



GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | November 17, 2017

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CALENDAR

11/20-24: THANKSGIVING BREAK, NO SCHOOL
 11/25-12/3: Spirit Week at Big John's Trees
 11/28: Family Friendly Partnership Award Ceremony, 10:30 AM in the Auditorium, *All Invited!*
 12/1: PTA Board Meeting, 8:15 AM- All Welcome
 12/2: KDG-2nd Grade Performs at AIS Christmas Market
 12/4-12/8: Book Fair in the Media Center
 12/5: Board of Education Run-Off Election *Details on website*
 12/5: Toasty Tuesday! Come Shop the Book Fair after School- *Details to come*
 12/5: Spirit Night at Chow Bing
 12/5: GO Team Meeting, 5 PM

TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

11/1: Cathy Baublitz
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 11/3: Debbie Briggs
 11/5: Mariana Camarillo
 11/8: Sheneeka Robinson
 11/10: Kelly Massenburg
 11/23: Schyuler Bates
 12/3: Harold Woods
 12/12: Mukti Chakrabarty
 12/12: Daisy Ochoa
 12/16: Tracey Scott

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

96.63% ↓ ↓

PK: 96.59% 2nd: 97.28% 5th: 96.13%
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 1st: 96.91% 4th: 96.55%

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.



GHE Award Reception & Visit with State Superintendent Richard Woods: November 28th at 10:30 am

In May 2017, Garden Hills Elementary was chosen as one of five schools in the state of Georgia selected for the 2017 Georgia Family Friendly Partnership Award, a distinction based on our exceptional customer service for our school's families, our focus on parent engagement, and providing a "welcoming environment with courteous staff members eager to help students and families." We are so proud of this recognition! On Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:30 am, all parents and community members are invited to a ceremony in the GHE Auditorium to celebrate this achievement with State Superintendent Richard Woods. Thank you to all the parents who are active in our school, as "it takes a village," and to all the teachers and staff members who treat the school community like family.

The Box Top Contest Winner is finally in... Ms. Carlson's Class! The PTA would like to congratulate Ms. Carlson's class, who contributed five hundred and fifty-one Box Tops to the October challenge. Ms. Carlson's class will receive milk and cookies. They will also be honored with the Box Top trophy. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Pre-K Classes Collecting for Homeless in November! It's Homelessness Awareness Month...The PreK classes at Garden Hills have decided to come together to give back and support peers and their families in our community who are less fortunate. They are collecting gently used COATS of all sizes, new SOCKS and UNDERWEAR. (Please make sure socks & underwear are new and in the package.) Boxes are set up in the front office and at Mrs. Bilal's and Ms. Bergstrom's doors. Donations will be picked up and distributed on **Wednesday, November 29th. Together we can do great things, and we appreciate your support in our efforts to give back to our neighbors in need.** Contact Mrs. Bilal at britt.bilal@atlanta.k12.ga.

Support the GHE PTA at Big John's Trees: Nov. 25-Dec.3 10% of your purchase (excluding lighting, delivery, and installation) made during Spirit Week will be donated to GHE PTA. To get your voucher, click the link posted in the story on the GHE home page: www.gardenhillselementary.org. Big John's is owned and operated by an APS family. Find out more at www.bigjohnstrees.com.

KDG-2nd Grade Students to Perform in the AIS German Christmas Market: Saturday, December 2nd Each year AIS invites our children to sing at their Holiday Market. If your child would like to participate, please dress them in holiday attire and **meet at the front entrance of GHE at 10:45 am.** We will walk to AIS, and the children will perform at noon. **Mark your calendars for the GHE Holiday Program: Tuesday, December 19th at 6 pm. We are looking for creative parents to help with program props and décor.** Stay tuned for details when we return from the Thanksgiving Break! If you would like to help, please contact Kirsten Neufeld: Rneufeld@bellsouth.net.

Mark your Calendars for the Annual GHE Holiday Book Fair: Dec.4-8 This popular, yearly event offers a chance to support the school AND pick up some great holiday gifts! The students will be able to visit the fair during school with their classes. Parents are invited for **TOASTY TUESDAY on December 5th**, when the Book Fair will stay open for after school shopping, hot chocolate and holiday treats!

Thank You to our Career Day Volunteers! From Atlanta Fire Station No. 29: Keith Jones, Colby Odom, Josh Schaeffer and Chris Simonson; Dr. Cristina Everson & Martha Boyzo of Buckhead Orthodontics, Audrey Daniels, Jennifer DeSimone, Jeremy John, Jesus Melara, Shannon Benham Pawlowski, Elizabeth Peterson, James Sitzman (Atlanta International School), and Cecily & Sule Welch. They all served as a wonderful representation of our community and school family, and made for an enriching Career Day for our students!

Interested in Partnering with GHE? Corporate sponsors are a key part of the fundraising each year by the Acorns to Oaks Foundation. As you may know, that fundraising supports all aspects of school life - field trips, professional development for teachers, supplies for classes and special projects, and more. Companies who donate not only help our school and students to thrive, but can also receive advertising opportunities, tickets to Evening in the Garden, and more. Corporate sponsorships are available at a variety of levels with a range of benefits. If you know of a possible corporate sponsor, please let us know! Contact **Caroline Guitar** (cengwall@gmail.com) or **Megan Morris** (morrismk@gmail.com), and one of them will reach out with more detailed information.

Volunteers are needed for Evening in the Garden! The 29th annual Evening in the Garden will be held **Friday, March 23, 2018** at 433 Bishop from 7pm-12 Midnight! If you are available to assist with planning, procuring auction items as well as event donations, please contact Kerry Dyer or Kelly Hurley. Kerry: klkoob@hotmail.com | Kelly: kellyupchurch1@yahoo.com. For details about the event, please visit our website at www.eveninginthegarden.com.

100 DAYS OF GIVING ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: SEPT 22 – DEC 31, 2017 | WEEK 8

All donations to the Annual Fund are used to provide programs and resources that directly benefit our students every single day. To learn how you can make a difference in your child's classroom or to make a secure online donation, please visit <https://acornstooaks.ejoinme.org/GC17>. If you prefer to send donation by cash or check, please complete a Donor Response Form and send check made payable to "Acorns to Oaks Foundation" to school with your child. Forms are available on the school website and in the office.

Thank you to our amazing benefactors below. Join them and send in your donation today!

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Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the break with your families!