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IMPORTANT DATES

* Board of Directors Meeting

February 11

3:30 pm

* President's Day

February 16

No School

* End of Quarter 3

March 12

Last day to turn in work

* Grading Day

March 13

No School

* Spring Break

March 16–March 20

No School

* Elementary Conferences

March 23

K-5 No School

Based on Principal

Attendance Levels Need Improvement

Our attendance levels are slipping to a seriously low level, which means classroom performance is down, which means learning levels are down, and that could spell trouble for some of our students, not only during their primary school careers, but also into adulthood because they may be learning erroneous lessons such as school is incidental and not important, going to school late is better than not going at all, and that it is okay to miss school altogether with no consequences. I, as your school principal, am here to say that none of those ideas are true.

Education is very important and it is not okay to show up casually late to school without a valid reason. Missing too much school is detrimental, primarily because of the loss of learning opportunities that your children can't get back. Children who miss too much school can fall behind their peers and develop a sense of feeling overwhelmed because they are lost in class and feel that they will never catch up. All of this can be avoided by attending school regularly.

If you have a child who is missing school regularly or not getting to school on time, I suggest starting with a warning from a parent and then moving to a logical consequence if the behavior isn't corrected. School-based consequences can go from a simple warning, all the way to students repeating failed classes, or even repeating entire quarters or more. There is a lot at stake. We need to work together to make sure our students are in school as much as possible before the consequences phase needs to be deployed. Let's work together for the benefit of our students, your children, and get them to school routinely and on time each day. Everyone will benefit if we can do that together.



Sometime over the course of the next week or so, I plan to send individual emails to parents of students who have developed lower than expected levels of attendance. If your child is missing a lot of school, you should expect an email from me soon. Parents will have choices, including having a meeting with me to develop a plan. To be reminded, the school's policy allows for students to miss up to 4 days per quarter, which comes out to 16 absences per year to remain in compliance with the 90% expectation we have in place at New Heights. Of course, there may be reasons for students to miss more than 4 days per quarter, but the school will require parents to provide valid reasons/excuses for the absences. Failure to work with the school on this matter could result in students failing classes and possibly even delaying graduation. The attendance policy of New Heights is not strict, it is typical. Let's remember that children under the age of 18 are required by law to be in school. Choosing New Heights as your educational community means that our families agree to abide by the school's expectations, including those related to attendance. It appears that many of our families will benefit from this gentle reminder that attendance rates matter, and it's time to get back on track. Watch for an email from me in the next week or so, and please be prepared to work with me to get this matter corrected. Remember, there is a lot at stake.

Sincerely,

Superintendent/Principal Tom Kearney

MCA TESTING – MARCH AND APRIL

The MCA is a statewide assessment that is given to Minnesota students in several content areas each spring.

The Reading MCA is for grades: 3rd-8th and 10th.

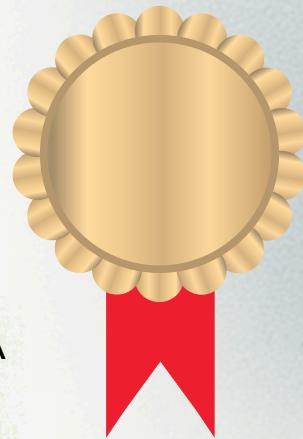
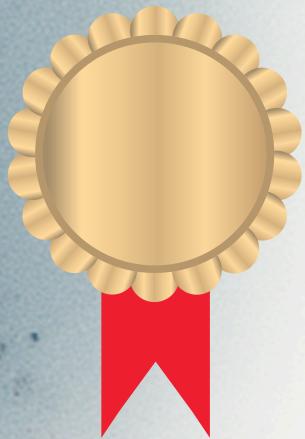
The Math MCA is for grades: 3rd-8th and 11th.

The Science MCA is for: 5th and 8th grade, as well as all students enrolled in Biology.

If you DO NOT want your student to participate in state testing, please fill out the Parent/ Guardian Guide and Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Testing form that is found on our school website before the testing begins in March. These tests will be administered in March and April.



Quarter 2 Honor Roll



Principal's Award: Students with an A in all 6 classes are recognized as Principal's Award Students

Kell Nelson (6)
Lucia Riviera (6)
Chloe Stilwagon (6)

Sam Teske (7)
Rylin Ellison (8)
Benicio Rivera (8)

Landon Stilwagon (9)
Alastair Larson (10)
Evelyn Schultz (10)

Honor Roll: Students with a Grade Point Average of 3.5 or above are recognized as students on the Honor Roll

Charlee Carter (6)
Trent Kircher (6)
Brecken Aldrich (7)
Cylus Brake (7)
Jax Hill (7)

Kylah Molina (7)
Jens Nelson (7)
Micaiah Rosengren (7)
Maks Kircher (8)
Aidan Breitbarth (8)
Albino Bucio (10)

Gloria Teske (10)
Dan VanDyke (10)
Gavin Braun (12)
Sam VanDyke (12)
Matty Winch (12)

Honorable Mention: Students with a Grade Point Average between 3.49 and 3.0 are recognized as students on the Honor Roll

Anthony Helm (6)
Charlie Cain (7)
Madeline Dahlin (7)
Aaliyah Francis (7)
Dalila Houlberg (7)
Mya Lange (7)

Mae Palmer (7)
Malachi Rosengren (7)
Kaelyn Boorman (11)
Cheri Johnson (11)
Emma Leathem (11)

Jake Poppert (11)
Omar Walker (11)
Andrew Benson (12)
Brooke Hatch (12)
Ash Stanaway (12)
Brian Standfest (12)

It is worth noting, there were several students who had 5 A's and 1 B. Keep up the awesome work. A little more attention to detail and you'll have a straight A report card.
Great Job New Heights Students!

NEW HEIGHTS SCHOOL

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
15	16 <i>HAPPY Presidents Day</i> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Upcoming Events:

March 12th: End of Quarter 3

March 13th: K-12 No School - Teacher Grading Day

March 16-20th: K-12 No School - Spring Break

March 23rd: K-5 No School - Elementary Conferences (Secondary in Session)

March 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 No School K-12 Grading Day	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SPRING BREAK						
No School						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Elementary Conferences K-5 No School		Science MCA Grades: 5,8,&10	Science MCA Grades: 5,8,&10	Science MCA Makeup Day		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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No School K-12 Teacher Work Day						
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