



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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HES Important Info

HES school hours are from 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The doors will open in the morning at 7 a.m. Please do not leave your children at the school before 7 a.m. Students will not be dismissed early after 1:45 p.m.

The Car Rider Morning Drop Off area is located on the side of the school off Brothersville Road, which is the same area for After School Car Rider Line. Please do not drop off your children at the front door of the school in the morning. This is the bus drop off area, and we want to ensure the safety of our students.

Parents must come to the front office and sign in before visiting the classroom or any other area of the school. Teachers will not be able to conference with parents during instructional time. Please call the school at 706-592-4561 to schedule parent/teacher conferences.

When picking up students in the car rider line, we ask parents to please remain in their vehicles and wait for their children to be walked to their cars. “Car Signs” must be displayed for pick up. If there is no “Car Sign,” then please go to the front office to pick up your children. No parking at the Church to pick up students. Thank you for your cooperation.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Please make plans to attend HES Title I Parent meeting Thursday, September 27th at 6 p.m. There will be a music performance by the students and students’ work will be on display in the classroom and art room.

Student Holiday, School Holiday, & Early Release Days

Students will be released from school at 12 p.m. Wednesday, September 19th for an Early Release Day. Tuesday, October 8th is a school holiday in observance of Columbus Day. October 9th is a teacher work day. There is no school for students on that day. Early Release Days will be Wednesday, October 17th and Thursday, October 18th. Students will be released at 12:00 p.m. on those days.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 19	Early Release Day
Sept. 20	Parent Library Orientation 8 a.m.
Sept. 24-28	Scholastic Book Fair
Sept. 27	Annual Title I Parent Meeting @ 6 p.m.
Oct. 8	Columbus Day Holiday
Oct. 9	Professional Learning Day
Oct. 11	Fall Picture Day
Oct. 11	End of 1 st Nine Weeks
Oct. 12	Beginning of 2 nd Nine Weeks
Oct. 17-18	Early Release Days
Oct. 18	Report Cards
Oct. 19	Movie Night

Attendance & Tardy Policy

Students must be at school every day and in their classroom no later than 7:30 a.m. Students arriving after 7:30 a.m. will be marked tardy. Ten tardies and/or early dismissal will equal one absence. Students needing to eat breakfast at school must be in the lunchroom no later than 7:15 a.m. to provide ample time to eat and to get to class by 7:30 a.m. Please refer to pages 10-12 of the RCSS Code Student Handbook for more information regarding the Attendance and Tardy policy.



Thank You!

HES thanks Jesse and Doris Willard from H&R Block and Bath Presbyterian Church for donating school supplies for our students and teachers!!!

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.

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, October 24th at 3 p.m. Please call Mrs. Beeks or Mrs. Enfinger at 706-592-4561 for more information.

Library News

All HES students participated in library orientation in August. Please remind your child to take care of his/her books. Students have two weeks to inspect their textbooks and report damages to Mrs. Enfinger. Damages not reported and noted may be charged at the end of the year. Fines may be charged for writing, water damage, torn or missing pages, and damaged or missing barcodes. Parent and/or students are responsible for all lost items.

HES parents may check-out up to four books for two weeks from the media center. Parents will be required to come to the library to check out the books. If you are interested in getting a library card, stop by the media center and speak to Mrs. Enfinger. Media Center hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and by appointment after 2:30 p.m. Please call 706-592-4561 ext. 3410 to schedule an appointment.

Parent Library Orientation

Parents are invited to attend a Parent Library Orientation Thursday, September 20th at 8 a.m. This orientation will provide parents with information to help their children succeed in school. Parents will also be able to sign up for HES library privileges and check-out library books. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 Scholastic Book Fair certificate. Hope to see you there!



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at HES September 24 - 28 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to assist us. Please call 706-592-4561, ext. 3410, or come see Mrs. Enfinger to schedule your time. Thank you in advance for your help, and we hope to see you at the Book Fair!

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, Box Tops for Education labels, and Labels for Education and to raise funds for much needed resources in the library. Thank you for supporting HES!

The class that submits the most Box Tops for August and September will win a pizza party in October. The student who submits the most Box Tops will win a treat from Mrs. Enfinger.

Welcome HES New Faculty & Staff

Mrs. Yolanda Danforth – Counselor
Mrs. Tamarah Bing – Fourth Grade Teacher
Mrs. Tiffany Bradley – Fifth Grade Teacher
Mrs. Christine Bruner – Music Teacher
Mrs. Heather Arellano – Art Teacher
Ms. Michelle Patrick – Teacher
Ms. Rodnechia Walker – Gifted Teacher
Ms. Netalya Smallwood – Lunchroom Staff
Mr. Willie Johnson – Custodian

Ms. Christina Iwanski – Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Marjorie Hadden – Fourth Grade Teacher
Ms. An'jonai Nabors – Fifth Grade Teacher
Ms. Karen Brown – Writing Teacher
Mrs. Sandra Joyner – Teacher
Ms. Carolyn Murga – Teacher
Mr. Sharon Patterson – Lunchroom Manager
Mr. Ellis Steed – Head Custodian

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

