



# GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | September 29, 2017

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## CALENDAR

10/3: Brownies Meeting, 5:45 PM in the GHES Auditorium  
 10/4: Dr. Mark Crawford: "Parenting Middle Schoolers" 6:30 PM  
 10/6: PTA Board Meeting, 8:15 AM in the Auditorium  
 10/7: Garden Clean Up Day, 9-11 AM  
 10/9-13: FALL BREAK, NO SCHOOL  
 10/16: Report Cards Issued  
 10/17: Picture Day Re-Takes  
 10/17: GHES School Prospective Parent Coffee & Tour, 9:30 AM  
 10/17: Spirit Night at Moe's  
 10/18: Sutton 6th Grade Campus Tour, 9:30 AM  
 10/18: Brown Bag Lunch in GHES Auditorium, 12-1 PM  
 10/18: Reading Bowl Practice begins Wednesdays, 2:45-3:30 PM  
 10/19: Sutton Prospective Parent Party, 6:30 PM *Details to come*  
 10/21: GHES FALL FESTIVAL, 11 AM-2 PM  
 For more, see our calendar at [www.gardenhillselementary.org](http://www.gardenhillselementary.org)

**Oct. 2 is Custodian Appreciation Day! Thank You, Ms. Brown and Mr. Woods for all you do!**

## 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

98.2% ★ ★ ★

PK: 96.82% 2nd: 98.5% 5th: 98.86%  
 K: 97.83% 3rd: 98.61%  
 1st: 97.27% 4th: 99.51%☺

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.



## Acorns to Oaks Annual 100 Days of Giving Campaign: September 22-December 31st

Did you know that gifts of all sizes to our school's Acorns to Oaks Foundation make a difference? Last year, over half of the gifts to Garden Hills Elementary were less than \$100. Working together as a school community, we reached our goal of \$25,000... **and blew past it by 38%!** These funds we raise each year help us provide important teacher training such as IB and Orton-Gillingham, fund grade-level field trips, help bring innovative online learning programs and tools to our children's classrooms, help fund teacher grants, and much more. Each and everyone's participation is critical to the success of the campaign! Look for donor forms in your child's backpack or donate online: <https://acornstooaks.ejoinme.org/GC17>



**And the Winner of the Ice Cream Party is....Ms. Marsh's Kindergarten class!** Ms. Marsh had the most students and their families in attendance at the GHES Hispanic Heritage and International Festival on Saturday night, so they will receive the promised Ice Cream Party! It was a huge success, and one of the most well-attended in recent years. The entertainment line-up was wonderful, the Gym was beautifully decorated, and of course the food from all over the globe was out of this world. Thank you to Ms. Camarillo, Ms. Delgado and their team of teachers who collaborated with our hard-working PTA to put together a great event, and to all who came out to share their family's favorite dishes or just came out to enjoy the show!

**Morning Mile Update:** The Morning Mile will no longer need volunteers for mileage input, so if you have signed up for this through Sign Up Genius, please know that you are off the hook! **We DO however need Volunteers to help out on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.** If you have 30 minutes to help keep this incredible program going and running smoothly it would be greatly appreciated! If you have questions, please contact Michael Moyer, Morning Mile parent volunteer: [emailmoyer@gmail.com](mailto:emailmoyer@gmail.com). Here is the Sign Up Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49adaa2da1fd0-morning4>

**Sutton Speaker Series presents "Parenting Middle Schoolers" October 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM** Looking for some expert guidance in helping your children navigate the roller coaster of adolescence? Then we hope you'll join us for the Sutton Middle School PTA's first Speaker Series event of the 2017-18 year. We'll meet in the theater at Sutton's Northside Campus for an inspiring presentation by Dr. Mark Crawford. Dr. Crawford is a clinical psychologist who has been practicing in Atlanta for 28 years. He is also the consulting psychologist for Westminster & Pace Academy and consults with professional athletes and sports organizations. Through his private practice and consulting work, Dr. Crawford offers individual and family counseling to teenagers, adults, and families. Dr. Crawford has appeared numerous times on local and national television programs including ABC's World News, Good Morning America, CNN, and Sanjay Gupta, M.D. Contact Katherine McClure: [kathbmclure@me.com](mailto:kathbmclure@me.com) or Susan Iwanicki: [sadams@andpi.org](mailto:sadams@andpi.org) for more information. If you plan to attend, please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-date-dr-mark-crawford-on-what-really-matters-when-parenting-middle-schoolers-tickets-37358857348?aff=eivtefrnd> OR click the live link in the post on the GHES homepage: [www.gardenhillselementary.org](http://www.gardenhillselementary.org).

**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!

**Check out the new APS Blog: APSInsights.org!** The new site includes features like school profiles, an enrollment and performance map, a Data Explorer with interactive visuals for self-guided analysis, and blog posts with data visuals and explanations on a variety of school data topics! For more information, visit the About APS Insights page at <https://apsinsights.org/>



**SAVE THE DATE! The GHES Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 21st from 11 AM- 2 PM!**



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