



# GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | December 8, 2017

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## CALENDAR

12/9: Girl Scouts Daisies Ice Skating at Atlantic Station, 12 pm  
 12/13: Sutton Middle School Tour, 9:30 am (By RSVP)  
 12/13: Brown Bag Lunch for Parents, 12 pm  
 12/13-12/14: Shakespeare Auditions Workshops, 2:30-4 pm  
 12/13: Horizons Atlanta Holiday Party, 6-8 pm  
 12/15: Shakespeare Auditions, 2:30-4 pm  
 12/15: NAHS Night of Hoops, 7:30 pm at NAHS  
 12/18: GHES Chorus Sings at Lenbrook  
 12/19: GHES HOLIDAY PROGRAM, 6 PM in the Gym  
 12/22: Shakespeare Roles Announced/Scripts Distributed  
 12/25-1/5: HOLIDAY BREAK: SCHOOL CLOSED

## TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

12/3: Harold Woods  
 12/12: Mukti Chakrabarty  
 12/12: Daisy Ochoa  
 12/16: Tracey Scott

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

# 97.71%★★★

PK: 100%☺      2nd: 96.81%      5th: 97.45%  
 K: 98.16%      3rd: 97.22%  
 1st: 96.58%      4th: 97.72%

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.

## Shakespeare Workshops & Auditions are NEXT WEEK! Dec. 13-15



Students in Grades 3-5 and all students who participated in this Fall's Shakespeare Boot Camp are encouraged to participate in the Auditions Workshop to help hone your skills in preparation for the annual GHES Spring Shakespeare Performance. The workshops will be held after school on December 13th & 14th from 2:30-4pm in the GHES Auditorium. The workshops are not mandatory! **Auditions will take place on Friday, December 15th from 2:30-4 pm.** The Cast will be announced and scripts distributed on Friday, December 22nd. Please contact Marie Andujar with questions: [marie@lefaisdodo.com](mailto:marie@lefaisdodo.com).

**GHES Brown Bag Lunch for Parents on Dec. 13th: Holiday Cookie Swap!** Our Brown Bag Lunch for parents is a great way to meet new GHES friends and catch up with those you know! The December Brown Bag Lunch will be hosted by GHES parent Autumn Lewis ([autumn.lewis@icloud.com](mailto:autumn.lewis@icloud.com)) in the Clubhouse at 400 Pharr Road, Atlanta, GA 30305. Bring your lunch and some cookies to swap-- bake 'em or "fake" 'em-- that's up to you! The PTA will provide drinks. This is a social event and lasts only an hour (12:00-1:00 pm), so come enjoy your lunch break with your GHES friends. If you would like to host a future Brown Bag Lunch or have questions, please email [communications@gardenhillselementary.org](mailto:communications@gardenhillselementary.org).

**Horizons Atlanta Holiday Party: Wednesday, December 13th Eat Drink and Be Merry...** Please join the Horizons Atlanta students, families and staff for food, drinks and holiday fun! RSVP kindly requested: 404-841-3840

**NAHS Night of Hoops: Community-Wide Event December 15th** All North Atlanta Cluster Schools are invited to North Atlanta High School for a Night of Hoops on 12/15 as the North Atlanta Basketball Warriors take on Cambridge at 7:30 PM. There will be a Kids Zone with games such as a Free Throw Contest, 2 Ball, 3 Point, and Half Court, as well as Door Prizes! Admission is \$5.00 per person. NAHS is located at 4111 Northside Pkwy, Atlanta, Georgia 30327.

**GHES Holiday Program: Tuesday, December 19th at 6 pm** 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 in the holiday program should report to school at 5:15 pm. Keep practicing those songs at home! Links to the songs are posted on the home page: [www.gardenhillselementary.org](http://www.gardenhillselementary.org).

**Have You Joined the PTA?** All parents are encouraged to join the GHES PTA! An individual membership is only \$10! Family memberships are \$20. Your membership not only supports our teachers but also our wonderful Garden Hills community-building events such as the Fall Festival, Movie Night, Talent Show, Fall Dance and many more! You can join online through our School Directory at [www.bit.ly/JoinGHESDirectory](http://www.bit.ly/JoinGHESDirectory) (use code [gardenhills](http://www.gardenhills.org)) or by completing and returning the form sent home in your child's folder today. Forms are also available at school in the main hallway just outside the front office.

**Evening in the Garden Committee Now Forming: 1st Meeting 1/18/18 at 7 pm** Evening in the Garden, our Acorns to Oaks Foundation's largest fundraiser, is confirmed for Friday, March 23, 2018 at 433 Bishop. Committee Chairs **Kerry Dyer** ([klkoob@hotmail.com](mailto:klkoob@hotmail.com), 312-282-7508) and **Kelly Hurley** ([Kellyyupchurch1@yahoo.com](mailto:Kellyyupchurch1@yahoo.com), 404-310-0102) are looking for your help in planning and executing this important event. As they say, "many hands make light work," and we have a great time along the way. Here are the areas where help is needed:

- **Donation Items:** All sponsors will be promoted and acknowledged through digital and printed marketing. If you have ideas, please contact Kerry or Kelly for next steps.
- **Stock the Bar:** Procurement of "spirits" for the evening to include wine, vodka, bourbon and beer.
- **Desserts:** Variety of dessert items.
- **Auction Items: Experiences:** Our most successful (highest grossing items) are experiential auction items. Ideas include Chef's Tables, Spirits Tastings, children's entertainment/activities (birthday parties, etc.), and "inside access" to places and events. **Places:** Do you own or have access to a beach/lake house, ski home, mountain cabin, or city pied-a-terre which we can auction for an overnight stay?

Time Commitment: We meet as a group 2 - 3 times for general planning discussions. We will then need help the week prior, day of, evening of or day after the event.

**Our first volunteer meeting is confirmed for Thursday, January 18th at 7pm.** Please save the date, more details to follow. For more, go to <http://eveninginthegarden.com>. We appreciate your contribution to our efforts in support of our beloved Garden Hills Elementary.

## Calling All Rising Sutton 6th Grade Cougars: Skate Party 1/28/18!

All SMS Feeder Elementary school "COMMITTED COUGARS" are invited to the annual Skate Party on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Park Tavern! Skates and skate session 12-3pm FREE for all pre-registered Cougars. This annual event is the FIRST opportunity for students from all SIX feeder schools to come together before the start of Middle School. PTA and Staff will be on hand to informally discuss the Sutton experience and share opportunities for parents to get involved. Join your future middle school community for a fun day of skating! Parents are encouraged to mingle rink-side and meet each other. Please save the date! We look forward to seeing you and your student there!

**The Lost & Found is Overflowing!** If you are missing an item, please stop by the cafeteria and sort through the pile. Anything left over the holidays will be donated!

## 100 DAYS OF GIVING ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: SEPT 22-DEC 31, 2017 | WEEK 11

The giving continues and we are now at 50% of our goal of raising \$30,000 to support our amazing students and faculty. We only have 23 calendar days left in the campaign and need your help to reach our goal.

There are 3 ways to participate in the 100 Days of Giving:

1. Make a secure online donation at: <https://acornstooaks.ejoinme.org/GC17> by 12/31/2017.
2. Make a donation via cash or check. Please complete a Donor Response Form and send check made payable to "Acorns to Oaks Foundation" to school with your child no later than 12/22/17.
3. {NEW!} Make a donation via stock payment by 12/31/2017. Please email Erica Fanelli, Treasurer of A2O at [info@acornstooaks.org](mailto:info@acornstooaks.org) for details on how to apply shares of stock as your contribution.

Remember to ask your employer about corporate matching to increase the impact of your donations! And most importantly, don't forget that coins count too! Use your spare change to create real change at GHES!

Thank you to our newest Honor Roll members: Oak | CATHERINE TRAVELUTE & KEITH WOODBURY; Acorn | THE AVERY FAMILY, ISABEL HERNANDEZ & RICHARD MARSH. We appreciate your generous donations!

Please think of us during this season of giving. Every gift truly matters! If you have any questions about the 100 Days of Giving or need additional information please contact Katherine Carhart, A2O Annual Giving Chair, at [kwcarhart@yahoo.com](mailto:kwcarhart@yahoo.com).

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

### 2017-2018 HONOR ROLL\*

**1938 Society (\$1938+)**  
 ABBIE & TOM SHEPHERD  
 KATHERINE & STEVE CARHART  
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 HADLEY & JAKE LAUGHLIN

**Oak (\$1,000 - \$1,937)**  
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 ERICA & BART FANELLI  
 CATHERINE TRAVELUTE & KEITH WOODBURY

**Heartwood (\$500 - \$999)**  
 HYEN SUNG & MARK NELSON  
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**Acorn (\$25-499)**  
 KATIE CARLSON  
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\*AS OF 12/6/2017