



Thomas P. Hughes School

News for Families

February 19, 2021

- Looking to cozy up with your kiddos on a snowy day with a great book? Starting Monday, the PTO is sponsoring a [Virtual Book Fair](#). (Stock up for the school-wide read-a-thon coming in March!)
- The Berkeley Heights Education Association is holding two virtual Read Across America events for students. The first event is for our Pre-K thru 1st Grade students on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm and the second is for our 2nd Grade through 5th Grade students on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. We will have guest readers from our school community as well as local organizations throughout our Berkeley Heights Community. Click this [link](#) to register.
- **Just a reminder to all:** The PM Sessions for the elementary schools were created as an opportunity for teachers to meet with individuals or small groups of students in addition to the 8:25-12:25 school day. Students will not necessarily be included in every session daily, and different grade levels are managing this time differently per the needs of their students. There are also enrichment opportunities available with the special area staff during the afternoons. Please contact me or your child's teacher if you have specific questions about the afternoon sessions.
- Pick up procedures: Please do not exit your car if you are in the pick up line. If you wish to get out of your vehicle, please park in a designated parking space. Thank you for helping us keep dismissal running smoothly!
- **Camp Invention[®] is returning to Berkeley Heights Public School District!**
 - In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame[®] (NIHF), Berkeley Heights Public School District is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed Camp Invention[®] program to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. It's an exciting, weeklong summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering, and innovation. Children work together to create solutions to real-world problems and build critical 21st-century skills while rotating through several high-energy, hands-on modules.
 - This year, our Camp Invention program will be virtual so activity kits will be delivered directly to you and daily virtual sessions will be led by a local educator. Your child will have everything they need for an amazing week of STEM fun.

- **Early registration discounts are available! Register using SUM40 by Mar. 31 to save \$40 off the \$295 registration fee.**
- **Availability is limited. Visit invent.org/mylocalcamp or call 800-968-4332 to secure your child's spot today!**

- **Reminder:** Families are invited to make an appointment for their children to visit the library in the afternoons by emailing Mrs. Niedenfuhr directly at mniedenfuhr@bhpsnj.org or by using the sign up genius link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445a9af2ea20-hughes>
- **Classroom News:** We are excited to announce that the entire school is participating in a Black History Month research project. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the impact of a variety of historical and current figures. Ask your children about it!
- **Flyers for community based events can be found on the district website. [This](#) is the link.**



