



GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | May 11, 2018

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CALENDAR

5/12: Girl Scouts Daisies Mtg, 10am at Chastain Park Playground
 5/12: APS Family Fun Day, 11am-3pm
 5/14-18: INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS WEEK: ITALY!!
 5/15: Family Fine Arts Night-Noche de Musica/Arte, 6:00-8:00pm
 5/16: Pre-K Celebration
 5/16: Federal Programs Title 1 Meeting: 4:30-5:30pm
 5/17: We Are Sutton! Event for Rising 6th: 6-7:30pm
 5/18: Kindergarten Celebration, 10am in the Gym
 5/18: BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS ONLINE ORDER DEADLINE
 5/22: Spirit Night at FarmBurger, 4-10pm
 5/23: 5th Grade Graduation, 9am in the Gym
 5/24: 5th Grade IB Exhibition, 10am
 5/25: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

TEACHER

& STAFF

BIRTHDAYS

5/8: Joanna McLelland
 5/12: Brenda Zion
 5/16: Dawn Baker
 5/28: Greg Chandler
 5/30: Sarah Erickson

ATTENDANCE

97.6%😊

PK: 96.36% 2nd: 98.57% 😊 5th: 98.03%
 K: 95.63% 3rd: 97.84%
 1st: 98.35% 4th: 98.42%

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.

GHEs CELEBRATES ITALY! INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS WEEK: MAY 14-18

The students will spend the week immersed in all things Italian as they learn about the culture, history, art, music and cuisine of Italy!

JOIN US FOR FAMILY FINE ARTS NIGHT, TUESDAY, MAY 15TH, 6-8PM!

★ PIZZA AND SWEET ITALIAN TREATS! ★ CRAFTS AND ART MAKING STATIONS! ★ ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMERS PLAYING WORKS FROM VIVALDI'S *FOUR SEASONS*! ★ PERFORMERS FROM THE ATLANTA OPERA COMPANY PERFORMING ROSSINI'S

OPERA BUFFA - *BARBER OF SEVILLE/EL BARBERO DE SEVILLA*! ★ THE GHEs CHORUS PERFORMING FUN AND FAMOUS ITALIAN SONGS! ★ GHEs STUDENT ART SHOW: EVERY STUDENT WILL HAVE A FRAMED PICTURE FOR SALE! (Parents can purchase your child's framed masterpiece for \$25.00 -Cash or checks payable to GHEs, please!) Bus transportation will be provided from Woodland Hills' Four Seasons Apartments and back.

CI AUGURIAMO DI VEDERVI-WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Congratulations to our Newest Million Words Club Members: AVA CARHART (4th Grade) and ALEX PUGEDA (5th Grade)! We'd also like to congratulate **HUNTER BLACK (5th Grade)** for hitting the 4 MILLION words mark, and **ARJUN MITRA (4th Grade)** for reaching 2 MILLION words! **DRUM ROLL: GHEs STUDENTS HAVE READ OVER 103,000,000 WORDS THIS YEAR!**

Family Fun Day: FREE EVENT Saturday, May 12th from 11am-3pm Health Screenings, Fitness Classes and more, including a Community Baby Shower, providing supplies or mothers in need! This event is sponsored by Mental Health America of Georgia and will be held at Maddox Park at 1115 Donald Lee Holloway Parkway, Atlanta 30318.

Federal Programs Title 1 Meeting: Wednesday, May 16th from 4:30-5:30pm Parents and stakeholders are encouraged to provide input on the education decisions and updates at the Atlanta Public Schools Title 1 Meeting to be held at Washington High School located at 45 Whitehouse Drive, SW, Atlanta 30314.

Rising 6th Graders: We Are Sutton Event! Thursday, May 17th at 6pm All Sutton-bound rising 6th Graders are invited to mix and mingle with your new classmates at the Sutton 6th Grade Campus Gym! There will be a DJ, Food Trucks and Spirit Wear for sale. You'll also find out about the intramural sports and clubs! The 6th Grade Campus is located at 4360 Powers Ferry Road NW, Atlanta 30327.

Kindergarten Promotion/Graduation: Friday, May 18th at 10am in the Gym The students are busy preparing for their big day! Ms. Domingo would like parents' help by having the children practice the program songs at home! Links are listed in the post on our website homepage: www.gardenhillselementary.org.

Order your Fall 2018 Back To School Supply Kits Online By Friday, 5/18! 2018-2019 school supply kits are now available to order online for Pre-K through 5th Grade and GATE. The pre-ordered kits will be waiting in your child's classroom on the first day of school! Go to www.shopitkits.com to order and use **GHEs School Code 66056**. **ONLINE ORDER DEADLINE IS 5/18/18. Paper order forms are due back no later than 5/16/2018.** If you wish to order back packs, lunch boxes, etc. those are only available online this year.

Good News! Transportation Secured for GHEs Spring Events GHEs has arranged for bus transportation to and from school from the Woodland Hills Four Seasons Apartments for the following events: **International Travelers Week Fine Arts Night, the Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony, 3rd Grade Student-Led Conferences, 5th Grade Graduation, Kindergarten Student-Led Conferences, 5th Grade Student-Led Conferences, and the 5th Grade IB Exhibition.**

Change a Life: Volunteer for Horizons Atlanta Summer Program (June 11-July 20) Horizons Atlanta is a 6-week program for 75 rising GHEs 1st-5th Graders, held at Atlanta International School. The program emphasizes literacy and STE(A)M— with arts, fitness, cultural enrichment, field trips, and confidence-building challenges. Volunteers are needed for everything from mystery readers, to teaching assistants, to swim instructors. To learn more about volunteering, please see the post on the GHEs homepage at www.gardenhillselementary.org.

New GA Tax Credit Allows Taxpayers to Contribute to a Public School 'Fund' Parents – have you ever complained “I wish I could dictate where my tax dollars go.” Now you can, sort of: New for 2018 is a GA tax credit where taxpayers can contribute to a public school ‘fund.’ This results in a credit on your GA taxes and goes directly to public schools. 1) Yes, this is also a charitable donation on your federal return which may/may not benefit you 2) No, it doesn't go directly to GHEs, but GHEs is able to apply to get monies from this ‘fund,’ and 3) There's a maximum amount the state allows, so you have to APPLY to get this credit (the application is really just a request form). For example, if your tax liability to GA is usually \$4,000 you can instead write a check for \$1,500 to this public school fund (Innovation Fund Foundation, Inc.) and then your GA tax liability is only \$2,500. But you must apply for this credit! The website to do this is at <https://gosa.georgia.gov/innovation-fund-foundation-tax-credit-information>. And because there is a maximum the state will allow into this fund, it's important to apply ASAP and not wait until the fall. In the Sunday e-newsletter, we'll provide a link to a more detailed explanation on how-to. It's really simple to do, but we recognize with tax law, that it's not always simple to understand why you would do it.

Summer Cheer Camp at 2nd Ponce Family Life Center: June 18-22 Girls ages 6 - 12 are invited to learn how to twirl, cheer and dance this summer at Baton, Cheer & Dance Camp! No experience necessary! You can pick up a flyer from the table located outside GHEs school office. Register online at <http://bit.ly/batoncheerdancecamp2018>. For questions, please contact camp director, Colleen Murphy at 301-580-1474 or email cpmurphy2012@gmail.com.