



# 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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### Good School Attendance Means....

- Elementary students read well by the end of third grade.
- Middle School students pass important courses.
- High School students stay on track for graduation.
- College Students earn their degree.
- Workers succeed in their jobs.

Too many absences – excused or unexcused – can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year - that’s 18 missed or 2 days a month - can knock students off track.

\*\*Information from [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org)

### Spelling Bee

HES Spelling Bee will be Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Five 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in the Bee. We would like to congratulate the following students for winning their Classroom Spelling Bee and advancing to the School Spelling Bee:

- Makayla Bridges – Mrs. Bing’s class
- Richelle Eltzroth – Mrs. Conatser’s class
- David Coy – Mrs. Hadden’s class
- Jada Baker – Mrs. Bradley’s class
- Jaylon Perry – Ms. Nabor’s class

### HES Food Drive

Thank you Hephzibah Elementary for donating 1,469 cans to the Food Drive! Congratulations to Ms. J. Williams’ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, Mrs. Hadden’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, and Ms. Nabor’s fifth grade class for donating the most canned goods!

### Movie Night

HES Movie Night is Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The featured film is Polar Express. There will be food and fun. Hope to see you there!

### School Holidays & Professional Learning Day

November 19-23 are student holidays for Thanksgiving break. Christmas/Winter break is December 21 – January 3. January 4<sup>th</sup> is a work day for teachers, and there will be no school for students.

### Dates to Remember

Nov. 19-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 27	Picture Day
Nov. 28	Volunteer Workshop 8 a.m.
Dec. 5	Volunteer Workshop 11 a.m.
Dec. 7	Spelling Bee 1 p.m.
Dec. 14	Movie Night 6 p.m.
Dec. 18	Christmas, Program 6 p.m.
Dec. 20	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks
Dec. 21-Jan. 3	Christmas/Winter Break
Jan. 4	Professional Learning Day
Jan. 7	Beginning of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
Jan. 10	Report Cards
Jan. 10	Volunteer Workshop 8 a.m.
Jan. 11	Picture Retake Day
Jan. 21	MLK Jr. Holiday

### Picture Day

Picture day at HES is Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. You can order before Picture Day at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). HES Picture Day ID is NR458067Q0. Picture order forms were sent home Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 ext. 3410 or email at [enfinjo@rck12.org](mailto:enfinjo@rck12.org).



## Storybook Pumpkin Contest

Thank you to all students who participated in the 3rd annual Storybook Pumpkin Contest by decorating a pumpkin as their favorite book character. Photos of the pumpkins are posted on the school's website. The winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jason Andrews (Hungry Caterpillar)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Caylee & Aubri Bowles (Groovicorn)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Kasen Bullard (Captain Underpants)

Thank you to American Custom Fence Co. for sponsoring the event.

## Red Ribbon Week Winners

Congratulations to the following students for their winning entry into the drawing/essay contest: McKenzie Lee, Jesulayomi Ayedun, Noah Smith, Lexie Covington, Madelyn Taylor, and Jeutofunymi Ayedun. Congratulations to Mrs. Murga's class and Mrs. Bing's class for having the highest percentage of students participating in the Red Ribbon daily events!

## 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 Sessions will be Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.. and Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Please call Mrs. Beeks or Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 for more information.

## Accelerated Reader Info

HES Accelerated Reader (AR) program for the 2018-2019 school year has officially started. The focus of the program is to motivate and encourage independent reading. The individual student goals by grade level are:



Grade Level	Goal by Dec. 20th	Goal by May 3rd
Kindergartner	10 points	20 points
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	15 points	30 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	20 points	40 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	25 points	50 points
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	30 points	60 points
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	35 points	70 points



Please visit the school's website for more information about the AR program.

## 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.



Learning today...Leading tomorrow

