



# Hope-Hill Happenings

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## CALENDAR

**September 5 (Monday)**

Labor Day - No School

**September 9 (Friday)**

**5:30 PM** - Cluster Night at Midtown HS football game - Hope-Hill Chorus & Cheerleaders will perform

**September 12 (Monday)**

4th Grade CEP Field Trip to Alliance Theater

**September 13 (Tuesday)**

Picture Day - Individual Portraits; a green screen will be used so students should not wear green.

**September 14 (Wednesday)**

Pre-K CEP Field Trip to Center for Puppetry Arts

**September 20 (Tuesday)**

**6:30 PM** - Hope-Hill Chorus performs at Midtown Friendship Festival @ Midtown HS

**September 30 (Friday)**

PTA Screen on the Green @ Howard MS field

## MEDIA CENTER


**K-1**

The author of the month is **Adam Rubin**, and the book of the month is *Dragons Love Tacos*.

**2-3**

The author of the month is **Trudy Ludwig**, and the book of the month is *The Invisible Boy*.

**Instructional Focus of the month:**

K-1st Retelling Stories

2nd-3rd Identifying elements in a story

4th-5th Determine the Theme in a Story



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

We are well on our way to a great school year. We have opened our STEM Lab and the kids have been doing some amazing projects. We have begun our HHES morning news show, which has highlighted the secret talents of many students. Our chorus is going strong and will perform at the Midtown Cluster Night football game. Our cheerleaders have begun practicing and will also perform at Cluster Night. Finally, our Girl Scouts will begin in September. Parent Orientation will take place on September 14th. We will hold our first AttenDANCE party on Friday, September 2nd. All students who have maintained 95% attendance for August will be invited to attend. Don't forget.....buy your spirit wear at [Hope-hillspirit.com](http://Hope-hillspirit.com). Select pick up in store for free shipping. It will be delivered to the school. Thank you to all of our Hope-Hill families for your continued support.

*Maureen Wheeler*

## MIDTOWN CLUSTER NIGHT IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Join us at Henderson Stadium/Midtown HS as the Midtown Knights compete against the Northview Titans!

**5:30 PM Kick Off**



Come early to hear the Hope-Hill Chorus perform with our cluster schools prior to kickoff. Stay to watch the Hope-Hill Cheer/Dance/Stunt Team perform with the Midtown HS cheerleaders.

## GO TEAM

Welcome back! The Governance Team wants to welcome our new members:

- **Robin Tolochko** - Parent Rep
- **Amanda Siegel** - Parent Rep
- **Katelynn Tankersley** - Staff Rep
- **Jocelyn Nettles** - Staff Rep

They will be joining our continuing members:

- **Maureen Wheeler** - Principal
- **Alex Wu** - Parent Rep
- **Natalie Walther-May** - Staff Rep

**Genre of the Month is:** Fiction/ Realistic Fiction

**Technology Focus:** Creating a Google Slide Presentation for 2-5th

**Race 2 Read** - Hope-Hill's Reading Challenge Goal is **309,000**. As of August 29th, we have read a total of 13,810 minutes.

**We need your help!**

- Sponsorship/Fundraising & Marketing committee chairs and members are needed.
- Volunteers are needed for Movie Night (SignUp Genius to come). Opportunities include:
  - Equipment and event setup
  - Concessions sales
  - Howard field clean up
  - Equipment and event breakdown

**Save the date: Friday, September 30th is Hope-Hill Screen on the Green**



Scan QR Code to join PTA.

Questions? Contact us: [hopehillespta@gmail.com](mailto:hopehillespta@gmail.com)

**MORE ON BACK**

# MATH

Growth Mindset in Math!

It's the beginning of the school year and it is time to tune up our approach to math by instilling a positive mindset at home and at school. Math is about making connections, seeing patterns, and exploring. I want to challenge each parent to have conversations about math. We want students to keep their curiosity in asking questions about their environments. You will be surprised on how everyday situations are related to math. When our students have the right growth mindset and a belief that they can learn hard things, students will become great mathematicians. Below you will find three questions that can spark conversations to encourage a growth mind set.

- "What did you learn today?"
- "What mistake did you make that taught you something?"
- "What did you try hard at today?"

Finally, here are some examples of encouraging positive self-talk:

## What Can I Say To Myself

Instead of ...	Try Thinking ...
I'm not good at this.	What am I missing?
I give up.	I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.
This is too hard.	This may take some time and effort.
I made a mistake.	Mistakes help me to learn.
I just can't do math.	I'm going to train my brain in math.

# GIFTED

The Parent Referral window for Gifted Eligibility Testing will be open from September 1 – 30, 2022. During this time, parents may submit a Parent Referral request online. The referral link will be posted on our Hope-Hill website and sent home in Thursday folders when the referral window opens. To be referred for testing, the student must also score at the 80th percentile or higher on a Fall Semester MAP test in Reading or Math. For more information on the APS Gifted Eligibility Process, check out the Gifted & Talented page on our Hope-Hill website!

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

## Pre-K

**Graham-** Santana Sutton  
**Trahan-** Karlee Wallace

## Kindergarten

**Bennett-** Mikylah Callaway  
**Killebrew-** Madeleine Shapero  
**Riley-** Saniya Staples  
**Smith-** Jada Brown

## 1st Grade

**Anderson-** Lyndsie Moss  
**Callender-** Madison White  
**Dorsey-** Arman Wright  
**Fries-** Gabriel Paul  
**Roberson-** Paris Henderson

## 2nd Grade

**Harper-** Amelia Avalo-Santiago  
**Turner-** Jerrard Williams  
**Williams-** Salina Ortiz

## 3rd Grade

**Ellis-** Nevaeh Goodwin  
**Holmes-** Lyrik Pitts  
**Taylor-** Madeline Warner

## 4th Grade

**Tankersley-** Zy'ion Mitchell  
**White-** London Layne

## 5th Grade

**Currie-** Armoni Arnold  
**Spragin-** Semora Jones  
**Watkins-** Jeffrey Tuminello

Congratulations

# COOL GIRLS

**Cool Girls** will be starting soon! Look for more information in upcoming Thursday folders. We are excited to offer this opportunity for our students again this year.



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# ELA



Hope-Hill students are reading and writing every day! They are logging their minutes in MyOn. Our Reading Bowl team met for the first time! Students are filling up their writing journals with stories and reflections! Please be sure your student reads every night for at least 20 minutes! Here's an overview of what the students will work on this month!

**K:** Our kindergarten students continue to learn about the relationships between letters and sounds while we focus on correct letter formation. They are beginning to write and spell words that contain short vowels. Students are drawing pictures and writing labels as they begin to write about narratives.

**1:** First graders are learning to read, write, and spell words with digraphs (2 letters that make one new sound-ch, sh, th, wh). Students are learning to compare the difference between fiction and nonfiction texts. They will focus on the central message when retelling fiction and key details when discussing nonfiction. Our first graders are expanding their writing as they create personal narratives.

**2:** In second grade, students are reviewing the FLoSS rule (doubling final consonants in short vowel words) and spelling words with suffixes (-s, -es, -ed, -ing). Many of the texts the students read this month will be nonfiction as they focus on the topic and author's purpose for writing the text. Second grade writers will develop their personal narratives as they write about small moments.

**3:** Third grade readers are reviewing how to read and spell words with the suffixes that change the meaning of the word. They are learning about different text features in nonfiction books and character motivations and plot in fictional books. Third graders are also writing narratives.

**4:** Our fourth graders are continuing to learn how setting affects the plot in a story. They are also learning about first- and third-person narrations. In writing, students will finish the unit on writing realistic fiction.

**5:** Story elements, such as plot and setting, is September's focus in fifth grade. They are also learning how the narrator or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. Our fifth-grade writers will finish their personal narratives before beginning a unit on writing research reports.