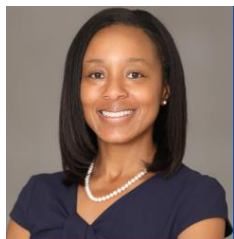


June 29, 2023

Dear Phenomenal Harper-Archer Trailblazer Parents,



Thank you for an amazing first year as your Principal at Harper-Archer Elementary School. I am pleased to say that we can celebrate many successes from the 2022-2023 School Year. We significantly increased scholar attendance, and we truly enjoyed having you on campus more frequently. Thank you for sending your scholars to school daily. While they were here, in addition to the basic curriculum and previously existing specials courses, we added a variety of opportunities to include Blazing Trails Assemblies, robotics, drone usage, coding, gaming, and a news crew. We increased the number of scholars in our gifted program. For the upcoming school year, we added even more support for reading, and we added computer science learning opportunities. We look forward to celebrating much more this year!

We are a Trailblazer Family, so it is important that you partner with me and the entire Harper-Archer Elementary School staff to provide the absolute best educational opportunities for your child. More specifically, we need to see your child at school on time every day. This is the first step to learning. The first day of school is **Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:45 AM, but remember scholars can enter the school as early as 7:15 A.M.** In addition to that, we want to see and hear from you regularly. Visit our Parent Center, utilize Parent Portal, Remind App, and Class Dojo. If you are not familiar with these applications, please know our parent liaison, Ms. Francis, is eager to assist you. She may be reached via email at joan.francis@atlanta.k12.ga.us and via phone at 404-802-8529.



[Parent Portal](#)

Scan me!!



[Remind App](#)

In addition to partnering and speaking with the educators and staff within our school, save my number (404)802-8505, and reach out to me as needed. Also, make sure you follow us on Twitter (@apshaes), Instagram (@apshaes), and YouTube (HAES Trailblazers) to receive essential updates. We will send out many dates and updates through these communication applications, so please reach out soon if you need assistance connecting.

School Uniforms

We encourage your scholars to wear uniforms to school each day. Uniforms are navy or light blue collared shirts and navy or khaki (tan) bottoms or dress. Appropriate shoes should be worn daily – no slides or flip-flops.

Back to School Bash

Atlanta Public Schools is excited to announce the annual Back-to-School Bash will take place **Saturday, July 22, 2023, at the Georgia World Congress Center from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The Back-to-School Bash will provide school supplies, registration information, helpful resources and much more. You must register to attend the Back to School Bash. Click here:

[Click Here](#)



HAES Open House

Our Open House will take place on **Monday, July 31, 2023, at 9:00 AM at Harper-Archer Elementary School**. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, pick up class and bus schedules, and sign up for Parent Portal. You will also meet our new Assistant Principals, Mr. Ryan Free, Ms. Ashley Weems, and Dr. Constance Winds.

To make this year's learning experience most beneficial for your child, we need your commitment in the following ways:

- Ensure your child reports to school **daily by 7:45 am**
- Remain in constant contact with your child's teacher and update contact information as often as necessary
- Encourage your child to do his/her best and to take learning seriously
- Spend time reading and listening to your child read at least 20 minutes each day
- Stay in the loop via our school's YouTube channel, social media platforms and viewing the weekly Trailblazer News
- Communicate your needs and ways that we can assist you throughout the year to us in a timely manner

We are ready to blaze well, and we look forward to you partnering with us to make everything "BetteratHAES!" Please feel free to reach out to us via phone at 404-802-8500 or email me at cjanuary@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Your Trailblazing Principal,

Crystal J. January

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