



GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | May 12, 2017

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CALENDAR

5/15-19: International Travelers Week: INDIA
 5/15-19: Piano Recitals during your child's music class
 5/17: Deadline to return orders for Back To School Supply Kits
 5/17: Pre-K Celebration of Learning
 5/17: Million Words Club Celebration
 5/19: Deadline for online orders for Back To School Supply Kits
 5/19: Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
 5/23: Mr. Gaither's Chess Tournament
 5/23: 5th Grade IB Exhibition, 10AM-12PM in the Media Center
 5/23: GO Team Meeting, 5 PM
 5/24: Mr. Gaither's Chess Tournament
 5/24: 1st-4th Celebration of Learning
 5/24: 4th Grade Walks to Frankie Allen Park, 11:30-1:30 PM

5/25: 5th Grade Graduation, 9 AM in the Gym
 5/25: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
 6/2: Report Cards Mailed

TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

5/8: Joanna McLelland
 5/12: Brenda Zion
 5/16: Dawn Baker

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:

96.5% ↓

PK: 89.09% 2nd: 97.26% 5th: 99.49%
 K: 95.95% 3rd: 97%
 1st: 94.32% 4th: 97.35%

The state benchmarks daily attendance at 97%. The attendance rate counts towards our College and Career Readiness Performance Indicator (CCRP) rating. Please make attendance a priority! School starts promptly at 8:00 am.



Thank You to our Volunteers!

I wanted to personally apologize for missing the wonderful Volunteer Luncheon on Wednesday. No excuse is good enough. You all do so much for the school and students. Tracey Scott and I had hoped to sneak away from interviews to pop by and personally thank you, but our schedule just did not let up enough to do so. Tracey and I genuinely thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do to serve this community.

Sincere appreciation,
 Stacey Abbott

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT! The GHES Talent Show: 6 PM in the Gym! Admission is FREE— concessions will be available for purchase! Participants in the show should arrive by 4:45 PM, please report to the art room fed and ready with costumes/props. Only snacks will be provided in the "green room." ☺

Congratulations to our Newest Million Words Club Members: Pritom Paul, Zyan Williams, and Gwendolyn Woodbury!

Order your 2017-18 School Supplies Early! GHES is partnering with SchoolKidz to offer parents a convenient way to pre-purchase school supplies for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year! Order now, and your teacher-tailored supply box will be delivered to your child's classroom so they are ready Day 1. Flyers and order forms will be sent home next week in your child's Friday Folder. Send in your order to school by 5/17 or order online by 5/19 at www.shopttkits.com using Account Number 66056.

5th Grade IB Exhibition Students Collecting Books to Promote Literacy, through 5/19 A group from Ms. Collins' 5th grade class has selected the topic of **illiteracy** to explore as their IB exhibition project. In order to help solve some of the problems of illiteracy, the group is holding a book collection which will be donated to one of the foundations that supports working to fight against childhood illiteracy. Please go through your stash of books at home that you have already enjoyed, and consider donating them in order to help other kids develop the love of reading! There is a collection bin in the front foyer of the school next to front office and also one in the 4th/5th grade hall. The bins will be there through May 19th. *"Thank you for partnering with us to help improve the problem of illiteracy in our country!"*

Upper Grades: The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl List is Available! Garden Hills participates in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl each year, and has done very well in previous Reading Bowl competitions. The team is open to 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders—We will begin meeting after school in October and the competition will be held on Saturday, January 27th. The competition will be based upon a list of books chosen from Georgia Book Award winners. The 2017-18 List can be found here: <http://www.gardenhillselementary.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/HRRB-17-18.pdf>

APS Summer Reading Program offered for All Grades! Flyers went home this week about a cool summer reading program offering free books to read on your i-Pad or other smart device! Simply scan the QR code with your phone, and you are immediately able to start reading! You can also go to www.MyOn.com: Click **login now** and enter these credentials: School Name: **Atlanta Public Schools**, Username: **reades**, Password: **reades**. There are thousands of books available for every age group to read—for free!

North Atlanta High School 2nd Annual Warrior Youth Football Camp: June 12-15, 2017, 8:00-11:00 AM
 This camp for rising 3rd Graders-8th Graders will teach basic fundamentals and skills of how to be a complete WARRIOR football player in the following areas: Offense/ Defense/ Kicking, Agility/ Athletic Conditioning, and Character/ Student Development. In addition, campers will receive instruction in proper technique for combine events and will be tested in the 40 yard dash, broad jump, pro agility, and L drill. Campers will meet and interact with current North Atlanta Varsity players. This is a non-contact camp and no football equipment is required. Registration is \$100 before 6/4/17, \$125 after 6/4/17 or at Walk Up Registration on June 12th. Register ONLINE at <http://nahssports.org/youthcamp.html>
 —Coach Jeremy Gainer— gainer@atlanta.k12.ga.us or Coach Terence Amos— Terence.Amos@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Rising 5th Graders ---Manners 101 and Georgia Cotillion Georgia Cotillion has been operating in Buckhead for over 20 years, offering a set of four classes in basic social skills (table manners, device manners, thank you notes, etc.) and basic ballroom dancing. Garden Hills will be paired with Morningside Elementary on January 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 6 til 7:30 at the Swan Coach House. The tuition cost for the four classes is \$225, which is due in September. More details to come when school starts in August. If you are interested, please let Kristy Weathers know, and she will make sure to reserve you a spot (kristy.weathers@sutherland.com).

GHES' EVERYBODY WINS Program is looking for Mentors! Everybody Wins is a reading program in which mentor volunteers spend their lunchtime with GHES students helping them with their reading skills. They served 65 GHES students this year! They are seeking more mentors so that the program can be expanded, and are also looking for someone to serve as a Coordinator for the program at GHES for the 2017-18. If you are interested in learning more, please contact **Amy Schlossberg: aschlossberg@everybodywinsatlanta.org**.

Please Return GHES Parent Resource Center Materials: If you have borrowed take-home resources from the Media Center, Ms. Lopez kindly requests their return! Thank you ☺

The Lost & Found is overflowing! Please stop by the cafeteria to look through the many coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, lunch boxes and other items that are waiting to be claimed by their owner. All items will be donated to the Goodwill on Piedmont Rd. on Thursday, May 25th.