

# Hephzibah Elementary Newsletter

*The mission of HES is to develop caring, compassionate, and responsible students who are life-long learners, committed to seeking knowledge and understanding of other people and the world around them.*

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## News from Mr. Kennedy

The first semester of school is winding down. Our students have been working so hard to learn the standards and skills that are required to be successful. I know I speak for every staff member at HES when I say we are extremely proud of the work they have put in so far. Additionally, I want to take a moment to recognize the support and hard work that our students' parents have put in as well. We recognize that our students' success is directly tied to parental support.

As you know, we are currently in the process of seeking authorization for the Primary Year Program (PYP) through the International Baccalaureate (IB). We recently received positive feedback from our application, and a visit from the IB is scheduled for early February 2020. During the visit, the IB will evaluate how well we have implemented the practices and the standards of the PYP and provide additional feedback for implementation. If you have questions about the PYP or the IB, please reach out to our IB Coordinator, Mrs. Berry.

We are excited to announce the IB Learner Profile Student of the Month Program. The IB Learner Profile embodies 10 attributes defining the type of learner IB students aim to be. Each teacher selects a student in their class who actively demonstrates the month's attribute. Students will be recognized each month at a breakfast where parents will be invited to attend to share in the celebration of their student. The attribute of the month for November is open minded.

## School Holidays & Professional Learning Day

November 25-29 are student holidays for Thanksgiving break. Christmas/Winter break is December 23 – January 3. January 6<sup>th</sup> is a work day for teachers, and there will be no school for students.

## Dates to Remember

Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 6	HES Spelling Bee
Dec. 9 – 13	PTA Santa Shop
Dec. 13	Santa Pictures
Dec. 13	Movie Night @ 6 p.m.
Dec. 17	PTA Christmas Program @ 6 p.m.
Dec. 20	End of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks
Dec. 21-Jan. 3	Christmas/Winter Break
Jan. 6	Professional Learning Day
Jan. 7	Beginning of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
Jan. 9	Report Cards
Jan. 10	RCSS Spelling Bee
Jan. 21	MLK Jr. Holiday

## Storybook Pumpkin Contest

Thank you to all students who participated in the 4th annual Storybook Pumpkin Contest by decorating a pumpkin as their favorite book character. Photos of the pumpkins are posted on the school's website. The winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Michael Jones (Wild Thing)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Colton Dean (Pete the Cat)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Tyler Hoist (Captain Underpants)

Thank you to HES PTA for sponsoring the event.



## Spelling Bee

HES Spelling Bee will be Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Eighteen 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the Bee. We would like to congratulate the following students for advancing to the School Spelling Bee:

Mrs. Crawford 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Hudson Cunningham	Mariya Smith	Nevaeh Yates
Mrs. Iwanski 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Tiana Green	Cheyenne James	Brooklyn Smith
Mrs. Burton 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Noah Brandon	Noah Miles	Michael Smith
Ms. Conner 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Andrew Blount	Kayleigh Coggins	Zaire Woodard
Mrs. Hadden 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Olivia Cooper	David Coy	Caleb Knight
Ms. Nabors 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jaiden Hester	Calvin Warren	Keonte Wright

## PTA Info

- Thanks to everyone who has joined PTA. It is not too late to join. The cost is \$5.
- The Secret Santa shop will be December 9-13. Information for the Santa shop will be sent home after Thanksgiving break.
- Santa will be visiting HES Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$2. Picture order forms will be sent home Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The PTA Christmas program will be Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. Hope to see you there!

## Movie Night

Movie Night is Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The featured film is *The Grinch Movie*. Admission is FREE. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Children must be accompanied by an adult for this family event. Hope to see you there!

## HES Yearbook

Our 2019-2020 yearbook is available to purchase! The cost of the yearbook is \$15 or \$20 for a hardcover. The yearbook can be ordered online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) with ID code 13906820 or send completed order forms to the school with cash or checks made payable to Hephzibah Elementary. All those who purchase a yearbook will be invited to attend Yearbook party in May.

## Six Flags Read to Succeed Program

Read to Succeed is a free program that allows students in grades K-5 to earn a FREE ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia just by reading six hours for fun. Your child's teacher will send home a form with information on how to register your child for the program. Each class has a unique registration code. Parents can record their child's reading at the [sixflags.com/books](http://sixflags.com/books) website. Parents who do not have access to register online may complete the reading logs. Reading logs are due to Mrs. Enfinger by Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 ext. 3410 or at [enfinjo@rck12.org](mailto:enfinjo@rck12.org).

## Box Tops for Education & Ink Cartridges

HES collects empty printer cartridges and Box Tops for Education labels to raise funds for much needed resources in the library. Thank you for supporting HES!

## School's Website

Please visit and bookmark HES website at <http://heph-elem.rcboe.org> for information related to the school. There is a calendar feature which will keep you up-to-date on the school's events, and parents can view teachers' class pages for information related to their child's classroom.



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