

HERITAGE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2021



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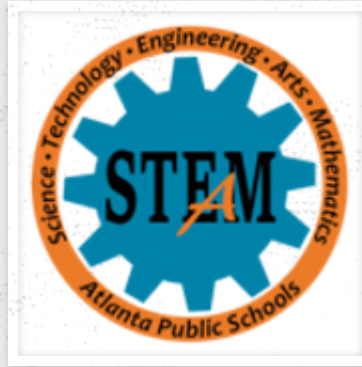
MISSION:

To provide all students with a differentiated, impactful, and rigorous curriculum in a safe, clean, and supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning.



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STEM- FOCUSED SCHOOL

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SCHOOL UNIFORM & DRESS CODE POLICY

<https://tinyurl.com/ea5cmxbh>



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings HA Families. Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Heritage Academy. We have worked hard all summer to plan for a safe opening of school and to implement best practices to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19. With the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff as a top priority, we are consistently engaging in preventive and protective measures to preserve the health of our school family. Our schools have seen significant change over the past year with challenges we could not have imagined. We cannot thank you enough for partnering with us during these challenging times. This first month of school had a great deal of focus on health and safety but we have also been busy building a collaborative and welcoming environment that nurtures the development of meaningful relationships for students and staff, and striving to provide a learning environment that is inclusive of academic

rigor, SEL support, character building and community involvement. These values are extremely important as we continue to move forward into the new school year and help children develop and grow to meet academic goals. I can assure you that we are ready and resilient for what lies ahead. There is a question that is asked at every Atlanta Falcons Game that speaks to what's possible to accomplish as a team: What Do Falcons Do? The answer in the stadium is always "Rise Up". Well, I have the same sentiments about our school community. What Do Eagles Do? We Soar Higher! As we adjust to starting school with an earlier schedule of in-person learning, we encourage you to send your children to school each and every day on time but remain safe and vigilant. School begins at 7:45am. Let's work together to ensure that we have a successful school year despite the challenges that arise and Soar Higher!



UPCOMING EVENTS

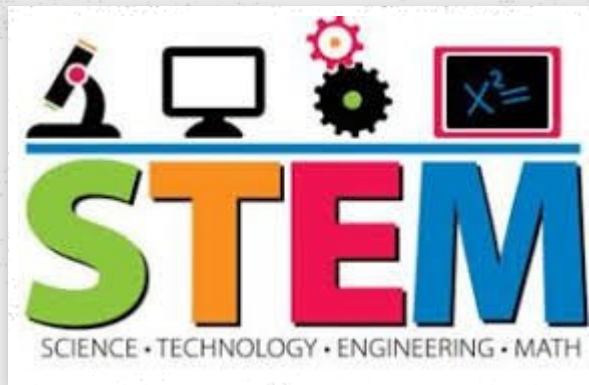
SEPTEMBER

- 9/2/2021 Accelerated Reader Kick-off
- 9/3/2021 Progress Reports Go Home
- 9/6/2021 No School - Labor Day All Grades
- 9/7/2021 Go Team Meeting
- 9/29/2021 Annual Title I Meeting
- 10/5/2021 STEM Family Night
- 10/21/2021 A.P.T.T.



AROUND THE NEST!

- **Accelerated Reader (AR) program** is on its way with a kick off celebration of reading on Sept. 2nd & 3rd. Accelerated Reader affords students an opportunity to read independently on their level and earn points. These points are utilized to promote competition between grade levels, students, and individual classes. They are also utilized to earn student incentives throughout the school year. Our AR competitions will begin September 2. Please have your child to wear his/her favorite team jersey Thursday for grades Pre K-2 and/or Friday for grades 3-5. Please find innovative ways to excite students about independent reading outside of the classroom which will increase participation in AR.
- Our **Sight Word Soldiers Competition** has officially begun. This program is one way we reward and motivate the students to study and learn as many sight words as possible using the Sight Word Soldiers Program. Student will earn soldier tags for meeting goals and tags are added to their chain, which will hang in our classroom. These sight words are an extremely important part of your child's reading success, and we need your support in helping your child learn them. Please see your child's teacher for a list of words to study.
- Voluntary **weekly COVID testing program** for students and staff takes place every Thursday. This testing program is designed to mitigate the potential spread of COVID 19 in schools as well as assist with contact tracing for any positive cases identified. **Please complete the consent form here:** <https://studentapp.viralsolutionsga.com/consent>
- Don't forget! Please sign the **mobile device user agreement** for students to be assigned technology at Heritage Academy (chromebook or ipad). This agreement replaces the consent form that you may have signed at Open House. You must sign this agreement in order for your child to receive a device. Use the link below to sign electronically. **You will need your child's 7-digit student ID number to login.** <http://tinyaps.com/?StuDevAgree>
- **Does Your Child Need a HotSpot for Internet Access at Home?** Click the link below to register. Please note: one hotspot per family will be considered. <https://forms.gle/eAHRFHZWuYa3J3Q66>
- Students are required to wear the **school uniform** on a daily basis. Boys-Khaki Pants or Shorts; Burgundy or White Polo or Button Up Shirt; and Girls-Khaki or Burgundy Pants, Shorts, Skirt or Jumper; Burgundy or White Polo or Blouse. Inappropriate clothing and appearance are disruptive to the school program and administration will enforce adherence to this policy. We have seen an abundance students wearing Crocs which are not permissible. Shoes must fully cover toes and heels for safety reasons. Read the entire dress code policy here: <https://tinyurl.com/ea5cmxbh>



STEM-TASTIC NEWS!

We have set our goal to become Cognia STEM Certified before the end of the school year. Cognia is a national recognition that we are seeking. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. A STEM education prepares our students for the 21st century. Students are engaged with problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity. These are valuable skills for children no matter what their future goals are. Each grade level has begun their project-based learning unit. They are introduced to a problem to solve as they think like engineers. You can assist us by asking your child about what they are learning and by sending in requested materials for the projects.

Save the date for October 5, 2021, when we will have our virtual PBL Showcase. You will be able to see all of the wonderful work our students are doing.



NUTRITION

- Breakfast and Lunch Menus can be found here and are subject to change.
http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/static/greenmenus/0707092223267041/2021/2021/472838-Sept_2021_Grab_Go.pdf
- SY22 Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Meal Plan: Free 5-Day meal kits available each Wednesday from 11:00am-1:30pm at the following locations: Frederick Douglass High School, Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, Sutton Middle School, and Sylvan Hills Middle School



SEL COMPETENCY OF THE MONTH: RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

Relationship Skills allows students to develop and maintain healthy relationships with others, including the ability to resist negative social pressures, resolve interpersonal conflict, and seek help when needed. Students need to be able to work well with their classmates in order to participate in collaborative groups



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AUGUST STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Keep up the Good Work!

Jordyn Johnson	Pre-K	K. Adams, M. Fautleroy
Miracle Shumake	Kindergarten	Brittany Davis
Brayan Bonilla	Kindergarten	Jenay Brown
Ke'maria Arnold	Kindergarten	Jazmyne Love
Gabriella Pearson	1st	Theodore Sanford
Dylan Harvey	1st	Trennye Nash
Kennedi Key	1st	Kimberley Johnson
Sameriah Hall	1st	Bettina Moore
Rah'Asia Watt	2nd	Jasmine Smith
Tytiana Smith	2nd	Dr. Craig Johnson
Zahara Dixon Khan	2nd	Angelia Potter
Goddess Brown	2nd	T'Aja Arnold
Chloe Head	3rd	Velicia Rivers
Michael Tolbert Jr	3rd	Keithia Maddox
DeAndre Ingram	3rd	Alyson Staton
Madison McClendon	3rd	April Thacker
Zikerria Adams	4th	Rashidah Parks
Typrus Mitchell	4th	Jessica Pope
Na'talia Bonilla-Frazier	4th	S. Hogan
Tavares Perry	4th	Ms. Rasheedah Flowers
Jyequell Rushin	5th	Ashlee Williams
Christopher Whitaker	5th	Nina Nash
Janyriah Bracy	5th	Taj Cole
Makayla Andrews	5th	T. Park
Casey Whitt	5th	Brianna Snowden

HEALTH & WELLNESS

What to Do if Your Child has tested positive for COVID-19 or Fails Their Daily Health Check due to Covid Symptoms or Exposure?

- Student is expected to stay home.
- Please notify the main office and Mr. Eugene Arnold will code the student as ill.
- If the student has to quarantine, but is still able to complete class work, the absence coding will be QRT, which means the student is doing the classwork that teachers are posting in the google classroom and it doesn't count as an absence.
- If the student has COVID and is too ill to complete the classwork, then the absence coding changes to COVD.
- There are no recordings of classes, but teachers are posting lessons in their google classroom, they are working with students who are absent, for whatever reason, and providing assignments/work packets.
- If your child tests positive for COVID, please be sure to contact the school to inform us of the positive test result and complete the self-reporting form for the district.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHZ-MV4L7IEWihL_1IGmSXgzlCHVFYHUBPajqG4Em0uzKx3w/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1jigU6Tm9m5Y_bdvdJHa_J1VRV_OOb2YZJr05t59IQVIUF57xSkVszc6A

Surveillance Testing:

- Our school offers weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing for students and staff every Thursday. Testing is painless and quick, and results are provided in 10 minutes. Check out

this video of Viral Solutions demonstrating the test on Katika Lovett, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. <https://youtu.be/rX6cSHY1nms>

Building Safety Protocols:

- It is important for everyone to be mindful and follow the health and safety protocols in our school at all times. Screening, masks, hand washing, and social distancing are required
- Students and employees participate in daily temperature checks and screenings and complete a questionnaire if they are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19. Learn about the screening protocol and questions here: <http://bit.ly/3peok0U>
- APS will host COVID-19 vaccination clinics next week at middle and high schools. Staff and eligible students (12 and older) can get first or second doses of the Pfizer vaccine. School staff can share hard copies of the consent forms with students/families interested in the vaccine. Download consent forms and view the schedule here: <https://bit.ly/GetVaccinatedAPS>



APS Student Consent Form 21-22 (1).pdf

Download
190.7 KB



PARENT PORTAL

Need help with accessing the parent portal, please see the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/apsk12.org/student-information-system-app/infinite-campus/parent-portal>

SHOUT OUT TO OUR STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

YOU ROCK!!

JESSICA POPE
4TH GRADE TEACHER

IN THE COMMUNITY

Thanks to our partners at Gas South for in-kind donations to support instruction and initiatives at our school. BRAVO!



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