



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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Spelling Bee

HES School Spelling Bee will be Thursday, December 14th at 12:45 p.m. The Classroom Spelling Bee will held the week of November 27th. Classroom Bee winners from third, fourth, and fifth grade students will participate in the School Bee. The school winner will compete in the RCSS Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 25th. Information (including word list) to prepare students for the bee is located at HES website: <https://goo.gl/t2Nj7M> which is located at the Student Resource tab.

Georgia Milestone Workshop

There will be a Georgia Milestone workshop for parents on Wednesday, November 29th at 3:30 p.m. Vital information will be provided which will help us prepare our students in Grades 3 - 5 for the Georgia Milestone test.

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:

- 1st place – Maci Hamilton (Litter Critter)
- 2nd place – Cameron White (Pete the Cat)
- 3rd place – Kasen Bullard (Perry the Platypus)
- Honorable Mention – Addi Kirk (Ollie)

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

Thanksgiving Lunch

Parents are invited to eat lunch with their children on Wednesday, November 15th. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 9th. RSVP forms are on the school's website.

School Holidays & Professional Learning Day

Friday, November 10th is a school holiday in observance of Veterans Day. November 20-24 are student holidays for Thanksgiving break. Christmas/Winter break is December 22 – January 5. January 8th is a work day for teachers, and there will be no school for students.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 10	School Holiday
Nov. 15	HES Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 29	Picture Make-up Day
Nov. 29	Georgia Milestone Workshop
Nov. 30	Parent Volunteer Workshop
Dec. 7	HES IB Open House 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	School Council Meeting
Dec. 14	Parent Volunteer Workshop
Dec. 14	HES Spelling Bee
Dec. 21	End of 2 nd Nine Weeks
Dec. 22-Jan. 5	Christmas/Winter Break
Jan. 8	Professional Learning Day
Jan. 9	Beginning of 3 rd Nine Weeks
Jan. 12	Report Cards
Jan. 15	MLK Jr. Holiday

Congratulations Ms. Lucky!

Ms. Lucky won a grant for \$2,835 from the Dart Foundation! The funds will be used to purchase iPads which will support HES PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) Project which includes the use of Class DoJo. Congratulations Ms. Lucky!!!



Make-up Picture Day

Make-up picture day will be Wednesday, November 29th for students who were absent during Picture Day or for those who want to retake their picture. All pictures are prepaid.

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 Wednesday, November 29th and Thursday, December 14th at 8 a.m. Informational handout, punch, and Christmas cookies will be provided at the December 14th session. All Volunteer Training Sessions will be held in the Parent Resource Room.

Accelerated Reader Info

Please encourage your child to participate in the Accelerated Reader program. The last day to meet the AR Mid-year goal is Friday, December 21st. Please visit the HES Media Center website for more information about the AR program.

Grade Level	2 nd Nine Weeks Goal	Goal by Dec. 21st	Goal by May 4th
Kindergartner	7 points	10 points	20 points
1 st grade	10 points	15 points	30 points
2 nd grade	13 points	20 points	40 points
3 rd grade	15 points	25 points	50 points
4 th grade	19 points	30 points	60 points
5 th grade	21 points	35 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!

A big **THANK YOU** to Ayna Kirkendoll, and Riley Bale for turning in empty printer cartridges! HES appreciates your help!

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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