

Hope-Hill School Newsletter

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The Eagle's View



From Principal's Desk

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

Hope-Hill Elementary School has a **No School Designation Status**. This purely means that Hope Hill Elementary has improved academically; specifically in the areas of Reading and English Language Arts. Moreover, we will consistently strive for academic achievement through programs that motivate and assist our students meet state achievement standards.

On February 9, 2012 the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) received waivers from ten requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) of 2001. ESEA/NCLB requires that parents or guardians who have children attending a Title I school be notified of the school's academic achievement as well as a school's designation under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver. This letter is intended to provide additional information concerning the options available to your child under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver and to help you understand what the waiver will mean for you and your child.

Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, Title I schools transitioned from a No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Needs Improvement (NI) status based on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) to a Reward, Priority, Focus or Alert school status based on definitions provided by the US Department of Education. Schools that have been identified as a (**Reward, Priority, Focus or Alert school**) and receives Federal Title I funds, will now implement specific programs and interventions for students in meeting state achievement standards.

At Hope-Hill Elementary School, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined by ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Maureen Wheeler at Hope-Hill Elementary School at (404) 802-7450 or email me at mtwheeler@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Maureen Wheeler
Principal



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makes the difference"*

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ PTA Meeting & Curriculum Night
Sept. 18th @ 6:00PM
- ◆ Parent Engagement Workshop "Parenting Skills"
Sept. 20th @ 8:30AM
- ◆ Picture Day - Sept., 25th
- ◆ Community Partner Breakfast - Sept., 25th
@ 9:00AM Media Center
- ◆ Fall Festival 2013 Oct. 25th - 2:30PM-5:30PM



1966 Commemorative Stamp

Johnny Appleseed Day
September 26th

Dear Parents,

Please remember to sign and return the Parent/Teacher/Student/School Compact. The Compact is our pledge to commit ourselves to the academic career of our students. It is a joint/collaborative effort with parents, students, teachers and staff based on the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

W. Whitaker, Parent Liaison

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Bill Mickler, Director

Quote:

"Eyes that only look are common. Eyes that see are rare."

— J. Oswald Sanders



Grade Level News

Pre-K - Pre-K is working on rhyming words and will take a trip to the Children's Museum October 18th.

First Grade - The first graders are studying the life of John Chapman, known as Johnny Appleseed. He was a pioneer nurseryman of apple trees in America and northern countries. Johnny Appleseed Day is Sept. 26th.

Second Grade - The second graders are studying the State of Georgia. They are comparing and contrasting life today and that of the past in Georgia Government,

PTA News

The Hope-Hill PTA will convene Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00PM. During this meeting Pricilla Borders, PTA President will update parents on PTA goals and its efforts to reach these endeavors. This meeting will also encompass Curriculum Night. Curriculum Night endeavors to give parents helpful, concrete tactics to help their children succeed academically. Parents will be given an opportunity to visit classrooms to meet & greet and

Regions and Native Americans.

Third Grade - The Excited Third graders read daily for 20 minutes, with their "Parent Reading Partner." They will take a field trip to the Chattahoochee Nature Center Oct. 29th from 10AM-1PM.

Fourth Grade - The Fantastic Fourth grade partnership with Trees Atlanta will begin Sept. 19th. There will be 5 visits during the 2013-14 school year.

Fifth Grade - The Aspiring Fifth graders are working with Math: Multiplication & Division, Science: Micro Organisms, Social Studies: The Civil War and Reading/ELA: Author study/Theme. They will take a trip to Cyclorama Oct. 3rd.

communicate with teachers about the overall success of their student. Join the PTA; dues are \$5.00. The PTA needs volunteers for the Fall Festival. Leave your name and contact information in the PTA's mailbox in the main office.

Next PTA Meeting:
The Fall Festival 2013

Date: October 25th after school
Time: 2:30PM-5:30PM



The Eagle's Spotlight



The featured Eagle spotlight of the month is **Wilderness Works**.

Wilderness Works is: families, schools, civic clubs, churches, volunteers, businesses, summer camps and more all gathered in an effort to create a critical, positive alternatives for disadvantaged children. As Wilderness Works is ongoing, we discover that the anchor of this whole work is **City Camp**. City Camp is a

concept of coming straight from summer camp philosophy. City Camp weekends/overnights are inspired by summer camps and occur multiple times during the school year. A typical City Camp brings nearly 50 children together from all over Atlanta to enjoy a wholesome dinner, games, arts & crafts. At City Camp kids reunite with friends, enjoy fun and educational programs including a focus on character development. Finally children separate to go to their respective boys' and girls' quarters with our screened and approved chaperones.

Other News

Calling all Community Partners, Volunteers and all interested parties - Hope-Hill will host a Breakfast on **Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 9:00AM in the Media Center**. You are cordially invited to have breakfast with us as we discuss/define/identify the needs of Hope-Hill.

"Help A Child Smile"
Monday, September 30, 2013



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - Be a volunteer in the Parent Center, Front Office, Cafeteria, Media Center and/or in the classroom. Applications are located in the front office. Contact Mr. Whitaker for details on how you can help Hope-Hill ES.

The Eagle Expectations:

Be Respectful
Be Proud
Be Prepared
Be safe



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