



# GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | August 17, 2018

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## CALENDAR

8/17: North Atlanta Cluster Football Game @ Grady Stadium  
8/23: Spirit Night @ Moe's  
8/22: Girl Scout Info Meeting @ 5:30 GHES Auditorium  
8/27: Boy Scout Parent Round Up @ 7 in GHES Café  
9/3: No School (Labor Day)

**IB Learner Profile of the Month**  
INQUIRER

## TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

8/17: Latisha Perkins  
8/31: Paige LeFont

**JOIN PTA, CLICK HERE!**

## ATTENDANCE

☺97.5%☺

PK: 95.8%      2nd: 97.1%☺      5th: 98.7%☺  
K: 95.8%      3rd: 97.5%☺  
1st: 98.0%☺      4th: 98.2%☺

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.

## Special Message from Ms. Abbott

It is with a heavy heart that I announce some changes in our staff. Our wonderful secretary, Mrs. Schyuler Bates, will not be returning to Garden Hills this year. She sends her love to all students, staff, and families. In addition, our nurturing Nurse Penland will not be returning this school year. We are currently beginning hiring processes for both of these critical positions. Please send any questions or concerns to Principal Abbott or Assistant Principal Scott.

## Morning Drop Off

Parents, thank you for helping your child get to their classroom the first few weeks of school. Starting last week, to help promote and develop independence, we are asking that students walk to their classrooms on their own without parents' help. If you need to speak with the teacher, please make an appointment, send an email, or text to organize a time to meet. Thank you again, and we look forward to an exciting year of learning and growing at Garden Hills!

## Please Fill Out A Lunch Form

Every family needs to fill out the Federal Eligibility Application (FEA) for Free and Reduced Lunch application (**even if you do not qualify**). You should fill out this form <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application> (click on the Language tab on the right hand side to change to Spanish,) and you will receive a confirmation number once completed. The online form is secure and provides for faster processing time for our APS Nutrition Department. For language assistance call the Office of World Languages at (404) 802-7580.

## APS School Year Calendar Changes and Survey

The Board voted to amend the student calendar this past Monday. Election Day, **November 6, 2018** will be a staff professional learning day and **NO school for students**. View school calendars at <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/domain/10264> Also, please take the APS Calendar Survey to vote and determine the school year calendars for the next three years. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L3TYTYT>

## Friday Night Football! Cluster Night is August 17th North Atlanta vs. Grady TONIGHT!!!

We're kicking off a great school year and football season on Friday, August 17th and inviting the whole cluster for some fun Friday Night Lights. Check out the Facebook Events page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/565925573822039/>

## Girl Scout Parent Information Session

Whether you are returning to Girl Scouts or want to know what's in store for the Girl Scouts come to our meeting. Girls in Kindergarten to 3rd grade and their parent/guardians are invited Wednesday, August 22nd at 5:30 pm in the Garden Hills Auditorium. Please contact kannanewman@gmail.com or debbie.morris@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

## Spirit Night at Moe's August 23rd!

Garden Hills will celebrate the FIRST Spirit Night of 2018-2019 school year. Join us at **Moe's on Thursday, August 23rd from 4:00-8:00pm**. Moe's will donate 20% back to the school. Dr. Erickson will be there painting faces!

## 'Mixing Up' PTA Events!

Mark your calendars for these fun Garden Hills Events hosted by the fantastic Parent/Teacher Association!

**October 20th:** 11am-2pm: Fall Family Fun Day! More details to follow!

**November 9th:** Talent Show! Details including tryouts and rehearsals coming soon.

**May (date TBD):** 3rd-5th Grade Fall Dance is now a Spring Fling!

## 2018 Mercedes-Benz Walk Like MADD 5K

Join the Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta United FC, Atlanta Track Club and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for the 2018 Mercedes-Benz Stadium 5K/Walk Like MADD on September 15, 2018 starting at 7:30 a.m. All ages can participate visit <https://www.atlantatrackclub.org/2018-mercedes-benz-stadium-5k/walk-like-madd> for more information! Deadline to register is September 11th.

### Our Mission

Garden Hills Elementary School will develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are well-informed and respectful to others.

### Our Vision

To be leading provider of the Primary Years Programme, preparing students for the intellectual challenges of further education, focusing on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside.

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