



Virginia-Highland Elementary
774 Virginia Avenue | Atlanta, GA 30306

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To: Virginia-Highland Elementary Parents/Guardians,

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to introduce our VHE on-site after school childcare program, **The Nest**, designed to provide a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment for our VHE Owls. We understand the importance of reliable and quality care for your child's well-being and growth outside of regular school hours and we are happy to be able to partner with this APS vendor.

Our on-site after-school care program, **The Nest**, will begin on Monday, August 14th. Pre-registration will open on Friday, July 28th at noon.

The Nest will prioritize the needs and interests of every child and their dedicated team of experienced and caring staff members will work closely with Virginia-Highland Elementary to address the needs of our community. **The Nest** will provide after-school childcare, starting on Monday, August 14th, and after school extracurricular activities and clubs will begin in September.

Emergency Childcare

We understand that some families will need after-school care from August 1st – August 11th. As a new school, and in collaboration with Atlanta Public Schools Central Office, our VHE teachers and staff will be able to offer on-site after-school care during this time to support families in need. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please complete the google form listed below. This childcare program is through VHE/APS and not The Nest and will end on August 11th.

VHE Google Form - <https://forms.gle/bYmT5vssjyyhNmTu6>

Parents needing on-site after-school care after August 11th will need to register and pay monthly for childcare with **The Nest**. The Nest's website and registration links are listed below.

Website: www.vhthenest.com

Link to Register: <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/TheHive?season=3368942>





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The key features of our after school childcare program include:

1. **Safe Environment:** The safety and security of your child is our top priority. Our facility is equipped with appropriate safety measures, including secure entry/exit systems, trained staff in first aid and emergency procedures, and adherence to strict supervision protocols.
2. **Homework Assistance:** Our qualified staff will provide homework assistance and educational support to ensure that your child completes their assignments and develops strong academic skills. We strive to create a balanced approach between learning and fun.
3. **Enrichment Activities:** We offer a diverse range of enrichment activities that cater to various interests and talents. From arts and crafts to sports, music, drama, and STEAM activities, there is something for everyone. These activities promote creativity, critical thinking, and physical fitness.
4. **Healthy Snacks:** We provide nutritious snacks to keep your child energized throughout the afternoon. Our snack options are carefully selected to meet dietary requirements, and we accommodate any specific allergies or dietary restrictions.
5. **Supervised Playtime:** We encourage social interaction and outdoor play through supervised recreational activities. Your child will have the opportunity to engage in games, team-building exercises, and free play, fostering friendships and developing important social skills.
6. **Communication and Collaboration:** We believe in open and regular communication with parents and guardians. We will provide updates on your child's progress, share details about upcoming events, and welcome your feedback and suggestions. We value the partnership between our program and your family.

We provide a high-quality after school childcare program that meets the needs of both you and your child. Our goal is to ensure that your child feels safe, happy, and supported during their time with us.

To learn more about our after school childcare program, The Nest, please feel free to contact Mrs. Lindsey Wolfcale, site director, at Virginia-Highland Elementary. You can contact Lindsey by emailing her at VHAfterschool@gmail.com or calling her directly at 404.932.5153.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to email me at Terry.Harness@apsk12.org.

Thank you for your support,

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