



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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Peachjar Flyers

Richmond County School System has launched a new communication tool called "Peachjar." School-approved flyers will now be sent to you electronically and posted on the school website. This "green" initiative will save our school tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars. Simply click flyers you receive via email or click the Peachjar button on HES homepage.

This newsletter will be the last paper copy being sent home. All future newsletters will be distributed with the Peachjar program. Paper copies of HES newsletters will be made available in the front office and by request to Mrs. Enfinger. For more information, please contact Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 ext. 3410.

Georgia Milestone & Science

Fair Parent Workshop

There will be a Georgia Milestone and Science Fair workshop for parents on Wednesday, January 17th 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 and assist parents with the Science Fair process.

HES Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Janiya Jones for winning HES Spelling Bee and to De'Jaun Brigham as the runner-up! Janiya will represent HES at the RCSS Spelling Bee on January 25th.



School Holidays & Professional Learning Day

Monday, January 15th is a school holiday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. 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.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 11	Report Cards
Jan. 15	MLK Jr. Holiday
Jan. 17	GA Milestone & Science Fair Parent Workshop
Jan. 25	Parent Volunteer Workshop
Jan. 25	RCSS Spelling Bee
Feb. 7	Progress Reports
Feb. 13	School Council Meeting
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

Volunteer Training

If you wish to volunteer at HES or attend a field trip with your child, you need to attend a Volunteer Training Session. The next Volunteer Training Sessions will be Thursday, January 25th at 8 a.m. All Volunteer Training Sessions will be held in the Parent Resource Room.

All volunteers must complete the Mandated Reporter Training. Please visit <https://goo.gl/APAVju> to complete the required training.

Science Fair Project Due Dates

All Science Fair projects are due to the teachers by Monday, February 12th. Science Fair judging will be Friday, February 16th. Please visit the school's website for Science Fair Resources (click on the Student tab, Resources & Links, Science Fair Info link on the left side of page).

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

Please be reminded that library books and textbooks fines will be assessed for damaged and/or lost books. Students are reminded to check their books for damages and inform Mrs. Enfinger before they leave the library. Please encourage your children to take good care of their textbooks and library books.

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. The class that submits the most Box Tops for October and November will win a pizza party in December. 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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