



Hephzibah Elementary Newsletter

The “Koala-ty” School



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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Principal's Message

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from the entire Hephzibah community since being appointed as the new principal for Hephzibah Elementary School. I began my career in education at Hephzibah High School in 2004. In many ways, this feels like a homecoming. I am looking forward to getting reacquainted with this wonderful community. I have high standards and expectations for each student and staff member at HES. It is my belief that students and adults will strive to meet expectations if they are clearly stated and understood. Low expectations result in underperformance. High expectations, however, push us to achieve heights we never could have imagined to be possible. In conclusion, I am honored to serve as your principal. Please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open.

~Scott Kennedy

Honor's Day Schedule

Wednesday, May 22

PreK 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Kindergarten 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

First Grade 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

Second Grade 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Third Grade 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Grade 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Fifth Grade 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.



Dates to Remember

April 22-26	Scholastic BOGO Book Fair
May 1-3	GA Milestone Test: Grade 3
May 3	Last for AR tests
May 6-10	GA Milestone Test: Grade 5
May 10	Library books are due.
May 13-15	GA Milestone Test: Grade 4
May 13	Textbooks are due: Grades 1 & 2
May 14	Textbooks are due: Grades 3 & 4
May 14	August GreenJackets game
May 15	Textbooks are due: 5 th Grade
May 17	AR End-of-Year Party 1:15 p.m.
May 20	Field Day: PreK & Kindergarten
May 20	Field Day: Grades 3 & 4
May 21	Field Day: Grades 1 & 2
May 21	Field Day: 5 th Grade
May 22	Honors Day Grades PreK - 1
May 23	Honors Day Grades 2 - 4
May 24	Honors Day Grade 5
May 24	Last Day of School

Georgia Milestone Test

Third grade students will take the Georgia Milestone Test May 1-3. Fourth grade students will take the Georgia Milestone Test May 13-15. Fifth Grade students will take the Georgia Milestone test May 6-10. It is important that students are prepared for these tests. All students should be present and on time each day. They should get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. We want HES students to do their very best on this test!

There is **NO** Summer School for elementary students this year. Third and fifth grade students who fail the Georgia Milestone Test will be required to attend the 10 days of remediation May 14-29 and retest on May 30 & 31.



Field Day Schedule

Monday, May 20

Pre-K & Kindergarten: 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Grades 3-4: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

Grades 1-2: 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Grade 5: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Congratulations!

Twenty-nine HES students competed in the annual Richmond County Track and Field Event at Cross Creek High School on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Several of our students placed in their events. They are:

****Justus May** -2nd in the 1600m Dash

****Kingston Brady-Scott** – 1st in the 100m Dash and 4th in the 400m Dash

Ryan Wells-Jones – 5th in the 200m Dash

Heaven Russell – 3rd in the 200m Dash and 5th in the Running Long Jump

David Sette – 3rd in the 200m Dash

****Jaden Collier** – 2nd in the Running Long Jump and 5th in the 100m Dash

Zion Blake – 8th in the 100m Dash

****Arien Thomas** – 1st in the 800m Dash

Jada Baker - 7th in the 800m Dash

****Darrell Baker** – 2nd in the Shot Put and 3rd in the Softball Throw

Summer Evans – 5th in the Shot Put

****Gage Sette** – 2nd in the Running Long Jump

Darryl Norris – 4th in the Standing Long Jump

Tyasia Nails – 4th in the Standing Long Jump

****Solomon Mathis** – 1st in the Softball Throw and 1st in the Shot Put

Christopher Stephens – 8th in the Standing Long Jump

Jazmyne Escalera – 5th in the Standing Long Jump

Makayla Bridges – 3rd in the Standing Long Jump

Malik Tate – 3rd in the Standing Long Jump

****Chantz Earl** – 2nd in the Standing Long Jump

Laila Moore 5th in the Standing Long Jump

Audrey Dees – 5th in the Running Long Jump

****Eight students qualify to move on to the State level competition in their events! Congratulations to all our students who represented HES very well! We are proud of you!!!**

Library News

The “Buy One Get One Free” Scholastic Book Fair will be April 22-26, 2019. Shopping hours are April 22-25 from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Friday, April 26 from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. You will leave the Fair with twice as many books! We can only accept cash, debit and credit cards. **No checks** will be accepted. Thank you for supporting HES Book Fairs!

All library books are due Friday, May 10th. All textbooks are due by Friday, May 17th. Report cards will not be issued for lost or damaged library books and textbooks. Lost or damaged library cards will cost \$2. No checks will be accepted for library fines. Cash only please.

HES @ Augusta GreenJackets Game

HES will be celebrating the completion of the Augusta GreenJackets Reading program on Friday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. at SRP Park. At this game, students who earned a FREE Augusta GreenJackets ticket will be recognized for their achievement during pre-game celebrations. Hope to see you there!

Accelerated Reader Info

Please encourage your child to participate in the Accelerated Reader program. The last day to meet the AR End-of Year goal is Friday, May 3rd.

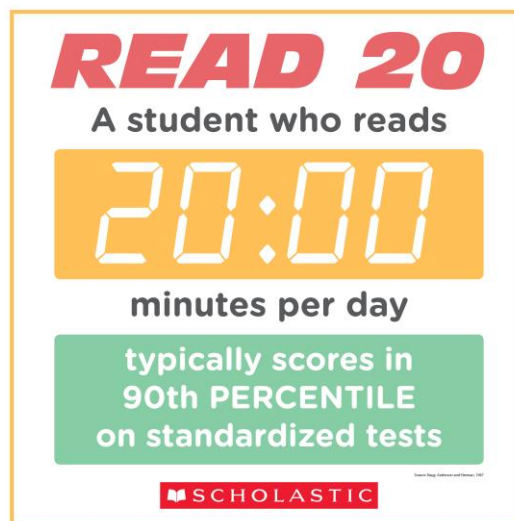
Grade Level	4th Nine Weeks Goal	Goal by May 3rd
Kindergartner	4 points	20 points
1 st grade	6 points	30 points
2 nd grade	8 points	40 points
3 rd grade	11 points	50 points
4 th grade	12 points	60 points
5 th grade	15 points	70 points

Box Tops for Education

HES collects empty printer cartridges and Box Tops for Education labels to raise funds for much needed resources in the library. Congratulations to Mrs. Crawford's Class for winning the pizza party for January/February. 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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