermedad seguidos, o enfermedades excesivas)
- ✓ Feriado religioso
- ✓ Emergencias médicas
- ✓ Citas médicas/ salud mental / dental (la escuela puede solicitar una nota médica si hay 3 o más días de enfermedad seguida, o enfermedades excesivas)

Ausencias injustificadas

- ✗ Viaje/Vacaciones
- ✗ Cansado por trabajo/viaje
- ✗ Clima: Muy caluroso/frío
- ✗ Debe cuidar niños
- ✗ Problemas con el automóvil
- ✗ Perdió el bus
- ✗ Se quedó dormido
- ✗ No está vacunado
- ✗ Lo necesitan en casa

SPPS Attendance Policy



Txoj Cai Hais Txog Qhov Tsis Mus Kawm Ntawv - Txhua Hnub Tseem Ceeb Heev!

Koj puas xav tau kev txhawb nqa los sis kev pab?

Hu rau pab neeg saib xyuas txoj kev tuaj kawm ntawv ntawm **651-744-2273**

Qhib qhov rooj/Mus nqa tshais los noj	Lub sij hawm pib kawm ntawv	Lub sij hawm lawb ntawv
7:15 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.

Kuv yuav hu rau tsev kawm ntawv li cas yog tias kuv tus me nyuam tsis mus kawm ntawv?

Hu rau tsev kawm ntawv TXHUA HNUB uas koj tus me nyuam tsis mus kawm ntawv. Qhia rau tsev kawm ntawv tias vim li cas koj tus me nyuam ho tsis mus kawm ntawv es peb mam li pab koj thiab koj tus me nyuam raws li uas pab tau.

Hu rau tus xov tooj **651-744-2273**

Thaum koj kaw lus cia, koj yuav tsum qhia:

- Koj lub npe
- Koj tus xov tooj
- Koj tus me nyuam lub npe
- Koj tus me nyuam tus xib fwb lub npe/qib
- Vim li cas koj tus me nyuam ho tsis tuaj kawm
- Hnub uas koj hu tuaj yog hnub tim dab tsi



Raws li txoj cai teev tseeg, yog ib tug me nyuam kawm ntawv twg tsis mus kawm ntawv txog 5 hnub los sis ntau tshaj uas tsis tau kev tso cai mas peb yuav tau hu mus ceeb toom rau lub County uas nej nyob. Tej zaum tsev kawm ntawv los sis lub County yuav sau ntawv los rau nej yog tias nej tus me nyuam pheej tsis mus kawm ntawv uas tsis tau kev tso cai.

Dab tsi thiaj xam tias yog tsis mus kawm ntawv?

Txhua lub sij hawm uas tus me nyuam kawm ntawv tsis nyob hauv chav kawm ces txhais tias yog tsis mus kawm ntawv.

Qhov tsis mus kawm ntawv uas zam tau

- ✓ Muaj mob (tej zaum tsev kawm ntawv yuav hais kom niam txiv nqa tus kws khob mob daim ntawv tso cai tuaj yog tias tus me nyuam tsis mus kawm ntawv txog 3 hnub los yog ntau tshaj ntawd sib txuas zus, los sis yog tus me nyuam pheej muaj mob)
- ✓ So vim kev ntseeg
- ✓ Muaj xwm txheej ceev nyob rau tsev neeg
- ✓ Mus ntsib kws kho mob / kws kho kev lwj siab / kws kho hniv (yog ua tau, muab teem rau lub caij tsis kawm ntawv es mus kawm ntawv ua ntej los yog tom qab muaj teem caij)

Qhov tsis mus kawm ntawv uas zam tsis tau

- ✗ Mus ntoj ncig/mus ua si kev deb
- ✗ Mus ua hauj lwj es nkees/mus ntoj ncig
- ✗ Huab cua: Kub los sis no dhau
- ✗ zov me nyuam
- ✗ Teeb meem txog tshab
- ✗ Mus tsis ncav npav
- ✗ Sawv lig
- ✗ Tsis tau txhaj tshuaj
- ✗ Niam txiv xav kom nyob tsev



တၢ်ထီၣ်ကိၣ် ဖိလ်စိၣ် - တၢ်ဂံၢ်ဒွးအိၣ်ကိၣ်န့ၣ်ဒီး.

လိၣ်ဘၣ်တၢ်ဆိၣ်ထွဲ မုတမုၢ် တၢ်တိၣ်စၢၤမၤစၢၤမၤ.

ဆဲးကျိး တၢ်ထီၣ်ကိၣ်ပုၤမၤတၢ်ဖိကရူၢ်ဖဲ **651-744-2273**

ကိၣ်ပံၤတြီအိၣ်ထီၣ်/Breakfast To-Go	ကိၣ်ထီၣ်အဆၢကတီၢ်	ကိၣ်ပျီၣ်အဆၢကတီၢ်
7:15 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	2:00 p.m.

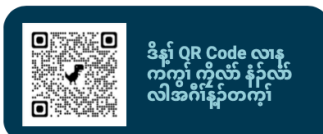
ယဖိမုၢ်တၢ်ထီၣ်ကိၣ်န့ၣ် ယဘၣ်ဆဲးကျိးကိၣ်ဒ်လံၣ်.

ဆဲးကျိးကိၣ်ကိးန့ၣ်ဒီးလၢ နဖိတဟဲထီၣ်ကိၣ်အဂီၢ်န့ၣ်တက့ၢ်. ဒုးသ့ၣ်ညါကိၣ်တၢ်ဂ့ၢ်ဘၣ်ပးဒီး တၢ်ကိၣ်တၢ်ခဲတဖၣ်လၢ တၢ်ထီၣ်ကိၣ်အဂီၢ်ဒီး ပကကျိးစးမၤတၢ်အဂ့ၢ်ကတၢၢ်ယုၢ်ဒီးန့ၣ်ဒီးန့ၣ်လီၤ.

ကိးတၢ်ထီၣ်ကိၣ်အလိကျိၢ်ဖဲ **651-744-2273**

ဖဲနဟံၣ်တၢ်ကစီၣ်အခါ, ဒုးသ့ၣ်ညါပုၤလၢ

- နမံၤ
- နလီၤတဲစိနီၣ်ဂံၢ်
- ကိၣ်ဖိအမံၤ
- ကိၣ်ဖိကိၣ်သရၣ်သရၣ်မုၢ်အမံၤ/တီၢ်
- တၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တၢ်ကျိၢ်လၢတဟဲထီၣ်ကိၣ်အဂီၢ်
- တနံၤအံၤမုၢ်န့ၣ်



ကိၣ်တၢ်မုၢ်တၢ်ထီၣ်ကိၣ်အိၣ်ဒီးကိၣ်တဟ့ၣ်ပျဲဒီးလၢ ၅သီ ဒီးဆူအဖီခိၣ်န့ၣ်, သဲးတၢ်ထီၣ်ကိၣ်အိၣ်ဒိၣ်ပဲလၢ ပဘၣ်ဆဲးကျိး ခိၣ်ထီၣ်လၢနအိၣ်ဆိးန့ၣ်လီၤ. နကဒီးန့ၣ်တၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တၢ်ကျိၢ်လၢကိၣ် မုတမုၢ် ခိၣ်ထီၣ် ဖဲလၢကိၣ်ဖိတဆဲးထီၣ်ကိၣ်လၢအိၣ်ဒီး ကိၣ်တဟ့ၣ်ပျဲဒီးန့ၣ်လီၤ.

တၢ်လၢပဟံၣ်အိၣ်လၢကိၣ်ဖိတထီၣ်ကိၣ်န့ၣ်မုၢ်တၢ်မနုၤတဖၣ်လံၣ်.

တၢ်ဆၢကတီၢ်တကတီၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တကတီၢ်ဂ့ၢ် လၢ ကိၣ်ဖိတအိၣ်လၢတီၢ်ပူၤန့ၣ်, ပဟံၣ်အိၣ် လၢ ကိၣ်ဖိတထီၣ်ကိၣ်ဘၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ.

ကိၣ်ဖိတထီၣ်ကိၣ်လၢတၢ်ဟ့ၣ်ပျဲဒီး

- ✓ တၢ်ဆူးတၢ်ဆါ (ကိၣ်ကယုၤန့ၣ် အူၣ်ချူအလံၤ လၢဘၣ်တၢ်ကိးအိၣ်လၢ ကသံၣ်သရၣ်သရၣ်မုၢ် ဖဲကိၣ်ဖိတကိၣ် အိၣ်တဆူၣ်ဒီး အမုၢ်တဟဲထီၣ်ကိၣ်လၢ ဝုၤဒီးဆူအဖီခိၣ်, မုတမုၢ် ဆူးဆါဖးယံၤဖးထီၣ်)
- ✓ တၢ်ဘျီတၢ်ဘါန့ၣ်သဘျူ
- ✓ ဟံၣ်ဖိယီဖိ ဂံၢ်ဂိၢ်အူတၢ်ဂ့ၢ်
- ✓ တၢ်သ့ၣ်န့ၣ်ဖးသီ(အဖွၣ်မံၣ်)တဖၣ်လၢ တၢ်အိၣ်အူၣ်အိၣ်ချူ/သးခိၣ်န့ၣ် အူၣ်ချူ/ မဲအဂီၢ် (မုၢ်သ့ၣ်န့ၣ်, မဟံၣ်ဆူ အူၣ်ချူတၢ်သ့ၣ်န့ၣ်ဖးသီလၢ ကိၣ်တထီၣ်အဆၢကတီၢ် ဒီး ဟံၣ်ဖိကိၣ်ဖိ တချူၤ အဖွၣ်မံၣ် အဆၢကတီၢ် ဒီး နလဲၤအဖွၣ်မံၣ်ပံၣ်အလဲၤခဲန့ၣ် တက့ၢ်)

ကိၣ်ဖိတထီၣ်ကိၣ်လၢ ကိၣ်တဟ့ၣ်ပျဲဒီး

- ✗ တၢ်လဲၤတၢ်ကျိၢ်/တၢ်ဟးကသ့ၣ်ကသီ
- ✗ တၢ်ဘျးသးလၢတၢ်လဲၤတၢ်ကျိၢ်/တၢ်မၤ
- ✗ မုၢ်ခိၣ်ကလဲၤသီၣ်ဂီၤ-တၢ်ကိၣ်ဒိၣ်/တၢ်ခူၣ်ဒိၣ်
- ✗ တၢ်ကျိၢ်ထွဲသ့ၣ်ဆဲး
- ✗ သီလျၢ်တၢ်ဂ့ၢ်ကီ
- ✗ ဘးစံလဲၤတလၢကိၣ်
- ✗ မံၤပၢထီၣ်စံၤခဲ
- ✗ တဆဲးကသံၣ်ဒိသဒါတၢ်ဆါ
- ✗ လိၣ်အိၣ်လၢဟံၣ်



Specialists' News

P. E.: Mr. Beason

Hello Heights School Families!

Welcome to another great school year. In P.E. classes we are off to a very good start. We have been working on expectations and routines as well as getting our bodies moving again, after the summer.



We are currently working on our FALL FITNESS ASSESSMENTS and profiles in grades 3-5. Grades K-2 will be introduced to the 5 Fitness Assessments and practice them. In addition to the Fitness Assessments, we have been reviewing/playing previous learned; games and relays. In K-2, we are really focusing on basic movement, listening skills and behavior expectations.

Also, in October, P.E. students will be working on flag football skills, soccer skills and more fitness skills along with our behavior expectations.

Each Friday, I give out 2 awards in every class that week. I call the recipients, "FRIDAY ALL-STARS!". Given for excellent attendance, behavior and participation.

Have a great fall and get outside with your kids!!!!

Science: Mr. Welke

This year The Heights Community School is partnering with H2O for Life to make sure that students from around the world have clean drinking water. This year we will be raising money to help Mlandege Primary School in Tanzania Africa so that they can have clean drinking water at their school. In the month of October, we will be doing a school-wide challenge called "A Mile of Pennies". Our goal is to collect 84,480 pennies. When stacked end to end, the pennies will be one mile long! We are asking families to donate as many pennies as you can to help! Pennies can be brought in any day starting next Monday, October 2.

News from Mr Xiong

10 hli ntuj (October 2024)

Cov hnuv uas tseem ceeb nyob rau lub 10 hli ntuj:

- 3 Tsis kawm ntawv (Professional Dev Day)
- 16 Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser (Woodbury)
- 17-18 Tsis kawm ntawv (MEA)
- 22 PTA/SCIP/Title I rooj sib tham
- 23 Cov PreK tuaj saib tsev kawm ntawv
- 24 Stem Night & Title I rooj sib tham
- 25 Tsis kawm ntawv (npaj rau conference)
- *****
- 10 hli tim 30: Yog hnuv yees duab (Picture Day)
- 12 hli tim 4: Rov qab yees duab dua (Retake Day)

Kev sib cev lus: Yog nej cov niam thiab txiv leej twg muaj lus nug txog tsev kawm ntawv, thov hu xov tooj tuaj rau kuv ntawm tus xov tooj 651-744-2715 (yog hais lush moob xwb) thaum 7:15 sawv ntxov txog 2 teev tav su dua.

Kuv yog Mr. Xiong
Email: dennis.xiong@spss.org
Phone: 651-744-2715

The Heights Community School
651-293-8815

Dear The Heights Community School Families!

My name is Melinda Vaillant and I am thrilled to be the School Counselor at The Heights Community School this school year!

Licensed School Counselors are uniquely qualified to address **all students' academic, career and social/emotional development needs** by designing and implementing a comprehensive school counseling program that promotes and enhances student success. The Heights School Counseling program will include:

Direct Student Services:

- Core Counseling Curriculum
 - Weekly classroom lessons to proactively teach skills that will primarily focus on social emotional health, bullying prevention, college and career readiness, and personal safety.
- Small Group Counseling
- Individual Counseling

Indirect Student Services:

- I will support students indirectly by partnering with staff, mental health teams, families, and outside resources through:
 - referrals
 - consultation
 - collaboration

I look forward to partnering with you this year. Please contact me anytime if you have questions or concerns.

I can be reached Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Ms. Melinda Vaillant

melinda.vaillant@spp.org

(612)-470-0638

Greetings Heights Families,

SPPS is partnering with My Very Own Bed to help provide new beds to children moving into stable housing. All families who qualify for free and reduced lunches in dire need of beds for their **children ages 2 to 17** are eligible to receive beds. **Adults do not qualify.** If you need a bed, please reach out to the school social workers or school counselor to discuss eligibility and get a referral made.



If you are interested, please contact Rachel Fulin, school social worker, or Melinda Vaillant, school counselor.

Rachel Fulin: rachel.fulin@spps.org or 612-314-3337

Melinda Vaillant: melinda.vaillant@spps.org or 612-470-0638

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Resources

Hello Heights Families,

Below is a list of organizations that provide free thanksgiving meals. Some organizations require you to register ahead of time. If you are interested, please be sure to register early as spots fill up quickly. As we move closer to November, more information will be available. If you have any questions please reach out to Rachel Fulin, school social worker, or Melinda Vaillant, school counselor.

Rachel Fulin: rachel.fulin@spps.org or 612-314-3337

Melinda Vaillant: melinda.vaillant@spps.org or 612-470-0638

Union Gospel Mission: This Thanksgiving season, the Mission will be reaching in and reaching out with meals and more through our annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution, a special dinner served to Mission residents and community members, and hot Thanksgiving meals hand-delivered to people in need in the area.

Register for a Thanksgiving Grocery Bag: Coming Soon!

- **Registration will open on October 5, 2024.**

- Registration is required to receive a grocery bag.
- Provide your name, email, and zip code.
- Sign up for a pickup time
- Pickup will be Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving.
- Tickets and correlating time slots will be available on a first-come/first-serve basis.
- Print your ticket with QR code
- You will receive your tickets via email.
- Each ticket will have a specific QR code which we will scan upon your arrival.
- You must have a printed or digital copy of your ticket to pick up.
- We will not be able to give groceries to anyone without a ticket.

Salvation Army: The Salvation Army provides thanksgiving meals to the community. Location and time is still to be determined, more information to come.

Loaves and Fishes: Several sites will serve dinner on the holiday. Call 612-377-9810 for more information.

- **Dorothy Day** 183 Old Sixth St., St. Paul
- **Gethsemane** 2410 Stillwater Rd E., St. Paul

PTA News

Cherry USA Catalogue Fundraiser

Our Fall Catalogue Fundraiser starts Oct 3rd. With your help we will be raising money for programs not currently funded through traditional means. The funds we raise will be used for teacher appreciation that allows them to purchase additional materials for their classrooms. This helps them enrich every student's experience!

Students will bring home the flyer this week with all the details for the Online Cherry USA catalogue fundraiser. The fundraiser ends Oct 21.

All orders are done ONLINE. Over 1000 items to choose from that are all made in the USA. Orders ship directly to your customers; however, you may want to combine all your customers on one order form to take advantage of:

“Free Shipping on orders over \$100!”

and have all items delivered to one address.

The ID is: **HC1222**

All Fundraisers are Completely Optional!

Save the Date!

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 22 5:30-6pm

Topics for discussion include:

- PTA updates: Heights Eagles Merchandise, SchoolStore.net, Cherry USA Catalogue Fundraiser 10/3-21
- Family Events
- SCIP updates & Site Council
- Title I Annual Meeting
- Review and offer input for the Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact.

A separate invite with a link to the meeting will be emailed to all families the week of Oct 21.

PTA Meetings and Events

PTA Meetings are virtual and will be held on the following Tuesdays from 5:30-6PM



Oct 22

Jan 14

March 18

April 22

May 20

2024-25 Fundraisers

SchoolStore.net Sept 23 Kickoff

Choose from over 400 merchants to shop online anytime during the year. Families win prizes and The Heights receive a percentage of the sale. Students receive a plush book buddy when they return their envelope with the special code!

Cherry USA Online Catalogue Fall Fundraiser Oct 3 – Oct 21

*New: KinderCoffeeLab

TBD Oct/Nov

Chuck E Cheese Dates

Woodbury Location 3-9PM

Wed, Oct 16

Fri, Jan 17

Thurs, March 14

Fri, May 16

Chipotle

TBD May 2025

World's Finest Chocolate Sale

TBD March/April 2025

All Fundraisers are Completely Optional!

Chuck E Cheese
Fundraiser
Wednesday, Oct 16
Flyers will be sent
out soon!



Picture Day is Wednesday, Oct 30



Picture Retake Day is Thursday, Dec 4

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School Report Cards for the State of MN & The Heights

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

• Parents can find information about their child's school on the Saint Paul Public School's Data Center website, or on the Minnesota Department of Education's website.

SPPS Data Center: <http://spps.org/data>

MDE Data Center: <https://rc.education.mn.gov/#mySchool/p--3>

The Minnesota Report Card gives parents, educators, schools, districts and citizens easy access to understandable district and school data. Choose from several reports for information in a local district, a specific school, or the state as a whole.

Visit The Heights website at spps.org/theheights > About > Title I > MDE Report Card to learn about The Heights' academic performance.

Or click this link and type in The Heights Community School to go directly to our MDE school information:

SPPS Data Center: <http://spps.org/data>

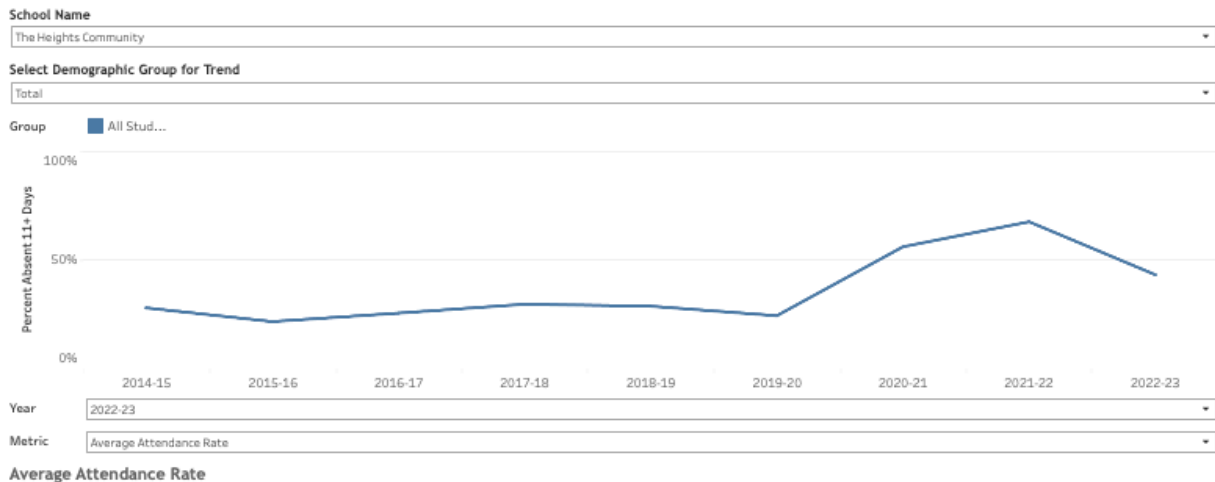


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ATTENDANCE



Saint Paul Public Schools: Students Absent 11 or More Days



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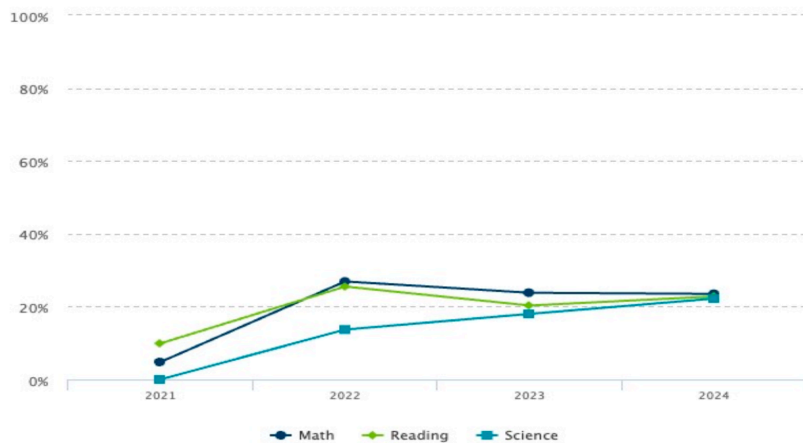


Minnesota Report Card

My School: What can I learn about my school and its students?

the Heights Community School Saint Paul Public Schools
Demographics: All Students

The number of students meeting standards in math, reading, and science over time



Subject	2021	2022	2023	2024
Math	4.8% (5)	26.9% (39)	23.8% (34)	23.5% (32)
Reading	9.9% (10)	25.5% (37)	20.3% (29)	22.8% (31)
Science	0.0% (0)	13.7% (7)	18.0% (9)	22.2% (12)

Message from the school:

Our school creates a caring learning environment through partnering with families and the community to ensure each scholar has the best learning experience. The core curriculum is enriched with classes in science, music and physical education. Students are supported through multilingual learning, special education and our Extended Day for Learning (EDL) after-school program. Other learning activities designed to meet the needs and interests of students include many clubs and competitions: Lego League, chess club, dominoes and DestiNation Imagination. Located in a quiet community on St. Paul's East Side, our colorful school offers remarkable opportunities for all.

The message above is provided by the school and has not been verified by the Minnesota Department of Education.

This school has been prioritized for comprehensive support because at least one of the following groups' multi-year average was below performance thresholds on at least one indicator per stage in each of the last two identification cycles: students receiving special education services

For more information about these designations, see the [School and District Accountability](#) page of the MDE website.

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The Heights 2024-2025
Family Engagement Plan AT A GLANCE

Reading Goal	Math Goal	Climate
The percentage of grade 3-5 students scoring proficient or higher in reading will increase by at least 5% points as measured by the MCA III Reading Assessment administered in April 2025.	The percentage of grade 3-5 students scoring proficient or higher in mathematics will increase by at least 5% pts. as measured by the MCA III Mathematics Assessment administered in April 2025. Math Complimentary Goal: The percentage of students 'On Level' or 'Above Level' in grades K-5 will increase by at least 15% pts. as measured by fall, winter, spring HMH Math Growth Measure in SY 2024-2025.	PBIS: At least 85% of grade 3-5 students will take the Student Climate Survey in the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025, and all student groups scoring at least "3" on questions 1,4,6, and 11 will show an overall man score of "3" or above by Spring of 2025. Attendance: At least 85% of all students will consistently attend school, and all student groups will reach at least 80% consistent attendance as measured by Consistent Attendance Report in Bolt by June 2025.

The Heights Community School will provide families:

- * a welcoming environment that promotes communication; identifies barriers that prevent racial equity; works with families as their children start and leave our school
- * a partnership that shares responsibility for student success; opportunities to build connections to school and each other; meetings and events available to every family; opportunities for parent leadership and advocacy; the foundation of parents' information and skills for becoming more involved in our school
- * information about student achievement in multiple ways; engagement in Personalized Learning; before and after school enrichment and support opportunities for students
- * community partnerships for additional support for students' success; opportunities to build connections to school and each other; meetings and events available to every family; opportunities for parent leadership and advocacy; the foundation of parents' information and skills for becoming more involved in our school
- * information about student achievement in multiple ways; engagement in Personalized Learning; before and after school enrichment and support opportunities for students

EVENT	ACTION	DATE	Time
Outside Open House: Meet the Staff	Families will visit classrooms to meet the teachers. Information regarding transportation, health needs, nutrition services/education benefits form, drop off/pick up, attendance, PreK college bound, etc. will be set up in the main office and cafeteria.	Thursday, Aug 29	3:00 - 4:00 PM
PTA/Site Council Meetings/SCIP Update Yearly fiscal Title I budget information, SCIP, FEP, compact and events are reviewed and discussed for planning the next school year at the March and April PTA meetings.	In addition to PTA information, parents are also given information regarding SCIP, Title I, PBIS, curriculum, standards, MCAs, attendance issues, etc.	Tuesdays: Oct 22 Jan 14 March 18 April 22 May 20	5:30 - 6:00 PM Virtual Meeting
Title I Annual Meeting	Title I Slideshow Presentation will be shown during the Oct 22 PTA/Site Council & SCIP Update parent meeting & the Oct 24 Family STEM Night	Oct 22 PTA/SCIP Mtg Oct 24 STEM Night	5:30 - 6:00 PM 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Conduct a family/teacher conference during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement. -Provide frequent reports to families on their child's progress; and -Provide families with reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class activities.	November 7 November 8 March 27 March 28	2:40-7:40 PM 8:00 AM -12:40 PM 2:40-7:40 PM 8:00 AM -12:40 PM
National African Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)	Parenting tips available to support learning at home. Classroom visits available all day. Parents can eat breakfast and lunch with students	Monday, February 10	8:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Family Reading Night	Families will learn how to help their children learn to read by participating in fun activities. Standards and grade level curriculum will be available	March 6	5:30 - 7:00 PM
End-of-Year Parent Meeting: yearly fiscal Title I budget information, SCIP, FEP, compact and events are reviewed and discussed for planning the next school year at the March/April PTA meetings.	Parents are given the opportunity to review the current school year and given input to help plan for the next school year.	March 18 PTA/SCIP Mtg April 22 PTA/SCIP Mtg	5:30 - 6:00 PM
PreK transition to K	A spring PreK family event will give families opportunities to tour K classrooms, meet the teachers, and receive information about K expectations	April/May TBD	TBD
5 th grade transition to middle school	Families will receive information on Middle School Open House, Registration info, field trips, and transition information	Ongoing starting in Dec	

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The Heights Community Elementary

SCIP at-a-Glance

2024-2025

Instructional Practices	
<i>The Heights Community Elementary</i>	Action Steps
<p>Math Proficiency Goal: The percentage of grade 3-5 students scoring proficient or higher in mathematics will increase by at least 5% pts. as measured by the MCA III Mathematics Assessment administered in April 2025.</p> <p>Math: 100% of teachers in grades K-5 will implement SPPS Math Review/Number talks to support individual needs in Math, as measured by fall, winter and spring walkthroughs.</p> <p>Math Complimentary Goal: The percentage of students 'On Level' or 'Above Level' in grades K-5 will increase by at least 15% pts. as measured by fall, winter, spring HMH Math Growth Measure in SY 2024-2025</p> <p>Reading: The percentage of grade 3-5 students scoring proficient or higher in reading will increase by at least 5% points as measured by the MCA III Reading Assessment administered in April 2025.</p> <p>Literacy: 100 % of grades K-5 teachers will implement guided reading per SPPS practice profile as measured by fall, winter, spring walkthroughs by 5/31/2024.</p>	<p>Professional development will be provided during grade-level PD sessions, which are supported by the principal, assistant principal, and learning lead/math lead. The Learning Lead/Math Lead will share PD that is presented during monthly Math Lead meetings. Teachers and staff will engage in collaborative PLC work scheduled... Learning Lead will schedule coaching sessions with teachers to conduct coaching cycles prior to scheduled walkthroughs</p> <p>K-5 teachers and staff will also attend any required Literacy Department professional development sessions. Professional development will be provided during grade-level PD sessions, which are supported by the principal, assistant principal, and learning lead. The learning lead will share PD that is presented during monthly Literacy Lead meetings. Teachers and staff will engage in collaborative PLC work scheduled... learning lead will schedule coaching sessions with teachers to conduct coaching cycles prior to scheduled walkthroughs.</p>

Climate	
<i>The Heights Community Elementary</i>	Action Steps
<p>PBIS: At least 85% of grade 3-5 students will take the Student Climate Survey in the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025, and all student groups scoring at least "3" on questions 1,4,6, and 11 will show an overall man score of "3" or above by Spring of 2025.</p> <p>Attendance: At least 85% of all students will consistently attend school, and all student groups will reach at least 80% consistent attendance as measured by Consistent Attendance Report in Bolt by June 2025.</p> <p>Within 8 weeks of returning to school, staff will have moved from 20% to 40% completion on the Tier 1 of the PBIS Tiered Fidelity Inventory as measured by PBIS APPS.</p>	<p>SEL/PBIS team will meet bi-weekly to plan and monitor effective strategies for tier one and tier two student supports.</p> <p>On-going professional development and coaching in SEL and PBIS strategies for all staff will be provided per PD School Calendar.</p>

Family Engagement	
<i>The Heights Community Elementary</i>	Action Steps
<p>Goal: Increase family participation in school events such as volunteer work, family nights, parent conferences, school concerts etc.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share all communication with parents in languages represented in the school community in a variety of ways, including newsletters, website, phone calls, email and texts. 2. Incorporate languages represented in the school community in a variety of ways in the classrooms, hallways and office.

Title I Information – Parent’s Right to Know

ENGLISH: PARENT’S RIGHT TO KNOW TEACHER AND PARAPROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS Under the *Every Student Succeeds Act*, parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their student’s classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. Parents who would like to receive this information should write to the Human Resource Department, Attn: ESSA Teacher Qualifications, Saint Paul Public Schools, 360 Colborne Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102-3299. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child’s classroom teacher(s).

- Information about whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Information about whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- Information about whether the teacher is teaching (subjects or content) in which proper certification is held by the teacher.
- Information about whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

HMONG: NIAM TXIV MUAJ CAI PAUB TXOG COV XIB FWB QHIA NTAWV Raws li txoj cai *Every Student Succeeds Act*, cov niam txiv muaj cai nug kom paub txog cov xib fwb qhia ntawv uas qhia ntawv rau lawv tus me nyuam thiab cov neeg uas pab tus xib fwb qhia ntawv seb lawv txawj thiab kawm ntawv siab npaum li cas. Cov niam txiv uas xav paub txog tej li hais no muaj peev xwm sau tau ntawv mus rau Human Resource department, Attn: ESSA Teacher Qualifications, Saint Paul Public Schools, 360 Colborne Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102-3299. Nej muaj cai nug txog cov nram qab no ntsig txog nej tus me nyuam tus xib fwb qhia ntawv.

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- Kev qhia seb puas yog tus xib fwb ntawd los qhia rau lub caij maj ceev es thiaj li tsis tag txawj txawj thiab muaj lai xee raws li lub xeev txoj cai los tau.
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- Kev qhia seb tus me nyuam puas tau txais kev pab los ntawm cov pab tus xib fwb (paraprofessional). Yog tau no lawv txawj thiab kawm ntawv siab li cas.

SOMALI: Xuquuqda ay Waalidku u leeyihiin inay Ogaadaan Macluumaadka Macallimiinta iyo Shaqaalaha Kale Sida uu qabo qaanuunka loo yaqaanno "Every Student Succeeds Act" oo micne ahaan ah "Qaanuunka Guusha Arday Walba", waalidiintu waxay xaq u leeyihiin inay codsan karaan macluumaad ku saabsan xirfadaha macallimiinta iyo shaqaalaha kale ee carruurtooda wax bara. Waalidiinta raba inay helaan macluumaadkan, qoraal ha u soo diraan qaybta shaqaalaynta mas'uulka ka ah oo la dhaho Human Resource Department. Codsigaaga halkan ku soo hagaaji: Attn: ESSA Teacher Qualifications, Saint Paul Public Schools, 360 Colborne Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102-3299. Waxaad xaq u leedahay inaad codsato macluumaadkan hoose ee ku saabsan macallimiinta ilmahaaga wax bara:

- In macallinka ama macallimaddu buuxiyeen shuruudaha maadada iyo fasalka ay dhigayaan la xiriira ee uu gobolku ka rabo islamarkaana khihrad u leeyihiin maadada ay barayaan.
- In macallinka ama macallimaddu haystaan oggolaansho ku meel gaar ah inta ay soo buuxinayaan shuruudihii laga rabay ee dhinaca wax barista iyo in laga qaaday ama laga fasaxay shuruudahaas hadda.
- In macallinka ama macallimaddu ay barayaan maaddooyinka ay u haystaan shatiga islamarkaana takhasuska u leeyihiin.
- In uu ilmahaagu helo kaalmada macallin-kalkaaliye, iyo weliba nooca waxbarashada kalkaaliyahaas.

SPANISH: LOS PADRES TIENEN DERECHO A CONOCER LAS CALIFICACIONES DE MAESTROS Y

PARAPROFESIONALES Bajo el acta Cada Estudiante Triunfa, los padres tienen derecho a solicitar información sobre las credenciales profesionales de los maestros del salón de su niño y paraprofesionales. Los padres que deseen recibir esta información deben escribir al Departamento de Recursos Humanos (Human Resources Department), Attn: ESSA Teacher Qualifications, Saint Paul Public Schools, 360 Colborne Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102-3299. Usted tiene derecho a preguntar la siguiente información de cada uno de(los) maestro(s) del salón de su niño:

- Información sobre si el maestro cumple con las credenciales y licencias del estado para los grados y asignaturas que enseña;
- Información sobre si el maestro está enseñando con una licencia de emergencia o provisional, por la que el estado lo ha eximido de los requerimientos de credenciales o criterios para obtener la licencia.
- Información sobre si el maestro está enseñando (asignaturas o contenido) en la cual tiene una certificación apropiada.
- Información sobre si el niño recibe servicios de paraprofesionales, y si sus calificaciones.