



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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Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week is October 22-26. The theme is “Life is your journey. Travel Drug Free!” Activities for the week include:

Monday: “Code Red!” Wear red from head to toe to help raise Drug Awareness.

Tuesday: I CAN be drug free! Bring a canned good for the Spooky to Hungry Food Drive and wear your favorite hat or cap.

Wednesday: Too Bright for Drugs! Wear shades to show that you are too cool for drugs.

Thursday: It’s crazy to do drugs! Wear crazy socks or hairstyle.

Friday: Wear your favorite team jersey to show support of a drug free life.

Spooky To Be Hungry Food Drive

HES is participating in the Spooky To Be Hungry Food Drive. Please bring in your canned food donation and support this worthy cause. The class with the most food donation from October 1 - 31 will win a pizza party or ice cream party.

Community Resource Fair

Richmond County School System School Social Workers present the Community Resource Fair on Saturday, October 20th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Hephzibah High School gymnasium. It is open to families of all schools. There will be games, food, and fun! Stop by early for door prizes!

Movie Night

HES Movie Night is Friday, November 2nd at 6 p.m. The featured film is Cars 3. There will be food and fun. Hope to see you there!



School Holiday

Monday, November 12th is a school holiday in observance of Veterans Day.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 17-18	Early Release Days
Oct. 18	Report Cards
Oct. 24	Volunteer Workshop @ 3 p.m.
Nov. 2	Movie Night
Nov. 12	School Holiday
Nov. 15	Progress Reports
Nov. 19-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 27	Picture Day
Nov. 28	Volunteer Workshop @ 8 a.m.

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, October 24th at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, November 28th at 8 a.m. Please call Mrs. Beeks or Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 for more information.

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

<http://gshs.gadoe.org/parents>.

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.

Perfect Attendance Contest

HES students with perfect attendance from September 4, 2018 – May 10, 2019 will be entered to win prizes such as these new bikes donated by T.R. Brooks and a \$50 Walmart Gift card donated by American Custom Fence Company. There will be more prizes added as donations are being sought for this contest. A reminder: 10 tardies and/or early dismissal = 1 absent and 1 out of school suspension = 1 absent. For more information or to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Mrs. Danforth at 706-592-4561.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Info

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal provides families in the Richmond County School District online information about their child's achievement. For instructions to activate your Infinite Campus Portal Account, please visit <https://goo.gl/DfKFb5> or contact Mrs. Skeens 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 st grade	15 points	30 points
2 nd grade	20 points	40 points
3 rd grade	25 points	50 points
4 th grade	30 points	60 points
5 th grade	35 points	70 points



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

Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, etc.

HES collects empty printer cartridges and Box Tops for Education labels and to raise funds for much needed resources in the library. Thank you for supporting HES!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Bradley's class for submitting the most Box Tops for August and September. They won the pizza party! Kayleigh Coggins submitted the most Box Tops. The class that submits the most Box Tops for October and November will win a pizza party in December.

A big **THANK YOU** to Maci Hamilton 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.



Learning today...Leading tomorrow

