



GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | December 1, 2017

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CALENDAR

12/2: CANCELLED: KDG-2nd Performance at AIS
 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! 2:30-6 PM
 12/5: Spirit Night at Chow Bing, 5-9 PM
 12/5: GO Team Meeting, 5 PM
 12/11-12/15: Last Week of Kiddos Extracurricular Classes
 12/13: Sutton Middle School Tour, 9:30 AM (By RSVP)
 12/13-12/14: Shakespeare Auditions Workshops, Details to come
 12/15: Shakespeare Auditions, Details to come
 12/18: GHES Chorus Sings at Lenbrook
 12/19: GHES Holiday Program, 6 pm in the Gym

TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

11/1: Cathy Baublitz
 11/1: Tina Williams
 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

96.82%↓

PK: 98.18% 2nd: 98.27%☺ 5th: 95.71%
 K: 97.65% 3rd: 95.56%
 1st: 96.18% 4th: 96.20%

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.

CANCELLED: The KDG-2nd Performance at AIS on Saturday, Dec. 2

Parents, we have had to cancel this event while Ms. Domingo recovers from an illness. Please continue to have your child practice their songs at home for the Holiday Program on Dec. 19th! Links to the Holiday Songs for home practice are on our school's home page: www.gardenhillselementary.org. Our Holiday Program will feature our PreK-3rd Graders, GHES Chorus and the beautiful music created by the GHES Handbells Ensemble! **Be sure to join us on Tuesday, December 19th at 6 pm** in the GHES Gym. Students participating should report to school at 5:15 pm.

Congratulations, EVERYONE! Update on Award Ceremony...

On Tuesday of this week, GHES received the Georgia Family Friendly Partnership Award presented in person by State Superintendent Mr. Richard Woods! The 2nd Grade DLI class recited a perfect bilingual poem about friendship, and we had Atlanta Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Meria Carstarphen and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Tommy Usher in attendance as well. To see pictures and read more about the event, please visit our home page: www.gardenhillselementary.org. Thank you to our administrators, teachers and parents alike who work so well together to make GHES an environment where all families feel welcome!

Shop the Annual GHES 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 from 2:30-6 pm**, when the Book Fair will stay open for after school shopping, hot chocolate and holiday treats! **After Toasty Tuesday on Dec. 5th, Head to Chow Bing for our December Spirit Night!**

School Board Candidates Need Your Vote in the Dec. 5 Run-Off Election

From NAPPS (North Atlanta Parents for Public Schools)...Congratulations to the returning, re-elected Atlanta Public School Board of Education members: District 1: Leslie Grant, District 4: Nancy Meister, District 6: Eshe' Collins, District 8: Cynthia Briscoe Brown, District 9: Jason Esteves. In the remaining districts, no candidate received 50% of the vote and the winners will all be determined in the December 5th runoff election between the top two vote recipients- District 2: Byron Amos and Keisha Carey, District 3: **Michelle Olympiadis** and **Aduza Agyapon**, District 5: **Erika Mitchell** and **Raynard Johnson**, District 7 (city-wide at-large): **Kandis Wood Jackson** and **John Wright**. Bold names indicate districts that are included in the North Atlanta cluster served by NAPPS. See the complete results in the post on the GHES home page. In addition to these BOE seats, the runoff will also be for Mayor and City Council President. To learn more about NAPPS, visit napps.us.

Interested in Partnering with GHES?

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.

New GHES T-Shirt Available Highlighting Learning Gardens...

Order forms are being sent home today for a cool new t-shirt, on sale now for just \$10! Please check your child's backpack for the form.

Help Us Make our International Travelers Week Fine Arts Night Spectacular!

We are looking forward to celebrating the arts with a fabulous evening of music, visual arts, crafts, and culinary arts coming up in May, as we "take a trip" to **ITALY** for International Travelers Week! We need your help funding the materials for our craft stations and family project areas on Fine Arts Night during that week: Binary Code Bracelets, Family Gondola Boat Races, 3D Pasta Sculptures, Bocci Ball Tournament, and guest readers! If you would like to contribute, please go to donorschoose.org and search **Teacher Erickson**. You can also search by zip code to find her: 30305.

100 DAYS OF GIVING ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: SEPT 22-DEC 31, 2017 | WEEK 10

#GivingTuesday capped off a strong holiday week. We more than DOUBLED our donation total and are now at 45% of our goal of raising \$30,000 to support our amazing students and faculty.

Thank you to our newest 1938 Society donors **Desiree & Levi Walls** and **Hadley & Jake Laughlin**. They are joined on our Honor Roll by 7 more families: **Oak | Kirsten & Bob Neufeld, Erica & Bart Fanelli; Heartwood | Hannah & Will Martin; Acorn | Margaux & Clayton Wynter, Joan DeMarco & David Urie, Chantal & Robert Stevenson, Kiza & Patrick Draut.** Thank you all for your generous donations!

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. Forms will be sent home again next week.

GREAT NEWS! The Acorns to Oaks Foundation is now able to accept donations via a stock payment. Shares of stock can be applied as your contribution to the Giving Campaign. Please email Erica Fanelli, Treasurer of A2O at info@acornstooaks.org for details.

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

2017-2018 HONOR ROLL

1938 Society

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