



GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FRIDAY FLYER | August 24, 2018

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CALENDAR

8/28: Boy Scout Parent Round Up @ 7 in GHES Café
9/3: No School (Labor Day)
9/4: First Morning Mile
9/7: PTA Meeting @ 8:15 am
9/9: Grandparents Day and Rosh Hashanah starts @ Sunset

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: 96.6% 2nd: 97.4%☺ 5th: 98.4%☺
K: 96.6% 3rd: 97.7%☺
1st: 97.9%☺ 4th: 98.4%☺

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.

URGENT 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/L3TYTYV>

'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!

Boy Scout Parent Round-Up Meeting

The Boy Scouts will visit all First through 5th grade classrooms on the August 27th and will encourage them to join. All families who are interested in Boy Scouts mark your calendar for August 28th for an informational meeting at 7 in GHES's Café.

Talent Takes the Stage

Hi students! It's not too early to think about auditioning for the Garden Hills Talent Show. The show will be held on **November 9th** and requires four after school rehearsals. We can't wait to see what the kids have to offer. Singing, dancing, magic tricks, and MORE! More information to come about auditions!

Morning Mile

Our dedicated parent volunteers are excited to start morning mile after Labor Day! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 4th for the **FIRST** run/walk. Students will gather on the playground field when they arrive at school, run/walk laps, and record their totals daily. It's a great way to get some morning exercise and spend time with friends. Morning Mile is every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 7:55, weather permitting. Each semester we reward the highest total miles! Set a goal and run it out!

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.

IB Info for Home!

We have monthly learners profile words with the IB programme. They are noted at the top of every Friday Flyer. During the month of August, we have celebrated, recognized, and explored what it means to be an **INQUIRER**. Students who are **INQUIRERS** are curious about the world. They conduct research independently. They love learning and discovering new things and will carry this love of learning with them throughout life. Here are two easy ways to support your **INQUIRER** at home:

- 1) Take a trip to the public library to investigate books about your student's interests. From out of this world space exploration to bugs and critters found in the garden, getting lost in a book is a great way to develop critical thinking and questioning skills. Check out the [Atlanta-Fulton Public Library website](http://atlantafultonpubliclibrary.org) for hours and FREE library card access! **They have an app for smart phones, too!
- 2) Play a fun game of "Would you Rather" during dinner! For example, would you rather catch butterflies or worms on the playground or would you rather eat pizza or macaroni and cheese everyday for lunch? Questioning games are a great way to get conversations and creative thinking started! For more questions for the "Would you Rather" game [CLICK HERE!](#)

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.