



# 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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### 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.

### Georgia Milestone Workshop

There will be a Georgia Milestone workshop for parents on Thursday, April 4th 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.

### Congratulations!

HES Reading Competition Team did a great job at the RCSS Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl! They placed 6th out of 23 elementary schools. The Reading Competition Team members are: Jada Baker, Oliva Cooper, David Coy, Nathan Fisher, Mackenzie Goulet, Zakiya Jenkins, Eric Palmer, Bria Sutton, John Thomas, and An'yla Washington.



### Spring Break & School Holiday

There will be no school April 8-15 for Spring Break. Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> is a school holiday in observance of Good Friday.

### Dates to Remember

- Mar. 20-21 Early Release Days/Parent Conferences
- Mar. 26 Class/Spring Pictures
- Mar. 28 School Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- Mar. 28 PTA Talent Show
- April 1 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- April 4 Title I Parent Meeting 5 p.m.
- April 8-15 Spring Break
- April 19 School Holiday/Good Friday
- April 22-26 Scholastic BOGO Book Fair
- April 23 Field Day: PreK – Kindergarten
- April 23 Field Day: Grades 3-4
- April 24 Field Day: Grades 1-2
- April 24 Field Day: Grade 5
- April 25 Progress Reports
- April 25 School Council Meeting 3 p.m.
- May 1-3 GA Milestone Test: Grade 3
- May 3 Last for AR tests
- May 6-10 GA Milestone Test: Grade 5
- May 13-15 GA Milestone Test: Grade 4
- May 22 Honors Day Grades PreK - 1
- May 23 Honors Day Grades 2 - 4
- May 24 Honors Day Grade 5

### Title I Parent Meeting

HES annual Title I End of Year Input meeting is Thursday, April 4th at 5 p.m. in the school's gym. The following information will be presented: Compacts, Parent Policy, Curriculum, Title I Budget, and Survey. The Title I Parent Engagement room will be open for visits. Hope to see you there!

## HES Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their winning Science Fair projects:

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

1st – Mrs. Sapp's Class  
2nd – Mrs. Towns' Class  
3rd – Ms. Daniels' Class

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

1st – Ms. J. Williams' Class - Polar Puzzle  
2nd – Ms. J. Williams' Class – Jumping for Geodes  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Ms. J. Williams' Class – Go with the Flow  
HM – Ms. J. Williams' Class – Building Beaches  
HM – Mr. Ashton's Class – Colorful Candies



### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> place – Jesutofunmi Ayedun  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Lexie Covington  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Rena Williams  
HM – Eric Palmer  
HM – Keonte Wright  
HM – Ryan Wells-Jones  
HM – John Thomas

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> place – Ronaldo Jones  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Emma Babinec  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Hannah Pollard  
HM – Bria Sutton

*HM – Honorable Mention*

**Congratulations to  
Ronaldo Jones! His  
Science Fair project  
came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at  
the Regional  
Science Fair!**

## News from Ms. Lucky

We are in the middle of the Kids Heart Challenge Campaign (formerly known as Jump Rope For Heart). We have raised \$565.00 so far. The deadline is March 29th.

The Richmond County Track Meet is March 30th at Cross Creek High School. We have 31 students competing in different events. Please come and show your support. Track participants need to be there at 8:15 and the meet starts at 9:00.

## PTA News

Hello Parents and Guardians:

We are excited to get the PTA up and running again at HES. The newly elected officers are:

President: Johnetta Dixon

Vice President: Vickie Beeks

Treasurer: Barbara Evans

Secretary: Sherri Coy

We have many exciting events coming up. The PTA Talent Show will be Thursday, March 28th at 6 p.m. We would like to thank all parents, teachers, and guardians who have already joined the PTA and volunteered at the Valentine dance. Please check Class Dojo and the school's website for upcoming events or changes. Thanks for all your support! ~HES PTA Officers

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>. All textbooks are due by Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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 <http://goo.gl/Z9vN3U> 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, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Please call Mrs. Beeks or Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 for more information.

### Field Day Schedule

Tuesday, April 23rd

PreK & Kindergarten: 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Grades 3-4: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24th

Grades 1-2: 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Grade 5: 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



### Honors Day Schedule

Wednesday, May 22nd

PreK 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Kindergarten 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

First Grade 12:00 -1:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 23rd

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 24th

Fifth Grade 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

## 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 <sup>st</sup> grade	6 points	30 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	8 points	40 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	11 points	50 points
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	12 points	60 points
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	15 points	70 points

## 2019 Augusta GreenJackets

### Reading Program

HES students can earn reward coupons and a FREE ticket to Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> Augusta GreenJackets game by participating in 2019 Augusta GreenJackets Reading Program. To get the FREE tickets, students must meet the following AR goal March 11 – April 16 for their grade level:

Kindergarten – 4 points

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 8 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 12 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 16 points

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 20 points

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 24 points



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

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and scores in  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

Source: Heidi Anderson and Thomas, 1987

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## 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. Hadden's Class for winning the pizza party for October/November. 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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