

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 school year is off to a great start! We just completed the first nine weeks of school. The time sure is flying by so quickly. Thank you to all the parents who attended conferences at the conclusion on the nine weeks. Your support in the education of your student is critical and truly appreciated.

Thank you so much for those who have participated in the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. We were able to meet our goal of \$6,000.00 in just two weeks. Any students who sold at least 50 items will get a chance to -dunk Mr. Kennedy.

If you have not had a chance to join the PTA yet, there is still time. The officers have a lot of exciting activities planned this school year. The cost to join is just \$5.00 for each adult. Please come out to support our first Chick-Fil-A night on November 12 from 5 – 7 p.m. This event will be sponsored by the PTA. Join us for some HES fellowship.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week is October 21-25. The theme is "Send a Message. Stay Drug Free!" Activities for the week include:

Monday: Celebration March at the RCSS Office - 864 Broad Street from 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday: Wear red to kick off the week-long celebration.

Wednesday: Dress like a superhero.

Thursday: Dress in your cowboy attire.

Friday: Wear your favorite team attire.

HES Yearbook

Our 2019-2020 yearbook is on sale! The cost of the yearbook is \$15 or \$20 for a hardcover. The yearbook can be ordered online at ybpay.lifetouch.com with ID code 13906820 or send completed order forms to the school with cash or checks made payable to Hephzibah Elementary.

School Holiday

Monday, November 11th is a school holiday in observance of Veterans Day. Thanksgiving break is November 25-29.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 21-25	Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 23	4-H Meeting Day for 5 th Grade
Oct. 30	Title I Parent Training Infinite Campus @ 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 4	October Attendance Party
Nov. 4	Gamecocks Reading Logs due.
Nov. 6	IB Open House 5 – 6 p.m.
Nov. 6	PTA Meeting/Meet the Teacher Night
Nov. 11	School Holiday
Nov. 12	PTA Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-7 pm
Nov. 14	Progress Reports
Nov. 15	PTA Fall Dance 3:30 – 5 p.m.
Nov. 19	4-H Meeting Day for 5 th Grade
Nov. 21	Picture Retake Day
Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 6	Spelling Bee

Spooky To Be Hungry Food Drive

HES is participating in the Spooky To Be Hungry Food Drive. Please bring in your canned food donation and support this worthy cause. The class with the most food donation from October 1 - 31 will win a pizza party.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cameron Evans for being selected by auction for the All-County Intermediate Honor Orchestra. Membership in this orchestra is a huge honor and means that Cameron is among the very best second year string students in Richmond County. He will proudly represent HES throughout the school year while performing in three major concerts. Way to go Cameron!



PTA Info

Please mark the following your calendar for the following PTA dates:

- Nov. 1 PTA Bruster's Italian Ice Day
- Nov. 6 PTA Meeting & Meet the Teacher Night @ 6 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5 – 7 p.m.
- Nov. 15 PTA Fall Dance 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- Dec. 9 - 13 Santa Shop
- Dec. 10 PTA Meeting/Christmas Program



The PTA Fall Dance admission is FREE with a paid membership or \$5 for non PTA members. Please visit the HES website for a PTA Membership form or request one from Mrs. Enfinger.

October Attendance Party

Students who have perfect attendance and no tardies will be invited to attend the October Attendance Party Monday, November 4th. It will be a celebration with music, food, and treats! Tardies include doctor's excuses and leaving school early. Please contact Mrs. Danforth for more information.

Read with the Gamecocks Reading Program

October 21 – November 3, 2019

Reading Goals:

Grades K-2 200 minutes

Grades 3 - 5 300 minutes

Reading logs are due November 4th to Mrs. Enfinger. Please note, the wrong date is on the Reading log handouts which were provided to the students on Monday, October 21st.

Students who meet their goal will be awarded a voucher for two tickets to one Gamecock men's basketball game, one Gamecock women's basketball game, and a voucher for free admission to EDVenture Children's Museum. Please visit the school's website for more information and Reading logs.

Spirit & Pride T-shirt Orders

It is not too late to order HES T-shirts! There are 3 ways to order:

1. Online – spiritandpride.com
2. Phone – 800-854-4452
3. Order forms – See Mrs. Enfinger for a form.
School ID # 145976

Student of the Month

Congratulations to Gabriel Bui for being Hephzibah Elementary's September Citizen of the Month!!! Gabriel Bui is a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Kelley's class.

Storybook Pumpkin Contest

The HES Library is sponsoring a Storybook Pumpkin Contest for any students who would like to enter. At home, students decorate a pumpkin as their favorite book character, and bring the decorated pumpkin to the library on **Tuesday, October 29th between the hours of 7:45 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** The pumpkins will be judged on Wednesday, October 30th and displayed for viewing on Thursday, October 31st from 7:45 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Winners will be announced on Thursday, October 31st. Please visit the school's website for contest rules and more information.

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!

READING MATTERS!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A STUDENT WHO READS



WILL BE EXPOSED TO

1,800,000

WORDS PER YEAR

282,000

WORDS PER YEAR

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

AND IS MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN THE



ON STANDARDIZED TESTS!

Sources: Nagy, Anderson, and Herman, 1987

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.



Learning today...Leading tomorrow