



# 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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### Front Office 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.

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.

### Welcome HES

#### New Faculty & Staff

Mrs. Stefanee Berry – Assistant Principal/IB Coordinator  
 Ms. Pamela Clark – Kindergarten Teacher  
 Mr. James Ashton – First Grade Teacher  
 Mrs. Janice Roberson – Fifth Grade Teacher  
 Mr. Armando Lopez – Music Teacher  
 Ms. Maria Bastian – Spanish Teacher  
 Ms. Leonard Poitra – Speech Teacher  
 Mr. Preston Roger – Lunchroom Staff  
 Ms. Jenny Boswell – Lunchroom Staff  
 Ms. Donna Briscoe – Lunchroom Staff  
 Ms. Whitney Nails – Lunchroom Staff

### Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Please make plans to attend HES Title I Parent meeting Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Information about the new Standard Base Report Card will presented at this meeting.

### Student Holiday, School Holiday, & Early Release Days

October 6<sup>th</sup> is a teacher work day. There is no school for students on that day. Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is a school holiday in observance of Columbus Day. Early Release Days will be Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Students will be released at 12:00 p.m. on those days.

### Dates to Remember

Sept. 7	Grandparents Day (PreK-2)
Sept. 8	Grandparents Day (3-5)
Sept. 13	Title I Parent Meeting 5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Last Day of Candy Sales
Sept. 21	Parent Library Orientation 8 a.m.
Sept. 25-29	Scholastic Book Fair
Sept. 28	Volunteer Workshop
Oct. 6	Professional Learning Day
Oct. 9	Columbus Day Holiday
Oct. 11	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
Oct. 12	Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks
Oct. 18-19	Early Release Days
Oct. 19	Report Cards

### Thank You!

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

### Celebrating Our Grandparents

Please come and have lunch with your grandchild or grandchildren.

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Grades PreK – 2 Grade

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Grades 3 -5



## **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 attend a Volunteer Training Session. The next Volunteer Training Session will be Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. All Volunteer Training Sessions will be held in the Parent Resource Room.

## **Library News**

All HES students participated in library orientation the past two weeks. Please remind your child to take care of their 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. 212 to schedule an appointment.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at HES September 25 - 28 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and September 29<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to assist us. Please call 706-592-4561, ext. 212, 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!

## **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 for October will win a treat from Mrs. Enfinger.

A big **THANK YOU** to Kylie Kirkendoll, 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



*Learning today...Leading tomorrow*

