



GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | January 26, 2018

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CALENDAR

1/26: Prospective Parent Cocktail Party, 6pm
 1/27: Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
 1/27: NAHS Lacrosse Clinic for 1st-5th Graders, 9:30am
 1/28: Sutton Rising 6th Skate Party, 12-3pm
 1/29: LUNCH AT GHES with SUTTON PRINCIPAL, 12-1pm
 1/29: Spirit Night at Farm Burger, 4-10pm: 10% back to GHES!
 1/29: GO Team Meeting, 5pm
 1/30: Parent Mtg- Milestones Tests: 8:15am Media Ctr (3rd-5th)
 1/31: NAPPS Meeting, 12-1pm at E. Rivers Elementary School
 2/1: PTA Board Meeting, 8:15am in the Auditorium. All welcome!
 2/5: Sutton 6th Grade Course Requests Deadline (5th Graders only)
 2/7: Girls On the Run begins, 2:30pm on Weds. & Thursdays
 2/9: MOVIE NIGHT IN THE GYM! Details to come



2/9 @ 6pm!

TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

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

ATTENDANCE JAN. 8-12

97.41%↓

PK: 97.09% 2nd: 98.19% 5th: 98.94%☺
 K: 95.42% 3rd: 97.26%
 1st: 96.91% 4th: 98.10%

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.

The GHES School Day will end at 3:00pm from January 29th-March 30th

Atlanta Public Schools is implementing a plan to make-up school days missed due to inclement weather. Based on feedback from senior leadership, principals, students, staff, the community and the results of a survey, APS will add 30 minutes to end of the school day from January 29 to March 30. This means our school will release at 3:00PM. The additional 30 minutes will allow us to add a specialized instructional period at the end of the day. **We have incorporated our Grades 3-5 tutoring plan into this additional instruction so we will not be having Wednesday after school tutorial as previously planned.** Feel free to contact Mrs. Abbott with any questions.



1/29-3/30

Kiddos Extracurriculars: Classes will be 3:15-4:30pm instead of 2:30-3:45pm. When we return from Spring Break on April 9th we will resume the normal schedule.

Congratulations to our Newest Million Words Club Members: ANNIE NEUFELD, ALICE DAVIS and ARJUN MITRA!



Congratulations to our School Spelling Bee Winners! There was a tie in the 1st-3rd Grade Contest between CONNOR HOLLEY and HUNTER LAUGHLIN, followed by MIA YOO as Runner Up... ARJUN MITRA won the 4th/5th Contest, with a tie for Runner Up between ALEXIS AMOATEY and JACK FUNDERBURK. Word on the streets has it that these contests could have gone on for hours— these kids have *skills!*

GHES Prospective Parent Cocktail Party: Friday, January 26th at 6 pm Kindergarten parents- please consider joining our prospective parent party at Rebecca and John Coppedge's home to meet prospective parents and share your kindergarten experience! **If parents could drop off a bottle of wine for the party at the Coppedge's (2807 N. Hills Drive), that would be great!**

The GHES Reading Bowl Team will compete on Saturday, January 27th! This year's team consists of CAMILLE AVERY, AVA CARHART, ALICE DAVIS, SOFIA EDELMAN, IDRIS FORNIE, ANNIE NEUFELD, MAISIE RAINWATER, RAYA SINGH, and GWENDOLYN WOODBURY. Good Luck to Ms. Lefont and her hard-working team! The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is at Brown Middle School at 9:00am: Teams should arrive by 8:30am.

Reminder: 5th Graders— Register for the Rising 6th Grade Sutton Skate Party! Sunday, 1/28 from 12-3 pm Go to www.gardenhillselementary.org and click the post on the homepage for a link to register. All skaters must have a signed waiver as well.

Parent Lunch with Sutton Principal at GHES: Monday, January 29th from 12-1pm Whether or not you have a rising 6th Grader, we hope you will bring your lunch and join us for an informal chat with Ms. Gail Johnson! The weather spoiled our plans on 1/18, so we are happy to have this event back on the books! We will be in the GHES Auditorium, and the GHES PTA will provide Dessert & Drinks. We hope you will spend your lunch hour with us! Following lunch, Ms. Johnson and Sutton Middle School Administrators will visit with our 5th Graders in a "kids only" forum... During this meeting the students will be given an overview of Sutton, how the course requests for next year will work, and they will be able to ask lots of questions. A few familiar faces (GHES graduates) will be among the visitors, too! Letters with instructions for the students' course requests were sent home today, and will be due **February 5th**. This year, they are asking course requests to be filled out online. **PARENTS, BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THESE PACKETS IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK!** This information will also be posted on our homepage by 1/26/18: www.gardenhillselementary.org.

FARM BURGER Spirit Night at Farm Burger: Monday, January 29th from 4-10pm Farm Burger on Piedmont is donating 10% back to GHES that night, so grab your friends and head over for delicious burgers, home-style fries and amazing milkshakes! Make sure you tell them you're with Garden Hills! They're located at 3365 Piedmont across the street from Kroger.

Georgia Milestones Test Information Meeting: Tuesday, January 30th at 8:15 am Did you know the students in grades 3-5 will be taking the End of Grade Milestones test this year online? Come to an informational session at Garden Hills on January 30th in the Media Center. Ms. Lopez and Mr. Brian Baron from our Testing & Accountability Department will be presenting. You can even try the test yourself! The students will be tested **April 25-30** in the following subject areas: ELA, Writing and Math. Also, the 5th Grade will be tested in Social Studies and Science.

Monthly NAPPS Meeting: Wednesday, January 31st at noon Come out to hear Mr. John Denine, Executive Director of CASIE: Center for the Advancement and Study of International Education and Ms. Thea Murphy of Atlanta Public Schools as they discuss how to best support your student's educational journey within the International Baccalaureate program (IB). John and Thea will highlight the IB curriculum and the various resources aimed to develop inquiring and knowledgeable thinkers, inspired to make a difference at local and global levels through language and cultural understanding. **The meeting will be held at E. Rivers Elementary.** Bring your lunch; dessert and drinks provided by the E. Rivers PTA.

Kiddos Winter Break Camps: Registration Now Open! Join us **Feb 19-23** for Ice Skating, East Palisades Trail Hike, Stars & Strikes, Merchant Movie & Medieval Times Show; and Monday, **March 19th** at The Cornett Ranch in Ellijay! Go to www.kiddosatlanta.com for details and registration. **Sign up Feb 1 for \$25 off per child! Use Code "Earlybird"**

Evening in the Garden Volunteer Opportunities... Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with Evening in the Garden. We are so excited about the momentum we have and look forward to a successful event! Lots of hands are still needed and we have many opportunities to suit talents and schedules. Please contact Kerry or Kelly if you are able to volunteer, or via our Sign Up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aa5a82da02-evening>. Evening in the Garden – Friday, March 23rd – 7:00pm to Midnight – 433 Bishop. Our next planning meetin is scheduled for February 14th at Kelly Hurley's house, 432 Delmont Drive at 8 am. Kerry Dyer (klkoob@hotmail.com) Kelly Hurley (kellyupchurch1@yahoo.com)

Morning Mile will resume February 27th...weather permitting!