



April 2023

Based on Principal

We are in the last week of the 3rd quarter, which normally means the arrival of spring-like weather is either here or close by. I have long said I feel like winters were worse when I was kid, meaning the snow banks were piled higher with plowed snow than we seem to get anymore. Now I know why I feel this way. It turns out that this winter has been snowier than all but 2 years on record-1981 and 1983. That makes sense now why I remember more snow in my childhood; I was in high school during the two snowiest winters in Minnesota's recorded history. That snowstorm last week was ridiculous. Many of you probably lost power and or had down limbs or trees in your yards. But, because spring is here, that dump of snow has already melted and 60 degree days are just ahead!



Along with the spring weather comes a few other things that I would want you to be mindful of. First, the end of the quarter occurs this Thursday, April 6th. That means conferences will be next Monday, April 10 from 1-6 pm. As always, elementary teachers will schedule conference times with parents of K-5th grade students, but the 6-12 grade teachers hold open-style conferences, which basically means first come-first served. Parents of 6-12 grade students can stop by the school starting at 1pm. You can stop in the office and pick up a schedule for each of your children and then visit the classrooms and teachers you are most interested in hearing from. You are not obligated to come to conferences and you are not obligated to visit with each teacher, however, we promise to keep our conferences brief by limiting our visits with each parent to about 10 minutes in length. That will allow our teachers to see all of the parents



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IMPORTANT DATES

- April 4-6th—Elementary Math MCA
- April 6th— End of Quarter 3
- April 7th—No School, Grading Day
- April 10th—No School, Conferences
- April 10th—Conferences from 1-6pm
- April 11th—Start of Quarter 4
- Board of Directors Meeting April 11th at 4 pm
- April 14th— K-5 Fieldtrip to The Science Museum
- April 18-20th—Secondary Math MCA
- April 25-27th—Elementary Reading MCA

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who come to conferences without having uncomfortable wait times. So, please consider coming to our spring conference event in support of your child(ren).

Attendance Reporting

We have created a new path for parents who wish to report an absence, either before or after the fact. You can now email your child's attendance status to this email address:

attendance@newheightsschool.org. This general email will get picked up by several staff members to ensure that we are recording absences accurately. Parents can still phone the absences as well, but some parents will appreciate this method. Parents can also add attachments to the emails, such as doctor's notes or other documents that might be helpful in understanding the nature of a child's absence.

School-Related Items

Here is a reminder to parents to check with your children and remind them to not bring items to school that have no school-related value. This may be referring to video games, personal computers, toys and games, stuffed animals, eccentric costumes, or other distracting items that may distract your child or other students from the true

business of the school, which is teaching and learning. We also want to remind families that breakfast and lunch (meals) are important, but coming to late to school because the lines were long at McDonald's and Starbucks is not a valid reason to come to school late, and students are not permitted to have those items in class anyways. If those things are an important component to starting the school day, let's plan ahead and leave plenty of time to get through the lines without distracting others at school in class with coffees and bags of food. These items have not been allowed at school for many years, but have started creeping their way back in post pandemic. We are trying to get the feel of school to a "back to normal" place and will appreciate your understanding on this topic.

Fundraisers in Place

We are working with two local businesses who wish to support New Heights students and programs. First, we have a family evening scheduled with Culver's Restaurant on Tuesday April 25th from 5 -7pm. We encourage all of our families to consider joining us at Culver's in Stillwater between the hours of 5 and 7 for fun, conversation and food. Culver's will be donating a portion of ALL SALES between 5 and 7pm to the school regardless of who those customers are. This is a great chance to support New Heights by simply choosing to what you might normally do (eat out).

The Culver's logo is written in a blue, cursive script font. It features a registered trademark symbol (®) at the end of the word. The logo is positioned in the upper right area of the page, above a decorative floral border.



The second opportunity we have is to earn donated funds through Office Max/ Office Depot. They contacted me earlier this year to let me know that the parent company likes to support schools such as New Heights by donating a small percentage of sales during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters of the fiscal year. We are just now in the 2nd quarter. You can either directly or indirectly support this endeavor by shopping for your office supplies at the Stillwater Office Max, or by referring your friends and business contacts to the Stillwater store for their needs as well. We are not sure how much this fundraiser will generate, but we are grateful to have been selected by the store's in-house management team. Hopefully Office Max of Stillwater will have their best year of business ever!



Stay on Track

Sometimes the 4th quarter can be a bit problematic because students sense the end is near and sometimes start to coast rather than keeping a foot on the accelerator. We are planning to work with our students in a program we have in place called "Advisory" on the concept of finishing strong. Employers aren't looking for people who sense the end of the work week is also a time to relax early and stop giving the appropriate effort to the company before quitting time. We will be giving our students some tips on keeping focused on the task at hand and working hard until the final bell of the school year. Spring weather can sometimes bring a distraction, but we want our students to be mindful that school is a responsibility and to stay diligent and focused until school let's out for the summer. Hopefully our parents will support this theme as we move into the 4th and final quarter of the school year.

Tom Kearney-Principal



Available:

Please contact the main
office for more information!

To properly report an absence:

- Call the main office directly at:
651-439-1962
- Email attendance@newheightsschool.org

*If your child will be late, but arrive in time for lunch, please also report their lunch choice **by 9:15am.***

Elementary Celebrated National Reading Month





Upcoming Events~



**New Heights School
Culver's Night—April 25th
5-7 pm**

A portion of each purchase made will
support New Heights School!

Culver's Restaurant
1725 Market Drive
Stillwater, MN 55082

Spring Conferences

K-12 Parent Teacher
Conferences will take
place Monday, April
10th. They will be held
from 1-6pm.

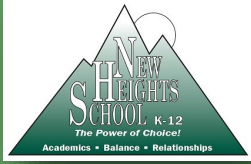
Elementary Teachers
will schedule specific
times with families.

Secondary Teachers
will be available in an
Open House Format.

Rescheduled:

*Elementary students will
be taking a fieldtrip to
the Science Museum on
Friday, April 14th!*





April Monthly Planner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 Elementary Math MCA	5 Elementary Math MCA	6 End of Quarter 3 Elementary Math MCA Make-up day	7 No School— Grading Day	8
9	10 No School— Conferences 1pm-6pm	11 Start of Quarter 4	12	13	14 Elementary Science Museum Field trip	15
16	17	18 Secondary Math MCA	19 Secondary Math MCA	20 Secondary Math MCA Make-up day	21	22 
23	24	25 Elementary Reading MCA	26 Elementary Reading MCA	27 Elementary Reading MCA Make-up day	28	29

Upcoming Events:

May 29th—No School, Memorial Day