



# GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | December 15, 2017

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## CALENDAR

12/18-12/20: Classroom Spelling Bees  
 12/18: GHES Chorus Sings at Lenbrook Retirement Community  
 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  
 WHEN WE RETURN...  
 1/9: School-Wide Spelling Bee, Grades 1-3  
 1/9: GHES School Tour, 9:30 AM  
 1/9: GO Team Meeting, 5 PM  
 1/10: School-Wide Spelling Bee, Grades 4-5  
 1/12: PTA Board Meeting, 8:15 AM (All are welcome!)

## TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

12/16: Tracey Scott  
 1/5: Allison Malever  
 1/5: Charmaine Amey  
 1/7: Kami Mueller  
 1/9: Renee Green  
 1/16: Melanie Booker  
 1/16: Veronica Hernandez  
 1/26: Desiree Priser  
 1/29: Kiza Draut  
 1/31: Jody Brooks

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

# 97.24% ★★

PK: 97.27%      2nd: 97.35%      5th: 97.75%☺  
 K: 97.05%      3rd: 97.5%  
 1st: 96.79%      4th: 96.99%

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.

## CONGRATULATIONS...

To Simone Davy for making the Million Words Club as a *Second Grader!*

...And to all of the Science Fair participants! The top five projects which will advance to the Atlanta City Regional and District Science Fair in alphabetical order are:

**Hot Mess: 5th Graders: Chelsea Jester, Annie Neufeld, and Mali Piernik**  
**Hovercraft: 5th Graders: Hunter Black, Luca Fanelli, Tristan Le, and Jake Nelson**  
**Lava Lamp Project: 3rd grader: Beckett Phillips**  
**Minty Soda: 4th Graders: Ava Carhart, Arjun Mitra, Landon Stone, and Gwendolyn Woodbury**  
**Water Works: 4th graders: Lindsey Holley, Georgia Parrott, and Maya Williams**

If you have news to share, please send it to [communications@gardenhillselementary.org](mailto:communications@gardenhillselementary.org)



## 100 DAYS OF GIVING ANNUAL CAMPAIGN: SEPT 22-DEC 31, 2017 | WEEK 12

Thank you to our newest Honor Roll members - 1938 Society | KIM KLEISS & KEN PIERNIK; Acorn | KRISTA REILLY - for helping us make progress towards our goal of \$30,000. We are getting close (63% to be exact) but still need your help to make this campaign a success!

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 amazing benefactors below. Join them and send in your donation today!

### 2017-2018 HONOR ROLL\*

**1938 Society (\$1938+)**  
 ABBIE & TOM SHEPHERD  
 KATHERINE & STEVE CARHART  
 DESIREE & LEVI WALLS  
 HADLEY & JAKE LAUGHLIN  
 KIM KLEISS & KEN PIERNIK

**Oak (\$1,000 - \$1,937)**  
 MEGAN & WADE MORRIS  
 KIRSTEN & BOB NEUFELD  
 ERICA & BART FANELLI  
 CATHERINE TRAVELUTE & KEITH WOODBURY

**Heartwood (\$500 - \$999)**  
 HYEN SUNG & MARK NELSON  
 HANNAH & WILL MARTIN

**Acorn (\$25-499)**  
 KATIE CARLSON  
 INGRID LOPEZ  
 JAMILE GHIZONI  
 SULE & CECILY WELCH  
 MARGAUX & CLAYTON WYNTER  
 JOAN DEMARCO & DAVID URIE  
 CHANTAL & ROBERT STEVENSON  
 KIZA & PATRICK DRAUT  
 THE AVERY FAMILY  
 ISABEL HERNANDEZ & RICHARD MARSH  
 KRISTA REILLY

\*AS OF 12/13/2017

**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! 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, beginning at **5:30 PM**. Game starts at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$5.00 per person. NAHS is located at 4111 Northside Pkwy, Atlanta, Georgia 30327.

**Discovery Kids Club Final Meeting: Monday, December 18** The DKC's final meeting will be next Monday. We would love to continue DKC in January, so Mako Williams is looking for volunteers to host or co-host in the Spring. Each meet has an easy pre-planned curriculum. Please contact Mako directly at 404-707-8577 or [atlantarocks@gmail.com](mailto:atlantarocks@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

**Classroom Spelling Bees: December 18-20** Lists have been sent home with all 1st-5th Graders to help them prepare for their class Spelling Bee next week! From those Bees, two e-x-t-r-a-o-r-d-i-n-a-r-y spellers from each classroom will be selected to advance to the School-Wide Bees. **1st-3rd will compete on January 9, 2018, 4th-5th will compete on January 10, 2018.** If you did not receive a list, please visit [www.gardenhillselementary.org](http://www.gardenhillselementary.org) and look on the home page for the post about the Spelling Bee. You'll be able to get your lists from the Scripps National Spelling Bee website.

**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. **\*\*All program participants need to be at GHES at 5:15pm ready for the concert at 6:00pm. Pre-K-3rd, please wear bright festive holiday colors! All CHORUS/HANDBELLS attire - black pants, black shoes and Chorus/Handbells polos which will be given to students next Monday.\*\*** Keep practicing those songs at home! Links to the songs are posted on our website homepage.

**Join the PTA by Dec. 22: Your child's class could win a party!** Join the PTA by December 22nd- the class with the most members wins! 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 last week. Forms are also available at school in the main hallway just outside the front office.

**Rising 6th Grade Sutton Skate Party 1/28/18!** This annual event at Park Tavern is the FIRST opportunity for students from all SIX feeder schools to come together before the start of Middle School. Skates and skate session 12-3pm FREE for all pre-registered Cougars. PTA and Staff will be on hand to informally discuss the Sutton experience and share opportunities for parents to get involved. 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!

**Stuff your stockings with Kiddos Extracurriculars!** Kiddos partners with some of Atlanta's best specialists to offer our Spring Extracurriculars on site! **Registration is open NOW through - January 12.** No Payments due until January 5. Check out Chess, Art, Karate, Kidz Tennis, Drama, 5 Star Sports & Film Making. Also be sure to check out our new Little Veterinarian Class! For more information about each class, the schedule and to Register Online please visit [www.KiddosAtlanta.com](http://www.KiddosAtlanta.com). Classes will begin on January 22 and we can't wait to see you there!

**Thanks for supporting last week's Book Fair!** The Book Fair and Toasty Tuesday were very successful-thank you to volunteers and shoppers alike! The students who made the Million Words Club were each give a book of their choice, and each teacher was given at least two books from their wish list if they had not received books from their lists purchased by parents.

**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!