



CALENDAR

Month of December

Mon, Dec. 2-5
 • Map Testing

Week of Dec 9
 • Map Reading Fluency
 • Spelling Bee Competition

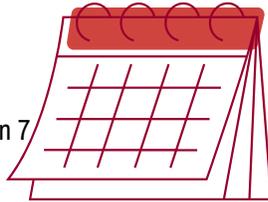
Wed, Dec 11
 • Map Growth (Science 5th Grade)
 • PTA Meeting (virtual)

Fri, Dec 13
 • Principal Chat

Wed, Dec 18
 • Go Team Meeting

Fri, Dec 20
 • Winter Holiday Show

Mon, Dec 23- Jan 6
 • Holiday Break
 • Students return to school on Jan 7



STE(A)M

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We kicked off November with our Hope-Hill Eagles celebrating National STEAM Day. We celebrated with the Howard Middle School STEAM Ambassadors. The middle school students had so much fun supporting our students working on their STEAM projects. Also, many of our Hope-Hill students dressed up as their favorite STEAM career. We had students dressed up as surgeons to professional artists. It was great to see our students celebrating the occasion. November 15th was our annual One Fair. It was such a delight to showcase all of our students' One Fair project at curriculum night. Below is the list of students who will advance to the Atlanta Public School District Fairs.

Advancing to District Science Fair: Not in any particular order

1. Olivia Miller
2. Milan Magee
3. Nora Carroll
4. Josiah Schloss

Advancing to District Technology Fair: Not in any particular order

1. Syndey Hill
2. Moses Tolochoko
3. Naomi Wu

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)



Upcoming events for December

Inclusion Week

Mon, Dec 2- 6

This week provides opportunities for educators, students, and parents to further explore what more schools can do in response to meeting the unique needs of all learners.

Thurs, Dec 12-14

Ebenezer Baptist Church Youth Leadership Development (Gift-wrapping)

Thurs, Dec 17

Ebenezer Baptist Church Youth Leadership Development Program (Gift distribution)

SEL December Book of the Month:

The Kindest Red

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRrgZjPNnnk>





Winter holiday break is a fantastic time for parents to engage their children in reading activities. Here are some effective strategies to support your child's literacy development during this festive season:

Set a Reading Schedule

- Establish a daily reading routine. Designate a specific time for reading each day to help build a consistent habit.
- Create a Cozy Reading Corner
- Set up a comfortable space with pillows, blankets, and good lighting where your child can enjoy reading comfortably.

Choose Seasonal Books

- Select books with winter or holiday themes. Stories about winter adventures, holiday traditions, or seasonal characters can make reading more engaging.

Read Aloud Together

- Spend quality time reading aloud together.
- Take turns reading pages or chapters and discuss the plot and characters to enhance comprehension. And, of course, remember to log your minutes in Beanstack!

Visit the Library

- Take a trip to the local library to explore different sections. Please encourage your child to choose books that interest them, including holiday-themed stories.

Encourage Creative Writing

- Have your child write a holiday story or a letter to "Santa." This not only promotes writing skills but also connects to their reading experiences.
- Incorporate Reading into Holiday Activities
- Read recipes together if you're baking, or read instructions for holiday crafts. This integrates reading into fun holiday activities.

Use Audiobooks

- Listen to audiobooks together during car rides or while relaxing at home. Audiobooks can make stories come alive and enhance listening skills.

Discuss Stories

- After reading, ask your child questions about the story, such as their favorite part or what they learned. This encourages critical thinking and comprehension.

Lead by Example

- Show your child that you value reading by enjoying your books.
- Share what you're reading and discuss it with them to foster a love for literature.

Incorporating these activities into your winter holiday break can help your child develop a love for reading while creating joyful family memories!

As fall rolls into Atlanta, it's the perfect time to have some fun with math right in our own backyard! Take a stroll through one of our local parks and let your kids explore the changing leaves. Challenge them to count how many colors they see or even measure how tall some trees are. It's a great way to practice counting and measuring while enjoying the beautiful autumn scenery!

Don't forget about all the awesome fall activities happening around the city! Whether you're visiting a pumpkin patch or checking out a harvest festival, there are tons of ways to sneak in some math. You can turn a trip to the pumpkin patch into a scavenger hunt—see who can find five different pumpkins or three types of apples.

And while you're at it, talk about prices when picking out pumpkins for carving or ingredients for a fall recipe. It's fun to get some real-life math practice without realizing it!

And let's not overlook family game nights! Grab a fall-themed board game or even some card games. Games like Monopoly can help kids think strategically and work on their math skills without it feeling like homework. You can also come up with Halloween math challenges, like figuring out how many candies are in a bag or the chances of getting a certain color.

Mixing math with all these fun fall activities can help your kids see how math is part of everyday life—and make some great family memories along the way!

