



GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | September 22, 2017

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CALENDAR

9/23: GHES Hispanic Heritage & International Festival, 5:30-7 PM
 9/26: APS Youth Mental Health Workshop, 12-2 PM *Details below*
 9/26: GO Team Meeting in the Media Center, 5 PM
 9/26: Spirit Night at Lovie's BBQ, 6-9 PM: 20% Back to GHES!
 9/27: NAPPS Meeting, 12-1 PM at Jackson Elementary *Details below*
 9/27: AIS Summer Horizons Program Wind-Down, 5:30 PM
 10/6: PTA Board Meeting, 8:15 AM in the Auditorium, All Welcome
 10/7: Garden Clean Up Day, 9-11 AM
 10/9-13: FALL BREAK, NO SCHOOL

For more, see our calendar at www.gardenhillselementary.org

TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

10/5: Britt Bilal
 10/6: Ardis Denise Summer
 10/8: Marie Delgado
 10/11: Rasheda Aquil
 10/13: Nolen Schoen
 10/19: Pilar Gonzalez
 10/21: Keisha White
 10/23: Christian Valdez
 10/27: Melissa Gilbert
 10/29: Regina Edward

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

97.17%★

PK: 97.35% 2nd: 97.92%☺ 5th: 97.17%
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 1st: 95.83% 4th: 97.12%

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

See you Tomorrow at the GHES Hispanic Heritage and International Festival!



GOOD FOOD is an expression that translates into any language! Have you RSVP'd? It's not too late to join in the celebration and share your family's favorite cultural dish. There will be live music and entertainment, and food from all over the world that you have to taste to believe! We also invite you to wear ethnic clothing that represents your heritage!

We hope to see you in the GHES Gym on Saturday, September 23rd from 5:30-7 PM.

Please visit our Sign Up Genius to RSVP: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49adaa2da1fd0-ghes1>.

Once you click the RSVP button, you can also let us know if you'd like to bring food or volunteer during the event.



Support our school by donating to the GHES Foundation's Annual 100 Days of Giving Campaign: September 22-December 31st!

As the fundraising organization for Garden Hills Elementary, the Acorns To Oaks Foundation is excited to kick off our 2017-18 fundraising efforts with our annual 100 Days of Giving Campaign. During the last 100 days of the calendar year, our goal is to begin building financial strength to support the school's operating needs throughout the school year and beyond, in order to:

- Promote the tradition of International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program education
- Ensure excellence in academics, enrichment, teacher training, and the arts
- Help provide our school with the best materials, state-of-the-art facilities and innovative programs needed to prepare our children for success

Look for more information in your child's backpack—learn more about where your donation goes, and how much each dollar counts! To make a secure online donation, please visit <https://acornstooaks.ejoinme.org/> or complete the donor response form that will be sent home soon!

APS Youth Mental Health Workshop Tuesday, September 26th from 12-2 PM Topics will include: 1) Facts and statistics about youth mental health. 2) Key responses from APS results on the Georgia Student Health Survey along with how to link to specific school results. 3) Availability of Youth Mental Health First Aid and Suicide Prevention Summits. 4) Learn more about latest DSM updates. 5) Voices for Georgia's Children legislative updates. Key Speakers: Cheryl Benefield, Ed.S., CPS-P Georgia Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) and Dr. Catherine Perkins from Georgia State University. The event will be held at the APS Instructional Services Center located at 433 Peoples Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.



Spirit Night at Lovie's BBQ: Tuesday, September 26th from 6-9 PM Word on the streets is that not only is Lovie's BBQ the most delicious, they also have the best Brussels sprouts in town! Take a break from the kitchen and head to Lovie's for dinner with your GHES friends—our hosts have promised 20% of the evening's profits back to Garden Hills! And be sure to tell them thanks!

Girl Scouts Daisies Meeting: Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00 PM Daisies will meet in the GHES Auditorium. After the meeting, don't forget to join your friends at Lovie's BBQ for Spirit Night! Questions about Daisies: Kelly Newman, kannanewman@gmail.com.

The first NAPPS (North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools) Meeting will be on September 27th at noon, at Warren T. Jackson Elementary School. The topic will be "Principal's State of the Schools" with presentations by the Principals. Bring your lunch; the host school's PTA will provide dessert and drinks. The mission of NAPPS is to increase community awareness and support for our North Atlanta cluster schools, ultimately resulting in a high student retention rate Kindergarten through 12th grade. By educating the community about existing public school opportunities and advantages, NAPPS strives to strengthen the bond between our community and our school system. The NAPPS Board is comprised of representatives from all six elementary schools, Sutton and North Atlanta High School. We host community meetings throughout the school year ranging on topics from IB and Dual Immersion to Sports. To learn more about NAPPS, including our upcoming meeting topics such as October's "Board of Education Candidates Forum" go to www.NAPPS.us

You're Invited to the Horizons at AIS Wind Down: September 27th from 5:30-6:30 PM Horizons at AIS Program Directors Christopher Rhue and Kelsey Stiakakis welcome you to come learn more about the wonderful opportunities offered by partnering with Horizons at AIS. Appetizers will be provided, and your first drink is on us! Please RSVP via Evite link on our website homepage within the post about the event. You can learn more about how the Horizons Summer Program at AIS helps students succeed by visiting: <https://www.aischool.org/page/community/community-programs/horizons-atlanta-at-ais>.



Garden Clean Up Day is Saturday, October 7th: 9-11 AM The GHES Learning Gardens and grounds need their annual Fall cleaning and prep for over-wintering. Come help us play in the dirt and familiarize yourself with the wonders of our Gardens! Stay tuned for details and a Sign Up Genius. No green thumbs necessary!

Reading Bowl Team Practice will start October 18th: Get the Book List! The GHES Reading Bowl Team consists of our most avid readers in the 3rd-5th Grades. The team will compete against other APS schools in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl on January 27, 2018. The Reading Bowl Book List is comprised of titles selected from the Georgia Book Awards Finalists. Ms. Lefont and Mr. Jolly each have a set of this year's books for the Elementary Level portion of the competition. To see the list, go to <http://www.gardenhillselementary.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/HRRB-17-18.pdf>. Even if you don't want to join the team, these books are great to read!