

New Heights Educational Group, Inc.

Monthly Point of Interest

- **Biweekly Enrichment**
- **Look back at 2013**
- **Country Fried Steak just in time for dinner**
- **Savneet Singh offers tips to success**
- **Izzy is back with a great selection**

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Educational Resources to Help You Reach Your Goals

Monthly Newsletter

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Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page.

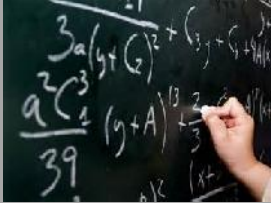
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Our Mission Statement

The New Heights Educational Group Inc. supports literacy for children and adults by offering a range of educational support services. Such services include assisting families in their selection of schools, organization of educational activities, and acquisition of materials. We promote a healthy learning environment and offer Enrichment programs for families of preschool and school age children, including children with special needs.

New Heights Educational Group, Inc is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization located in Defiance, Ohio. We provide educational support services beginning 2006 for families in Ohio to bridge the gap from inadequacies in home school, charter school, and public school systems.

Biweekly Enrichment Day Classes/Co-op to Begin!



The New Heights Educational Group Resource and Literacy Center is offering its biweekly enrichment day classes/co-op which started again on January 17, 2014 from 1 pm – 3 pm classes were held in Defiance at the Zion Lutheran Church. Come join us for our next class on January 31, 2014. Please note that the classes are not religion-based unless families want there to be one. Parents and students are required to participate in these classes and help with the planning of them. So far we will be offering a culinary class, reading time, Science class and Irish Dancing and Karate and are open to more suggestions. Students are invited to not only attend but participate in instructing some of the classes.

Volunteers of the Month

Enjoli Baker - *Research Coordinator*

Shalini Bhalla - *Program Developer*

Savneet Singh - *Program Developer*

Educational Writer

Kaden Behan - *New Heights Radio Host*



Sadia Eijaz - *New Heights Radio Host*

Chaundra Parker - *Radio Program Monitor (Fridays)*

Shannon Williamson - *Online Class Monitor, Radio Program Monitor (Saturdays)*

Marina Klimi - *Graphic Designer*



2013 in Review



January - February - March 2013

- The New Heights Educational Group launched its own radio program called "The New Heights Show on Education" with hosts Kaden Behan and Co Host Pamela Clark Founder/Director. The show was launched on January 19th and runs from 6:00 - 6:30 pm Eastern Time.
- We were searching for reading and German Tutors/Teachers for our adult students

April - May - June 2013

- A man called Stevie came knocking on the door...

Pamela S Clark, Founder and Director of New Heights Educational Group, was presented with a Gold Stevie® Award in the Category: Executive of the Year Non-Profit or Government Organizations while her organization, New Heights Educational Group, was presented with a Bronze Stevie® Award in the Category: Company of the Year - Non-Profit or Government Organizations in The 11th Annual American Business Awards in Chicago.

- We were on the move in May. Effective May 25th our new address was officially:

New Heights Educational Group , 14735 Power Dam Road, Defiance, Ohio 43512

July - August - September 2013

- Our annual board meeting was held in July and we voted in some new board members: We welcomed aboard Mary Ann Hurst and Kathy Bergman. Peggy Lucht and Dawn Smith And after 5 years of service to New Heights stepped down. Margaret Spangler is still a member of the board and Pamela Clark is the Director of the Board.
- Recognition Day, pool party and potluck was held the first weekend in July.
- Because of the success of our first radio show on Saturdays, we launched a second radio program which was to be 15 minutes long once a week on Fridays at 6:00 – 6:15 pm Eastern Time.
- New Heights Educational Group, Inc. continued its run of recognition being picked as "Company of the Year – Nonprofit or Government Organizations" Silver Winner of Stevie International Business Awards this year.
- Hot topic of discussion for September : **HELP US STOP COMMON CORE CURRICULUM**
- Monthly Enrichment Day Classes were Starting again



2013 in Review CON'T



October - November - December 2013

- Cuyler Spangler won 1st place in Weapons Student with The New Heights Educational Group and Kurts Karate for 12/14 yr olds in red/blue belt. He used the tonfas as his weapon of choice.
- New Heights Educational Group was selling \$5 booklets to support student's educational goals.
- An Instrument Loan Program through the Fort Wayne Philharmonic was available. With the belief that every instrumentalist should have the opportunity to play an instrument of their choosing. Over 100 string, brass, and woodwind instruments were available at a first-come first serve Basis for musicians at any ability level.
- Current fund raisers we were working on candy bar sale and bake sale at the mall
- NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP is Top-Rated Congratulations! NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP had qualified for a 2013 Top-Rated Nonprofit award from Great non profits. This is a great honor, given less than 10% of eligible nonprofits have received this distinction.
- New to Online Learning? Some Tips to Success By Savneet Singh was the first article by the budding writer on our staff. Savneet also functions as a Program Developer for us.
- Yearbooks arrived for 2013
- Women in Business 2013 Organization of the Year Government or Non-Profit 10 or Less Employees - Silver Stevie Winner
- Women in Business 2013 - Pamela Clark, Founder/Director
Category: Female Executive of the Year Government or Non-Profit -10 or Less Employees
Bronze Stevie Winner

The Show that Started it All

The New Heights Show on Education
LIVE Internet radio program
Join Host Kaden Behan
Saturday 6pm - 6:30pm
As she explores a new topic on education every week

New Heights

Country Fried Steak

By David Venable QVC

Ingredients:

Steak:

- 4 (4-oz) beef cube steaks
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- Oil, for frying



Gravy:

- 3 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 3 cups milk
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Directions:

Preparation:

1. Fill a large skillet or sauté pan with about 1/4" oil and set the heat to medium-high.
2. Whisk the buttermilk and egg together in a medium-size shallow bowl. Combine the flour, paprika, onion powder, and cayenne pepper in a similarly sized shallow bowl. Dip each steak in the buttermilk and egg mixture followed by the flour mixture and set aside on a large plate. Repeat with the other three steaks.
3. When the oil in the skillet reaches 350°-375°, carefully add the steaks and brown both sides, about 3 minutes per side. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover the skillet, and let the steaks cook for about 8 minutes. Remove the lid and cook for 1 minute more. Set the steaks aside on a large paper-towel lined plate; keep warm.
4. To prepare the gravy, sprinkle the flour into the same skillet and cook until lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Slowly add the milk and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and immediately plate the steaks with a generous drizzle of gravy.



*Watch your thoughts, for they become words.
Watch your words, for they become actions.
Watch your actions, for they become habits.
Watch your habits, for they become character.
Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.*

Welcome New Volunteer (s)

Wyntra Jones - 1/4/13

Field trip Coordinator, Event Planner, Reading Club Coordinator, Grant Writer Assistant

Chaundra Parker 12/21/13

Radio Program Monitor



Daniel Arturo Llano Flores - 1/4/14

Program Developer

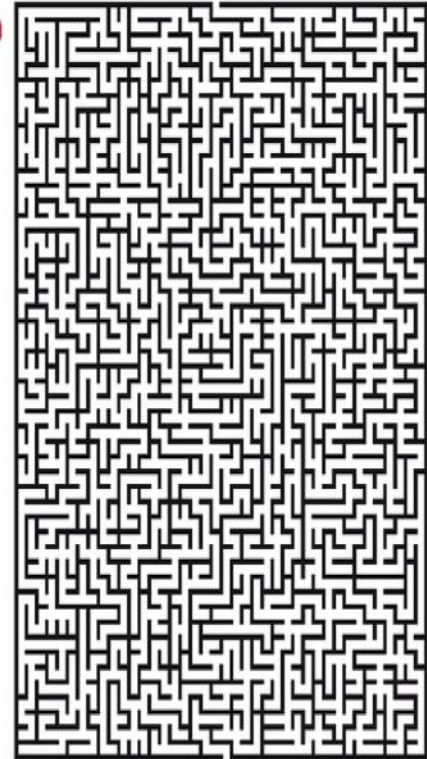
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Valentine's Day

PUZZLES

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Valentine's Day Word Search

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| CHOCOLATES | GREETINGS |
| ROSES | CANDY |
| CANDELIGHT | MOONLIGHT |
| SUNSET | GIFT |
| SMOOCH | LOVERS |
| CUPID | VALENTINE |

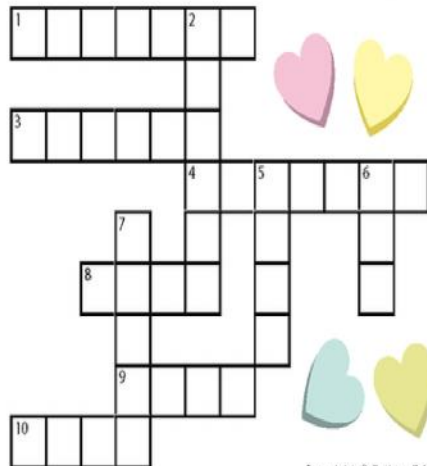


Valentine's Day Song Lyrics Crossword

- Across**
- How can we be lovers if we can't be...
 - Love lifts us up where we...
 - You and me could write a bad...
 - You need another lover like you need a... in your head.
 - All you need is...
 - I never thought that I was gonna lose my...
- Down**
- Guilty of love in the first...
 - You are always on my...
 - I was losing the man that I love and all I could do was...
 - Love makes the... go round



Orthogonal Maze



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New to Online Learning? Some Tips to Success By Savneet Singh



By Savneet Singh

There is an ever increasing ocean of knowledge around us which calls for efficient and improved knowledge acquisition techniques so that maximum knowledge can be retained by the learners. Moreover, the dynamically changing business environment puts completely different challenges on learning process – fast, just-in-time, cheap and relevant learning. E-learning can be proved to be an important asset in various learning environments.

This is an undeniable fact that all learners are individuals having different learning abilities, knowledge, and learning performance that vary substantially and are ever changing. Traditional teaching methods usually follow a "one size fits all" approach. The information is offered in a standardized way and is equal for everyone. This kind of teaching/learning is expensive, problem-independent,

slow, and too unfocused. On the contrary, research has demonstrated that different people learn in different ways. This clearly shows that a personalized approach can improve the learning process, helping people becoming effective life-long learners.

The biggest advantage of an eLearning system is to analyze needs and characteristics of a user and adapt the teaching style and curriculum according to that. Each learning design should contain all possible content instances localized to a language, subject, learning style or a culture. This is important because personalization helps learner in developing a feeling of competence and autonomy over the content.

E-Learning has another advantage of supporting learners during different phases of traditional learning. For example, a student who finds himself lagging behind in Algebra may find a

'contextualized and tailored' online tutoring and mentoring program in e-learning. In some cases it is the only possible method of learning for impaired students or in the absence of teaching structures.

E-Learning has to be more meaningful and must be more

than just reading online lessons or watching presentations. An e-learning system should be based upon collaboration and personalized communication with the learner so that he/she feels comfortable. Research has indicated that it is better to let learners construct their learning, their learning goals and preferences. Thus, we can say that eLearning revolving around learners enhances individual learning efficiency and brings positive results.



Helping Hands Could Lead to **\$ucce\$\$**



The New Heights Educational Group is partnering with Great American Opportunities. Great American Opportunities is an online fundraiser and we will be starting in January!

Anyone interested in fundraising for their child and/or New Heights can contact us for your own online ID. Once you get your ID, please go to <http://gaschoolstore.com/eTools/SelectParticipant> and create your login using your ID and the following information:

NEW HEIGHT EDUCATIONAL GROUP
School's Online ID: 3521184

All profits will be used as a fundraiser for each student to raise funds for their future/activities and for New Heights to earn money. This will be counted as a separate fundraiser from what we are currently having.

We are currently holding a fundraiser where New Heights gets 50% of the earnings. For example, if a student earns \$500 profit, New Heights would keep \$250 and the student would earn \$250. In the spring, we plan to do a fundraiser where the student will earn 100%.



About Great American

Helping People Achieve Their Goals and Dreams

Great American Opportunities Inc. is one of our nation's oldest and most respected fundraising companies. With over 400 experienced representatives and trainers, serving the 48 contiguous states we have helped raise over \$5 billion for schools and non-profit organizations since 1975!

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NEW ~A Taste of Chocolate

Jimmy Lai was born in Communist China. When he was just nine years old he went to work carrying luggage in the Guangzhou train station. A customer offered him a bar of chocolate and the first bite changed his life. Where you from? Jimmy asked; Hong Kong, said the traveler, and from that moment on, Jimmy knew he had to get to Hong Kong. The story of Jimmy Lai's escape and what it cost him to become one of Hong Kong's richest men is told in his own words in *A Taste of Chocolate*.

From Poop to Profits

From Poop to Profits is more than a "rags to riches" story. It is a story of successful entrepreneurship -- a primer on creative and innovative thinking. Farmer Brad Morgan faced bankruptcy. Like many businesses across America, the Morgan family farm was challenged with high expenses and falling income. With his back to the wall, Morgan was forced to look at things from another perspective. They were spending over \$20,000 yearly to dispose of manure. Could this expense be turned into a profit?

In his quest to capitalize on an untapped market, Morgan utilized many rules of successful entrepreneurship. He used resources already available, including raw materials, equipment and personnel. He hired experts to help when necessary. And he never accepted "average." Now Brad Morgan has much larger goals than just "making ends meet." Like all business owners, he is working to create lasting success, while supplying customers with the best quality product on the market.

Everyone's Space Featuring Scott Bakula Grade Teachers Guide Included

In the 1960s, the intense rivalry between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. fueled the Space Race, culminating in Neil Armstrong's "giant leap" in 1969. The near future seemed to hold great promise for commercial space flight and space tourism. But in the intervening years, NASA's accomplishments have been underwhelming. Now, the most exciting innovations are found in the private sector, where the Ansari X-Prize contest inspired enterprising teams to race toward the goal of developing a cost-efficient, reusable space craft. The X-Prize was modeled after a similar prize that helped launch the commercial aviation industry—a \$25,000 prize won by American Charles Lindbergh with his famous 33-hour solo flight from New York to Paris in 1927.

Today, the budding private space tourism industry is attracting entrepreneurs, investors, and would-be adventurers who hope to be among the first private space travelers. Thanks to the power of competition, the dream of safe, affordable space flight may be realized in the not-too-distant future.

Unstoppable Solar Cycles - Rethinking Global Warming Grades 4 - 12 Running Time 13:45

When Erik the Red first arrived in Greenland, the fertile green land was perfect for farming. But within a few centuries the thriving Viking settlements had been wiped out by global cooling. The Little Ice Age is one of many climactic eras that have been scientifically identified. Since about 1850 the earth has been in a warming period. If a warmer earth leads to increased levels of CO2-and not the other way around-can humans' use of fossil fuels be the cause of global warming? Shouldn't this critical question remain open to scientific inquiry?

The Drew Carey Project Volume 1/ With Teachers Guide For Grades 6-12 Running Time 34 minutes

Subject areas: Business, Communications, Culture, Current Events, Debate, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Environment, Government, Journalism, Leadership, Management, Marketing, Media, Psychology, Sociology, Technology, Social Science, U.S. Citizenship.

Covers: Traffic Gridlock, Dance Ban - Footloose in Arizona, National City - Eminent Domain Gone Wild, Living Large - America's Middle Class

New ~2081

A short film adaptation of Kurt Vonnegut's *Harrison Bergeron*, 2081 depicts a dystopian future in which, thanks to the 212th Amendment to the Constitution and the vigilance of the United States Handicapper General, everyone is "finally equal...." The strong wear weights, the beautiful wear masks and the intelligent wear earpieces that fire off loud noises to keep them from taking unfair advantage of their brains. It is a poetic tale of triumph and tragedy about a broken family, a brutal government, and an act



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The New Heights Show on Education

LIVE Internet radio program

Join Host Sadia Eijaz

Fridays 6pm - 6:15pm

As she explores a new topic on education every week






We believe passionately in the God-given right and responsibility of parents to train and educate their children. We are honored to partner with [The National Center for Life and Liberty](#), as we promote and produce homeschool conventions in Ohio, South Carolina, California, Texas and throughout the United States.

- **MIDWEST (Cincinnati, OH) April 24 - 26, 2014**

With 100's of information-packed workshops that are presented by a truly unparalleled group of Featured Speakers, attendees are able to choose sessions that are most applicable to their own homeschooling efforts. **These sessions will include topics such as** Math, Reading, Science, Spelling, Writing, Classical Home Education, Charlotte Mason Methods, Unit Studies, Beginning Homeschooling, Homeschooling through High School, Special Needs, Homeschool Transcripts, Homeschool Legal Questions, Gifted Homeschooling, Successful Parenting, Christian Worldview, Creation Apologetics and much more! You'll not want to miss the very special session with [Gianna Jessen](#), a Family Comedy Night with [Mark Lowry](#), and an evening with [Dr. Benjamin Carson](#). [Subscribe](#) to receive updates for Great Homeschool Conventions, including speaker announcements, workshops offered, and early bird ticket pricing!

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A Thought from Pamela

My grandmother, Florence Decker, used to say "Time spent on a child is never wasted" this is and has always been important to me, seems fitting that we would start with this thought for January.



New Radio Show Hits Air Waves on Sundays

The New Heights Show on Education

LIVE Internet radio program

Join Host Kathy Woodring

Sundays 11pm - 11:30pm



As she explores a new topic on education every week

Live Internet Radio brings History Alive

We are now happy to announce our third radio program which will be on Sundays our newest Host Kathy Woodring will guide Sunday's audience in American History from the beginning of our history to current events/civics. Her first show will air on Sunday February 9, 2014 from 11pm – 11:30pm and will be titled "Trials of the first settlements"

Guests can call into either program by calling 347-633-9225. Please visit www.blogtalkradio.com/newheightseducation or www.facebook.com/groups/NewHeights1/ or [twitter@ newheightseduc1](https://twitter.com/newheightseduc1)



Collaborative learning in online environment

By Savneet Singh

Online teaching and learning provides an efficient mechanism for engaging learners through collaborative learning. Educators/resource persons may find several ways to get learners on the same platform as compared to face-to-face settings since interaction between members in close proximity to one another may not be possible. It provides an opportunity to share their ideas/experiences beyond the walls and foster creative exchange among experts. Sophisticated software and technologies have simplified this process further by facilitating the social construction of knowledge in the groups. Modern online communities and discussion boards have shown that members can help each other by offering guidance, answering questions, and providing feedback. Over the past few years, information exchanged in the online communities has addressed customers'/users' concerns that are under-addressed due to misinformation, myths, confusions or neglect.

- Therefore, eLearning courses do not have to be one-way where learners work in isolation. Learners should be given freedom so that they are able to share their knowledge, resources and experience with fellow learners and work collaboratively. Educators can easily build social interactions into eLearning courses/training programs to create people-to-people interactions. Learners can have online discussions about the content, thus working and learning productively and bringing the best results. Collaborative learning helps learners find support, exchange information, and learn from the experience of others in teams.

Some benefits of collaborative learning are:

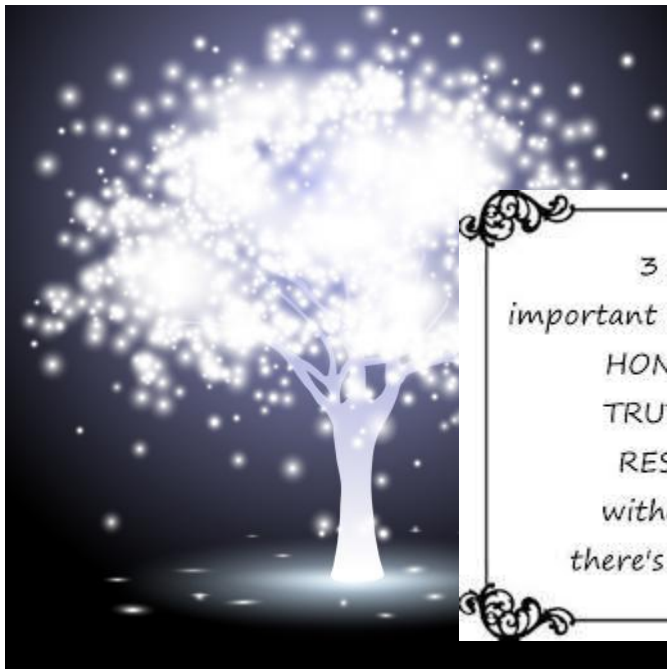
Sharing ideas, information and knowledge

- Receiving/giving feedbacks
- Sharing wider perspective on the topics
- Getting help from experts among the group members
- Construction of new concepts
- Improved understanding of the subject matter
- Provide ideal environment for less involved people or those who are hesitant
- Learning collaborative support and responsibility
- Foster social and academic interaction among students
- Learning new roles and skills such as leadership, decision-making, and conflict-management skills
- Enhanced communication among members
- Motivation to move on in the course
- Increased overall achievement and improved self-esteem



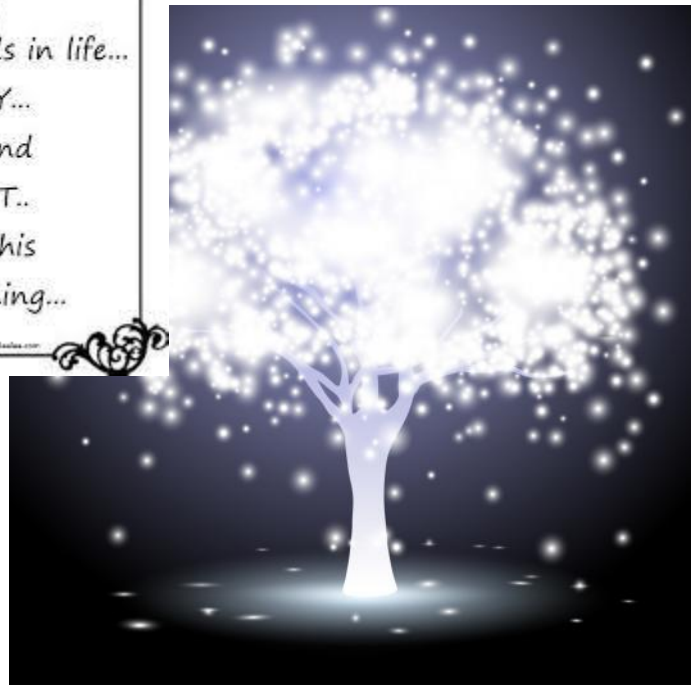
Collaborative learning helps learners to move on when the course seems difficult and in providing them with an ongoing network of support. Thus, collaborative learning encourages positive interaction among the learners and should be an integral part of any online training/course.





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 HONESTY...
 TRUTH and
 RESPECT..
 without this
 there's nothing...

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News Release
Defiance, Ohio

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Event is one of 5,500 events celebrating educational opportunity

The New Heights Educational Group is holding a coffee house discussion to recognize National School Choice Week in Defiance, Ohio. School choice supporters in DEFIANCE will gather on Saturday, February 1, 2014 for a special Coffee House Discussion to raise awareness of the importance of educational options for children and families in Ohio. The event is planned by New Heights Educational Group and will be held at the Cabin Fever Coffee House and is timed to coordinate with National School Choice Week.

National School Choice Week 2014 will be the largest celebration of educational opportunity in US history. In addition to this event in DEFIANCE, there will be an additional 5,500 events taking place across the country.

What

⇒ Coffee House Discussion

Who

- ⇒ Organized by New Heights Educational Group
- ⇒ Attended by students, parents, teachers and concerned citizens
- ⇒ Speakers include Pamela Clark Founder/Director of the New Heights Educational Group
- ⇒ Speakers include Kathy Bergman Board Member of NHEG, Teacher/RN/ Toastmaster

When

⇒ Saturday, February 1, 2014 from 5-7pm

Where

⇒ 312 Clinton Street Defiance, Ohio 43512

Event Notes

- ⇒ This event is open to the public and to the media.
- ⇒ For more information about this event, visit <http://www.NewHeightsEducation.org>
- ⇒ For more information about National School Choice Week, visit www.schoolchoiceweek.com.

Attendees will also receive a free National School Choice week scarf on a first come first serve basis.