

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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HES Important Info

HES school hours are from 8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. The doors will open in the morning at 7:45 a.m. Please do not leave your children at the school before 7:45 a.m. Students will not be dismissed early after 2:45 p.m.

The Car Rider Morning Drop Off area is located on the side of the school off Brothersville Road, which is the same area for After School Car Rider Line. Please do not drop off your children at the front door of the school in the morning. This is the bus drop off area, and we want to ensure the safety of our students.

Parents must come to the front office and sign in before visiting the classroom or any other area of the school. Teachers will not be able to conference with parents during instructional time. Please call the school at 706-592-4561 to schedule parent/teacher conferences.

When picking up students in the car rider line, we ask parents to please remain in their vehicles and wait for their children to be walked to their cars. "Car Signs" must be displayed for pick up. If there is no "Car Sign," then please go to the front office to pick up your children. No parking at the Church to pick up students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Please make plans to attend HES Title I Parent meeting Wednesday, September 25th at 6 p.m.

Thank You!

HES thanks Jesse and Doris Willard from H&R Block for donating school supplies for our students and teachers!!!

Student Holiday, School Holiday, & Early Release Days

Students will be released from school at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 18th for an Early Release Day. Monday, October 14th is a school holiday in observance of Columbus Day. October 15th is a teacher work day. There is no school for students on that day. Early Release Days will be Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th. Students will be released at 12:45 p.m. on those days.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 12	Grades 3-5 Grandparents Day
Sept. 13	Grades PreK-2 Grandparents Day
Sept. 18	Early Release Day
Sept. 20	Parent Library Orientation 8:30 a.m.
Sept. 20	PTA & Movie Night
Sept. 23-27	Scholastic Book Fair
Sept. 25	Annual Title I Parent Meeting 6 p.m.
Oct. 2	Parent Volunteer Workshop 9 a.m.
Oct. 7	End of 1 st Nine Weeks
Oct. 8	Beginning of 2 nd Nine Weeks
Oct. 14	Columbus Day Holiday
Oct. 15	Professional Learning Day
Oct. 16-17	Early Release Days
Oct. 17	Report Cards
Oct. 18	Fall Picture Day

Grandparents Day @ HES

Celebrating Our Grandparents

Please come and have lunch with your grandchild or grandchildren.

Thursday, Sept. 12th – Grades 3rd –5th

Friday, Sept. 13th – Grades PreK–2nd Grade

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.

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PTA Meeting & Movie Night

HES PTA Meeting and Movie Night is Friday, September 20th at 6 p.m. The featured film is *The Secret Life of Pets 2*. 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!

Attendance & Tardy Policy

Students must be at school every day and in their classroom no later than 8:15 a.m. Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be marked tardy. Ten tardies and/or early dismissal will equal one absence. Students needing to eat breakfast at school must be in the cafeteria no later than 8:00 a.m. to provide ample time to eat and to get to class by 8:15 a.m. Please refer to pages 11-14 of the RCSS Code Student Handbook for more information regarding the Attendance and Tardy policy.

Volunteer Training

If you wish to volunteer at HES or attend a field trip with your child, you need to complete the Mandated Reporter Training online at <https://bit.ly/2kFJKZg> and attend a Volunteer Training Session. The Mandated Reporter Certificate of Completion must be presented at the training session. The next Volunteer Training Session will be Wednesday, October 2nd at 9 a.m. Please call Ms. Carthen at 706-592-4561 for more information.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Info

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal provides families in the Richmond County School District online information about their child's achievement. For instructions to activate your Infinite Campus Portal Account, please visit <https://goo.gl/DfKFb5> or contact Mrs. Threatt at 706-592-4561 for more information.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at HES September 23 - 26 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and September 27th from 7:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to assist us. Please call 706-592-4561, ext. 3410, or come see Mrs. Enfinger to schedule your time. Thank you in advance for your help, and we hope to see you at the Book Fair!

Library News

All HES students participated in library orientation in August. Please remind your child to take care of his/her books. Students have two weeks to inspect their textbooks and report damages to Mrs. Enfinger. Damages not reported and noted may be charged at the end of the year. Fines may be charged for writing, water damage, torn or missing pages, and damaged or missing barcodes. Parent and/or students are responsible for all lost items.

HES parents may check-out up to four books for two weeks from the media center. Parents will be required to come to the library to check out the books. If you are interested in getting a library card, stop by the media center and speak to Mrs. Enfinger. Media Center hours will be from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and by appointment after 3:00 p.m. Please call 706-592-4561 ext. 3410 to schedule an appointment.

Parent Library Orientation

Parents are invited to attend a Parent Library Orientation Friday, September 20th at 8:30 a.m. This orientation will provide parents with information to help their children succeed in school. Parents will also be able to sign up for HES library privileges and check-out library books. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 Scholastic Book Fair certificate. Hope to see you there!

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!

The class that submits the most Box Tops for September and October will win a pizza party in November. The student who submits the most Box Tops will win a treat from Mrs. Enfinger.

Welcome HES New Faculty & Staff

Ms. Iris Arce – Spanish Teacher

Ms. Jenny-lin Bennett – Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Dorothy Blackburn – Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Latoya Boyd – Teacher

Ms. Danielle Brooks – Teacher

Ms. Tracey Brooks – Literacy Support

Mrs. Katheleen Bushnoe – First Grade Teacher

Ms. Logan Conner – Fifth Grade Teacher

Mrs. Jean Dale – Kindergarten Teacher

Mr. Kevin Grub – Lunchroom Staff

Mrs. Terri Kelley – Third Grade Teacher

Ms. Jessica Lee – Third Grade Teacher

Mr. Tim McFarlin – Fifth Grade Teacher

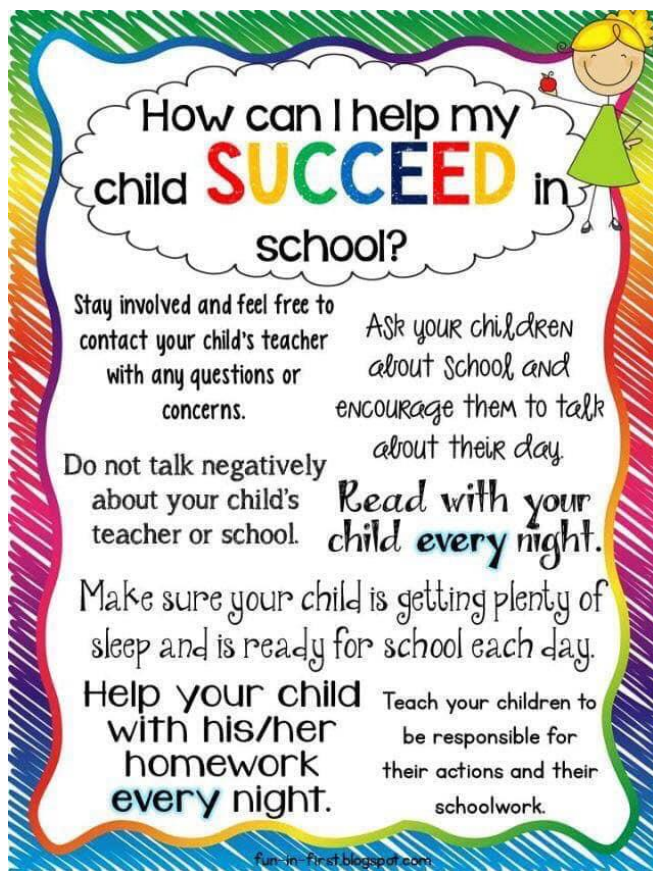
Mrs. Karole Putnam – First Grade Teacher

Mr. Ronnie Reeves – Lunchroom Staff

Mrs. Brittany Rosie – Teacher

Mrs. Joan Threatt – Data Clerk Specialist

Ms. Theresa Walker – Computer Science Teacher



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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