

# **Hope-Hill Happenings**

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#### Month of September:

Mon. Sept 15

Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

Wed. Sept 17

PICTURE DAY

Thurs. Sept 18

Chorus from 2:30-4:30

Fri. Sept 19

Screen on the Green/ Movie Night

Mon. Sept 22

Eagle Trot Fun Run Kick-Off

Tues. Sept 23

 District Bijan Book Fair Grades (1-3)

Thurs. Sept 25

Chorus from 2:30-4:30



**SAVE** DATE

Fri. Sept 30

Midtown Cluster Friendship Fest Midtown High

• 12:30-7:00 pm





Kenneth Robbins School Counselor

I am Kenneth Robbins Sr., M.Ed., your School Counselor at Hope Hill Elementary (HHES). I have been in education for 15-plus years. This is my 6th year at HHES. I was born and raised in Atlanta, GA. I completed my undergraduate degree at Savannah State University and my Master's in School Counseling at Argosy University. I have two wonderful children. In my spare time, I enjoy activities such as golfing, roller skating, working out, coaching, attending live jazz, and relaxing on the beach. I am looking forward to a wonderful year.



Kristen Lyle STE(A)M Program Specialist

Our school year is off to a great start! On **September 8th,** we had a grand makerspace reveal! We would like to thank the *College Football Playoffs*. The organization donated funds so we could create this space.

We are looking forward to seeing all the significant innovations our students will encounter this school year.

Also, all of our STEAM Field Experiences for each grade level have been scheduled. Please look below for your child's grade level experience and date.

Kindergarten: Main Event-April 23, 2026

First Grade: Wild Animal Safari- April 21, 2026 Second Grade: Mercedes-Benz-April 17, 2026

Third Grade: Ruby Falls-March 20, 2026

Fourth Grade: Camp Mikell-March 12-13, 2026 Fifth Grade: Savannah/Tybee- April 1-3, 2026

Lastly, we are in the process of selecting our new STEAM Ambassadors for the 2025-2026 school year. Students in kindergarten through second grade will be chosen by their classroom teacher. Students in grades third through fifth will apply for the position. The STEAM Ambassador selection process will close **September 19th**.

## **Check out our Social Media Platforms**

- · Class Dojo Site
- HHES Website
- InstaGram

for our electronic version.











**Nicole Fluker** Instructional Coach of Literacy Arts Colese Brown

Readers are Leaders Coach

#### Boost Your Child's Brainpower with Words!

Did you know that the best way to help your child become a strong reader and writer is by using a rich vocabulary at home? We often think of vocabulary as something taught in school, but the words we use daily have a considerable impact.

Why it matters: Research shows that children exposed to a wide range of words at home tend to have a larger vocabulary. This isn't just about sounding smart; it's about building a strong foundation for understanding what they read and expressing themselves clearly. The more words a child knows, the easier it is for them to comprehend complex ideas and succeed in school.

How to make it fun: You don't need flashcards or formal lessons. Switch up your word choices. Instead of saying, "The big dog," try "the enormous dog." If a meal is "good," you could say it's "delicious" or "scrumptious." When reading together, pause to explain a new word. For example, "This character is brave. That means they're not afraid of danger, like a superhero!" Using rich language isn't just for bedtime stories. You can do it while cooking, driving, or playing games. Every word you use is a chance to expand your child's world!

### **Inspirational Quote of the Month**

Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere! -Mary Schmich-



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## **MATH**



LatTrice Green **Instructional Coach** of Math & Science

#### **Hello Math Superheroes!**

As we get further into the school year, let's take our math adventures to the next level by looking for math in our downtown Atlanta community! Here are our missions for each grade band this month:

- Grades K-1: The "Shape Search" Challenge. Find and name at least three different shapes in the world around you.
- Grade 2: The "Place Value Power-Up" Challenge. Find numbers with two or three digits and identify the place value of each digit.
- Grades 3-5: The "Multiplication Fact Fluency" Challenge. Master your multiplication facts! Practice a set of facts each day (like the 5s, 6s, or 7s) until you can recall them quickly. Challenge a family member to a race to see who can answer the fastest!

#### Parents and Volunteers Needed!

Parents, your help is key to making this adventure a success. Simply pointing out shapes and numbers on a walk can make a huge difference! We also need your help to make our school a math print-rich environment by filling our hallways with exciting math visuals. Please let me know if you can volunteer!

We also have camping tents available to check out for your family this fall. Thank you for being our partners in learning. Let's make this a great month! Have a great month,

Your Math Instructional Coach Hope Hill Elementary.







Pricilla Fowler Media Specialist

### 듣 RACE 2 READ – Join the Challenge!

Atlanta Public Schools is challenging every student to read at least 20 minutes a day, five days a week. As we RACE 2 READ, we're building a culture of engaged readers across APS!

Students should log their reading minutes in Beanstack through MyBackpack. To help you get started, I have included a short video with step-by-step instructions on how to log minutes into Beanstack.

Let's work together to make daily reading a habit and celebrate our progress as a school community! Our HALLOW-READ 300 or more minutes School-Wide Challenge will start on October 1st. I will provide more details soon!







