



HUMPHRIES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Melanie Mitchell, Principal
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Principal's Message



Melanie Mitchell

Parents,

Thank you for getting the students in the testing grades to school on time. We have finished testing and now we are awaiting the results. We feel confident that our students will have passing scores. In case our students need to retake the test, the dates will be May 17 – 19. Parents will be notified if your student needs to retest.

The weather is getting warmer and students are starting to wear shorts to school. Shorts should be uniform shorts and should be long enough to reach the bottom of the fingertips, when hands are held down by the side. Open-toed shoes are NOT allowed. No flip-flops or sandals. Students should never wear spaghetti straps or tank tops to school. Uniforms should be worn until the end of the year.

If you have not registered your student for the 2017 – 2018 school year, please see the registration dates. There will be several opportunities during the summer months. Fifth grade records will be sent directly to Long Middle School immediately following the last day of school.

I thank all Humphries' families for another opportunity to lead your children this year. We are counting down until the last day. We will send summer reading books home again this summer. Please allow your students the opportunity to read regularly. We want each student to grow in their reading abilities and practice will make that happen.

Regards,
Principal Melanie Mitchell



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| 1 | May Day |
| 1 | Camp Grace parent meeting 3:15 |
| 1-5 | Book Fair |
| 2 | Staff Appreciation Picnic Cookout |
| 4 | STEM Day |
| 4 | Second Camp Grace parent meeting 9:00 |
| 5 | Cinco de Mayo |
| 8-12 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| 9 | Field Day |
| 10 | SPARK Day |
| 12 | All library books must be Returned |
| 12 | Principal's Movie Day |
| 14 | Mother's Day |
| 17-19 | Georgia Milestones Re-test |
| 20 | Armed Forces Day |
| 23 | 9:00 Kindergarten Promotion |
| 23 | 5:00 Pre-K Celebration |
| 24 | Awards Day 8:15 Grades 1 & 2 |
| 24 | Awards Day 10:00 Grades 3 & 4 |
| 24 | Grade 5 Promotion 12:30 |
| 24 | Humphries Retirees Celebration |
| 25 | End of Year Roadrunner Rally |
| 25 | Last Day of School for students |
| 26 | Post-Planning |
| 27 | Ramadan starts |
| 29 | Memorial Day |
| 31 | Shavout |

Kindergarten News

SCHOOL IS NOT OUT. As we prepare for the end of the year, please continue to work with your student. Uniforms and book bags are a daily requirement.

We are still working on learning our sight words for the upcoming BEE on May 15th at 9:00 a.m. ALL students will participate. We would to see parents in attendance.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 23 from 9-11 for our Kindergarten Promotional Exercise. We know we will see you then. We are asking that ALL girls are to wear WHITE dresses and ALL boys need WHITE dress shirts and DARK pants

First Grade News

As the 2016-2017 school year comes to an end, the first grade students are constantly focusing on their skills in order to get ready for second grade.

In reading we are using illustrations to tell a story, identify who is telling the story and comparing and contrasting two texts. In social studies, we are studying historical figures and their character traits. In science we are studying light, sound and heat energy. Lastly, in math we are studying 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. Please continue to assist your child with studying their sight words, math fluency facts and read with your child at least 20 minutes every night.

The first grade teachers are very proud of the efforts and achievements the students have made this school year.

Grade Two News

We have made it to the end of the school year! We will be closing out our semester with fun filled activities and instructional review. Please save the following dates to your calendar as they do pertain to second grade. Progress reports were sent home on the last week in April, please see your scholar's teacher if you have not received them. We will begin our final benchmark testing beginning the first week in May. Please continue to work with your child at home on skills that are on their homework sheets. Field Day is May 9th, Honor's Day is May 24th at 8:15 a.m., and our end of the year celebration is May 25th at 1:00 p.m.

MOID K-2

"Wow! The end is near and we have had an amazing year! The MOID K-2 Unit at Humphries' Elementary finished strong at the Special Olympics Finale. We participated in many events and brought home 1st and 2nd place blue and red ribbons only. In math, we are learning that "adding" means putting items together and "subtracting"

means taking items away. This has been fun and we have been using number lines, manipulatives, technology, and even science experiments to learn this concept. Also, we will have the opportunity on the last week in April to watch our teacher, Mrs. Andrews, facilitate a lesson in Mrs. Carroll's Kindergarten class. The focus will be inclusion into the general education setting with Mrs. Andrews facilitating a "States of Matter" presentation. We are so excited and that will be a surprise finale of Root Beer Floats to enjoy! Hats off to Solids, Liquids, and Gases!

Grade Three News

Greetings Parents! Even though the weeks are flying by... we aren't finished yet! May is such a busy month, but please continue to send your children to school prepared with supplies and ready to learn. In upcoming weeks we will still continue to work on our Reading skills. Students who have been identified as Level I by the GA Milestones test, will be allowed to re- test, so stay tuned for more information on the exact dates. Please encourage your students to continue to read 20 minutes each night. Our end of the year AR goal for 3rd Grade is to read 1 million words by May 24th. However, quite a few of the students owe library fines or have misplaced books and cannot check out. Please settle all library accounts prior to the end of the school year, preferably before May 9th (Field Day). With the weather getting warmer and end of the year activities approaching, our hope is that all students will be able to participate. Please speak with your students about staying focused and staying on their best behavior in order to ensure that they are able to participate in all of the great activities we have planned. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade Four News

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is quickly approaching! The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment. Our students have made dramatic gains in their academic achievement. From increasing their Star 360 scores in reading and math to participation in the Cookies and Cocoa Event for attending school daily – our students have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities. Of course, we should not forget the tremendous amount of learning which has taken place during the year. Throughout all of these activities our students have demonstrated great character! However, the school year is not over and students are still required to come to school prepared to learn daily. Please continue to send your child to school with appropriate and adequate school supplies to complete class assignments. In addition, continue to to emphasis that learning is the primary goal of attending school! We are noticing that many fourth graders are losing focus and are not actively engaged in the learning process.

Learning is active and requires effort. Please discuss this with your child and as always please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher about an academic or conduct concern. Thank you.

Grade Five News

This school year is coming to a close. The students are engaged in STEM activities, exploring upcoming curriculum, and revisiting skills that were challenging. We are awaiting the Georgia Milestones scores and you will be contacted if your student has to retake the test on May 17th. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for Field Day on May 9th and the promotional celebration on May 24th. Thank you for allowing us to serve your children, and as always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Enrichment News

Humphries Elem. School is sponsoring a "Career-Carnival Field Day" which your child will investigate and explore various career opportunities in a festive, celebrative and fun-filled manner. The Career-Carnival Field Day will focus on 3 areas: "Careers-on-Wheels", "Under the Big Top Concession Stand", and "Tug-o-War." Also, there will be a faculty/staff, and 5th grade students basketball game in the gym. All festivities will begin at 9:15a.m. and end at 2:00p.m. Hope to see you there!

Summer Registration

If you have not registered your student, here are the summer registration dates:

- June 7th and June 8th, South Atlanta Cluster Registration at South Atlanta High School from 9:00 AM – 12:00PM, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. These dates are designed to be a "One-Stop Registration Shop" for all students who did not complete spring registration. Register your elementary, middle or high school South Atlanta Cluster student.
- July 24th – July 28th, Registration will occur for new students or re-registration of returning students. Withdrawals will occur during this time.

Back to school dates:

- July 28, 2017 – Open House/Meet the Teacher, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- August 1, 2017 – First Day of School

Summer Break E-Reading

No matter where Summer takes you, APS eBooks are always there. Anywhere, anytime, forever eBooks can be downloaded to every device in the district and to the personal devices of every APS family member. APS students, teachers, and families have access to thousands of non-fiction and fiction titles on the Atlanta Public School's eBook Shelf @ <http://tinyAPS.com/?eBooks>

Media Center News National Asian Heritage Month

May is National Asian Heritage Month. Here are a few books to help celebrate this month:

- Armstrong, Jennifer Chin Yu Min and the Ginger Cat
- Bae, Hyun-Bae New Clothes for New Year's Day
- Bannerman, Helen The Story of Little Babaji
- Barasch, Lynne Hiroshi's Hands
- Bridges, Shirim Ruby's Wish
- Buck, Pearl Big Wave
- Chinn, Karen Sam and the Lucky Money
- Coatsworth, Elizabeth The Cat Who Went to Heaven
- Freedman, Russell Confucius: the Golden Rule
- Friedman, Ina How my Parents Learned to Eat
- Gleason, Carrie Chinese New Year
- Haskins, James Count Your Way Through Japan
- Jani, Dr. Mahendra What You Will See Inside a Hindu Temple
- Kipling, Rudyard Rikki-Tikki-Tavi
- Krishnaswami, Uma Monsoon
- Krull, Kathy Kubla Khan: The Emperor of Everything
- La Valley, Josanne Vine Basket
- Lin, Grace Dim Sum for Everyone
- McKay, Lawrence Journey Home
- Mochizuki, Ken Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story
- Mukerji, Dhan Gopal Gay-Neck
- Park, Linda Sue A Single Shard
- Rao, Sandhya My Mother's Sari
- Say, Allen Grandfather's Journey
- Sheth, Kashmira Sona and the Wedding Game
- Sperry, Armstrong Call it Courage
- Thong, Roseanne Round is a Mooncake
- Van, Muon In a Village by the Sea
- Watkins, Yoko So Far From the Bamboo Grove
- Yep, Laurence Dragonwings
- Yin, Chris Coolies
- Young, Ed Lon Po-Po



**From the
Parent Center**



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