



HUMPHRIES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

The school year is moving fast and our students are learning many new things each day. In order to make sure our students learn all they need to know, we are closely monitoring student attendance. The Atlanta Public School System has set goals in the area of student attendance as a major goal. All students should come to school every day, unless they have a fever or upset stomach. Students with perfect attendance will be recognized monthly. Students who have missed no more than two days at the end of semester one will receive a holiday attendance surprise. Daily phone calls are made each day students miss school. We also send out letters frequently to update you on student attendance. The social worker is very involved with checking attendance reports, making calls and visiting families. Please help your students by sending them to school and scheduling appointments during breaks and at the end of the day. If there are situations that are impacted your child's attendance, please let someone at the school know.

Families, we want you to come out and visit us on our event days. We enjoyed all who came out for our events in August and September. We hope you will plan to attend the following events:

- October 18 – Family Movie Night 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Tickets on sale now for \$5.00 until 10/16
- October 30 – PTA/ Family STEM Night, 5:30 pm
- October 31 - Donuts for Dads scheduled at 9:00 am. We hope all dads will visit us on that day.
- November 7 – Family Thanksgiving Luncheon, Purchase a ticket to eat lunch with your child/children. Ticket sales start soon.

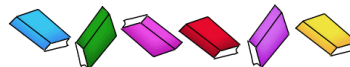
Our Blessings in a Backpack program has started again. Our sponsor provides the funds for us to send home snacks for the weekend. Every Friday, students are offered a blessing to help with nutrition over the weekend. If students don't want it, they are asked not to take it. Some students might need the weekend snacks more than others, but it's their choice.

In closing parents/guardians, I ask that you check your child's book bag in the evening. Check their homework and sign the daily sheet provided by the teacher. On Thursday we send home the weekly information folder. Take a look at the flyers and any work the teacher sends home. We need for parents and teachers to work together. Our hope is that by working together our students will grow stronger.

The fall break is next week, October 8 – 12. We want to see all students back in school on October 15. Enjoy the break!

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| 1 | Roadrunner Rally |
| 7-13 | National Fire Safety Week |
| 8 | Columbus Day |
| 8-12 | Fall Break, students do not report |
| 8-9 | Teacher Professional Learning |
| 15 | National Hispanic Heritage Month ends |
| 16 | Boss's Day |
| 16 | Dictionary Day |
| 18 | Family Movie Night |
| 23-31 | Red Ribbon Week |
| 25 | Atlanta Food Bank Distribution |
| 30 | GO team meeting |
| 30 | PTA/Family STEM night |
| 31 | Storybook Character Day |
| 31 | Donuts for Dads |



Check us out Online!

Our website is located at:
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/5142>. This is where you will find the latest updates and information.

Pre-K News

We can't believe it is October all ready. We are continuing to learn many things this month. We are focusing on Families (how to help, take care of each other, and have family fun). Remember, if you have not sent in your family portrait please do so ASAP. We are also learning how to count objects one-on-one, identifying numbers, letters and letter sounds. Please practice with your child at home. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.



Kindergarten News

Hello, Happy Fall! Can you believe it is already October? That means we have been in school for two whole months already! Here in kindergarten we are continuing to learn about the letters of the alphabet, numbers in math, science and social studies. We have learned the letters t, b, f, m, n, o, c, a, and g. We are also learning to count numbers 1- 100 with a current focus on teen numbers. At this time of the school year we have also started our PBL (Project Based Learning) which is about earth materials such as soil, water, air, and rocks. We hope to see each and everyone of you soon at our gallery walk at the end of our PBL! Can you count to one hundred by tens? See you soon!

Grade One News

The fabulous first grade teachers and students are off to a wonderful and productive school year. We have covered several skills in a short amount of time. Parents please have your child to read, read, and read each day. Reading is the foundation for learn, and we want our students to be successful.

Here is a peek at some of the skills we have studied in the following content areas that are listed below:

- Reading/ELA-Story Elements
- Writing-Narrative Writing, identifying and writing complete sentences
- Math-Counting and identifying numbers 1-120, place value, one more, one less
- Science- Weather & Season
- Social Studies-Culture & Our Nation

Grade Two News

It was great to see a lot of families at our fall Open House! Thanks for taking your time to visit our classroom and learn about what your child has been doing in class. Our students have engaged in many challenging and rewarding learning experiences and there's more to come. In the month of October, second graders will continue to look at characters in literature and how they respond to major events in the plot. We will also focus on describing and making connections in informational texts. In math, the students will build on concepts learned last year in 1st grade and become more fluent in addition and subtraction. In science, we are learning about stars and in social studies we are learning about the regions and major rivers of Georgia. Please be involved in your child's education by checking their homework, attendance and academic progress often. Make attending school meetings, events, and parent-teacher conferences a priority. Ask teachers if you can help them find educational materials and resources that they need and if you have time, help the teacher in the classroom.



Grade Three News

Over the past two months, the third grade team has been engaging the students with fun and interactive learning activities. As we continue to plan for the upcoming skills, we are encouraging parents to assist us with the following tasks.

- Read and write daily with your child.
 - Practice 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s, multiplication facts.
 - Practice sight words.
 - Make sure your child completes his/her homework.
 - Encourage positive behavior by treating others with respect.
 - Arrive to school on time and come ready to learn
- As the school year continues, we are in need of a few more supplies. Please donate the following items to your child's homeroom teacher, if you are able.
- Kleenex
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Gallon Ziplock Bags
 - Glue Sticks
 - Pencils
 - Headphones (for your child)

Thank you for your continued support and feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade Four News

In our reading this coming month we will focus on characteristics of poems, drama, and prose. We'll also learn how to research as we begin informational writing.

In math, students will learn multiple to strategies to multiply multi digit whole numbers and divide multi digit whole numbers. In science we continue our astronomy unit as students explore the tilt of the Earth and explain why we have different seasons. In social studies we will learn about the Constitution of the United States and how it was written. We'll also learn about how the American government is organized- 3 branches and the powers of each branch.

Grade Five News

Do you know what SEL stands for? It's the acronym for Social Emotional Learning. Every morning our students gather in a group to greet each other and share what's going on in their lives. Students are also given strategies to better engage in collaboration and rich discourse with peers, faculty and staff. Additionally, students are encouraged to both manage and express their emotions in a positive fashion. The curriculum taught formally in health class, helps foster an environment that is conducive to learning. Working together we can build productive, self-reliant, academically strong citizens, and create a strong sense of community.



News From the Counselor

During the month of October, small group counseling will be starting up at Humphries Elementary! I am very excited to offer a few different group options including homework club, social skills building and a karate group. Students will be selected to participate in these groups based on teacher, administration and parent referral or request. If you are interested in learning more about these options or believe your student would benefit from participating in one of these groups please let me know. In our counseling classroom lessons, all students have been learning how to calm down when they get upset and coping skills that work for them. Taking 5 deep breaths, counting or saying the alphabet slowly, taking a break to get some water, visualizing a happy place, tensing and relaxing muscles or using positive self-talk are all some of the examples students were provided and are great to use at school! Please ask your student about this and encourage them to practice using these skills both at home and at school.

From the Media Center

October is a great month to read mysteries and spooky books. Here are a few books to share with your children and students.

- Arnosky, Jim Monster Hunt
- Bruchac, Joseph Skeleton Man
- Bunting, Eve The Bones of Freddy McGee
- Cooper, Susan Over Sea, Under Stone
- Dahl, Michael Zombies in the Library
- George, Jean Craighead The Missing Gator of Gumbo Limbo
- Gibbons, Gail. Halloween Is:
- Gidwitz, Adam A Tale Dark and Grimm
- Gilpin, Daniel Scary Creatures: Bats
- Hahn, Mary. Wait 'Til Helen Comes
- Hirsh, Marilyn The Rabbi and the 29 Witches
- Howe, Deborah Bunnica
- Irving, Washington Legend of Sleepy Hallow
- MacDonald, Bailey Secret of the Sealed Room
- McKissack, Patricia. The Dark Thirty
- Miller, Connie Crime Scene Investigators
- Olsen, Owen, Ruth Vampires and other Bloodsuckers
- Olson, Arielle Ask the Bones
- San Souci, Robert. Double-Dare to be Scared
- Sendak, Maurice Where the Wild Things Are
- Sobol, Donald Encyclopedia Brown
- Stevenson, Robert Louis The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
- Stine, R. L. Dear Diary, I'm Dead
- Strickland, Brad. Beast Under the Wizard's Bridge
- Weatherford, Carole The Library Ghost
- Yee, Wong H. Mouse and Mole: A Perfect Halloween

