



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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HES Black History Info

Hephzibah Elementary School is celebrating Black History month by encouraging our students to participate and learn about the many accomplishment that African Americans have contributed in the past, present, and future. HES Black History Committee is sponsoring an essay contest for all students to participate. The essay must be written about an African American who contributed to today's society in some capacity, one page in length, and typed or neatly handwritten. Essays are due February 21, 2018 to the homeroom teacher. There will also be Black History Trivia on Fridays. Prizes will be awarded for the essay contest and Trivia.

Boys and Girls Corner

Thank you parents for allowing your child to participant in the first HES Boys and Girls Club! We have had several successful lunch meetings, completed two projects, and we have successfully implemented our Friday K-2 Reading Program. The upcoming events are as follows: February project (Peace, Unity and Love Bracelet), Spring Fieldtrip (Augusta Museum of History), Spring Project (Collect Free Standing Fans for The Elderly) and our End of year Social. We will forward all dates, times and field trip cost as soon as dates are finalized.

Six Flags Reading Forms

The Six Flags Read to Succeed reading forms are due Friday, February 16th. Submit the reading logs to Mrs. Jackson to earn your FREE Six Flags ticket.

School Holiday & Professional Learning Day

Monday, February 19th is a school holiday in observance of Presidents' Day. Tuesday, February 20th is a Professional Learning Day for teachers, and there will be no school for students. Wednesday, March 21st and Thursday, March 22nd are Early Release Days. Students will be dismissed from school at 12 p.m.

Dates to Remember

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| Feb. 9 | AR Mid-Year Party |
| Feb. 13 | School Council Meeting |
| Feb. 12 | Science Fairs projects are due. |
| Feb. 12 | GA Milestone Workshop |
| Feb. 14 | Parent Valentine Social |
| Feb. 16 | HES Science Fair |
| Feb. 19 | School Holiday |
| Feb. 20 | Professional Learning Day |
| Feb. 26 – Mar. 2 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Feb. 28 | Parent Volunteer Workshop |
| Feb. 28 | Black History Program |
| Mar. 2 | Read Across America Day |
| Mar. 7 | GA Milestone Workshop |
| Mar. 15 | End of 3 rd Nine Weeks |
| Mar. 16 | Beginning of 4 th Nine Weeks |
| Mar. 16 | Class Pictures |
| Mar. 21-22 | Early Release Days |
| Mar. 21 | Report Cards |

Georgia Milestone Workshop

There will be a Georgia Milestone workshop for parents on Monday, February 12th and Wednesday, March 7th at 3:00 p.m. Vital information will be provided which will help us prepare our students in Grades 3 - 5 for the Georgia Milestone test.



HES Science Fair

The HES Science Fair is Friday, February 16th. All 4th & 5th grade science fair projects are due to teachers Monday, February 12th. Late projects will not be accepted for the Science Fair.

Georgia Parent Survey

The Georgia Department of Education Parent Survey is available for HES parents to complete online using their personal computer, smartphones, or tablet. The website address is <https://goo.gl/RgT5Ts>. The information from the survey will be used as part of the calculation of the School Climate Star Rating. Parents are welcome to complete the survey at HES in the media center. For more information, please contact Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 ext. 3410.

Library News

The Scholastic Book Fair will be February 26 – March 2. Shopping hours are: Mon – Thur. 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wed. 6 – 8 p.m., and Fri. 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser. The money raised will be used to purchase books and much needed library resources.

Volunteers are needed for the book fair. Please contact Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 ext. 3410 to volunteer.

Read Across America is Friday, March 2nd. More information will be sent home at a later date

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 4th. Please visit the HES Media Center website for more information about the AR program.

Grade Level	3rd Nine Weeks Goal	Goal by May 4th
Kindergartner	6 points	20 points
1 st grade	9 points	30 points
2 nd grade	12 points	40 points
3 rd grade	14 points	50 points
4 th grade	18 points	60 points
5 th grade	20 points	70 points

Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, etc.

HES collects empty printer cartridges, Box Tops for Education labels, and Labels for Education and to raise funds for much needed resources in the library.

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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