



Hope-Hill Happenings

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DECEMBER 2023



CALENDAR

Thursday, November 30

- 5:30-7:30 PM - Fall Ball

Tuesday, December 5

- 6:00 PM - Holiday Sing Along with Atlanta Young Singers in the Hope-Hill Gym

Wednesday, December 6

- 6:00-8:00p - PTA Meeting/Parent Mixer/Dine Out Fundraiser at Varuni Napoli on Monroe Dr

Friday, December 8

- 7:45 AM - Principal's Chat in the Media Center
- 2nd Grade Field Trip to Atlanta Ballet

Friday, December 15

- Winter Holiday Dance & Music Programs
 - 8:30 AM - PreK, K, and 1st Grade
 - 10:00 - 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
- Last day of 1st Semester

HOPE-HILL PTA



**PTA MEETING/PARENT MIXER
& DINE OUT FUNDRAISER**
Wednesday, Dec. 6th
6:00p-8:00p



Join us IN PERSON at
Varuni Napoli Midtown
1540 Monroe Drive NE
Atlanta, GA, 30324

This is also a **Dine Out** fundraiser, so if you cannot make it in, please consider ordering delivery or take out, from 5:30p-8:30p.

We are looking for sponsors for our annual

Angel Tree.

If interested, please email
PTA at
hopehillespta@gmail.com



THE DAILY

Want to gift our teachers a cup of coffee?
Buy One - Get One Coffee
at **The Daily Coffee Shop**
100 Hurt St NE, Atlanta, GA 30307
on **Monday 12/11/23** and **Monday 1/8/24**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the end of the year. I am writing to share some updates and important information about our school as we wrap up the semester.

Firstly, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and cooperation throughout my first year. Despite the transition, our students have shown remarkable resilience and adaptability, and this would not have been possible without your unwavering support.

Academic Updates: Our teachers have been working diligently to ensure that our students are progressing in their studies. As we approach the end of the first semester, please look out for report cards that will be sent home in the coming weeks. If you have any concerns about your child's academic performance, please do not hesitate to reach out to their respective teachers.

Holiday Break: Please be reminded that our winter break will begin on December 15th and classes will resume on January 3rd. We hope that this time off will provide our students and staff with a well-deserved rest and an opportunity to recharge for the new year.

Attendance: Attendance is a key factor in student achievement and our goal is to ensure that every student attends school regularly. Showing up for school has a significant impact on a student's academic success starting in pre-kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. However, we also know that when students miss too much school— regardless of the reason – it can cause them to fall behind academically. Research shows missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.

We believe that by working together, we can help your child develop a love for learning and a habit of regular attendance that will last a lifetime. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact our school's front office.

In closing, I want to wish all our families a safe and joyful holiday season. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to provide the best possible education for our students.

Best regards,
Keisha Gibbons, Principal

Pre-K

Swan - Philip Pennywell
Trahan - Zyl'er Barber

Kindergarten

Bennett - Charm Anthony
Fries - Ailon Roach
Killebrew - Jordan Camper
Riley - Maia Magee
Smith - Noah Lou Heffernan

1st Grade

Anderson - Sa'vayah Murray
Carter - Ayden Smith
Turner - Teyana Thurman

2nd Grade

Harper - Justin Worthy
Randall - Ja'Nariah Hoskins
Williams - Malachi Farris

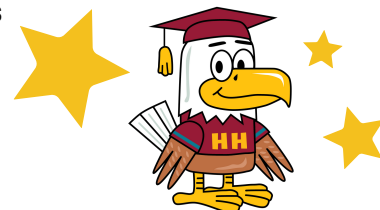
3rd Grade

Ellis - Brielle Lundi
Holmes - Landon Williams
Taylor - James Forster-Hall

4th Grade

Callender - Moses Tolochko
Campbell - Nora Siegel-Wassilak
Hamilton - Messiah Barron
Ruggs - Jha'Mecia Thomas

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



5th Grade

Currie - Emerson Garen
Dodson - Salvatore Nivar
Walker - Brooklyn Sutton





MEDIA MINUTES

Pricilla Fowler
Media Specialist

Scholastic Book Fair is November 30th - December 8th. Students can bring cash, credit cards or upload money through E-Wallet.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

More Bookjoy, less hassle—with eWallet!

This year, say goodbye to giving your kids crumpled bills and loose change...and hello to eWallet, a super-convenient, secure digital payment account, for the Scholastic Book Fair. Setting up an eWallet for your child empowers them to choose their own books and effortlessly check out during the Best. Week. Ever. at their school. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs. Now, that's a win-win!



Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/hopehillelementaryschool2>

Look what we're learning about in the Media Center:

K – I can identify the purpose of an illustration in a text.

1st – I can use illustrations and details in a text to describe its key details.

2nd– I can ask and answer questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

3rd– I can use information gained from illustrations and words in a text to demonstrate understanding of a text.

4th– I can interpret information presented and explain how the information helps me understand the text.

5th– I can compare and contrast the overall structure (chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.

Congratulations to fourth graders Conner, Kari, Lior, Maddy, Moses, Naomi, Neil, Norah Jane, Talon, and Wyatt for representing Hope-Hill in the **GMEA District V Honor Chorus**.



Hope-Hill eagles were busy spreading the love this Thanksgiving! PTA sponsored a **canned food drive** and donated the collected items to **Intown Food Pantry**. Our **Girl Scouts** blessed two families with all the fixings for a **Thanksgiving feast**! Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped our students learn the importance of giving back to their community.



MATH



Latrice Green

Instructional Coach of Math & Science

As we enter the enchanting season of winter holidays, I wanted to share some exciting ways to weave math into your family's festive activities. The holiday season is a prime opportunity to turn everyday moments into math lessons that are both fun and educational for your child. **Baking cookies** or **crafting holiday decorations** can involve counting, measuring, and understanding basic geometric shapes. Encourage your child to use math while **wrapping gifts**, discussing concepts like perimeter and area as they measure and cut wrapping paper. Even **decorating the house** offers a chance to explore patterns and symmetry. As you celebrate this special time with your family, consider incorporating these math-focused activities to make learning a joyful part of your holiday traditions. Wishing you and your little mathematicians a season filled with warmth, joy, and mathematical discoveries!

ELA



Nicole Fluker

Instructional Coach of Literacy Arts

As we approach winter break, let's not forget the magic of reading and storytelling. Encourage your child to embark on literary adventures over the holidays. Whether it's cozying up with a good book, creating imaginative stories, or exploring the world through words, let's keep the spirit of literacy alive during the winter break.

We wish you all a joyful December filled with learning, laughter, and literary adventures. Thank you for being part of our vibrant Hope-Hill community!



STE(A)M

Kristen Lyle

STE(A)M Program Specialist

Our students kicked off November by celebrating **National STEAM Day**. Many of our students and staff dressed as their favorite STEAM Career. We had students dressed as doctors, artists, architects, and photographers. Each class also completed an engineering challenge as a celebration for STEAM Day.

During the month of November, we continued to have visits from our community partners. Our STEAM Ambassadors had their last playground design meeting with **Trust for Public Land** as well as community members. The students "collaborating strategically" as they planned the playground design for all of our Hope-Hill Eagles. We finished the month having **4-H** complete a lesson with our 5th graders. We also had our social studies, science, and technology school fair. Stay tuned for our school winners! They will be posted in the next newsletter.



National STEAM Day:
Engineering Design Challenge



Playground
Meeting

Class pictures are now
available for purchase!



To purchase individual and
class photos, go to:

<https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

- HOPE-HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- Event Code: FE241223

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and Atlanta Young Singers for a

Winter Holiday Sing Along

Tuesday, December 5 6:00-7:00 PM
in the Gym at Hope-Hill



This event is generously sponsored by the
Hope-Hill PTA.

