



HEMBREE HIGHLIGHTS



FROM THE DESK OF LAURIE WOODRUFF

JANUARY 8 2016

ELEMENTARY

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I wish each one of you a happy and prosperous 2016! I would also like to welcome all new students to Hembree Springs. Can you believe that we are already eight days into the new year? We're getting back into routines, but remember that school will be closed on Monday, January 18th, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Looking ahead at this semester, we have many fun and enriching events planned: Science Days for each grade level, ACCESS tests for all ESOL students, the Georgia Milestone Assessments for students in grades 3-5, book clubs, the Sweetheart Dance, Field Day, Hembree Runs Wild, Curriculum Showcase and so much more - stay tuned! Don't forget to read Hembree Highlights every Friday for schedules and updates about all of the wonderful things that are going on at our school.

Just a note related to carpool. Effective, Monday, January 11th carpool students will be dismissed from inside. With the cold weather upon us, we decided it would be best to dismiss from indoors like we do on other inclement weather days. Indoor carpool dismissal will continue through the end of the semester. Student will be dismissed from the A Hall doors instead of the Front Lobby. Our car pool staff will bring your children to the car quickly and safely, then you can be on your way.

You will be receiving your child's report card next Friday, January 15th. Please take a few minutes and discuss it with him/her. If you have any questions, please set up a conference with the teacher. I am so proud of the progress that our students have made over the first semester, and look forward to seeing even more growth in their learning as we start the second part of our year together.

Please let us know if your phone or e-mail contacts have changed. You can e-mail your child's teacher or our data specialist, Mrs. Donna Lagimoniere at Lagimoniere@fultonschools.org. Likewise, if you have received a letter from our Records Department requesting documents, please bring these documents in as soon as possible. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Lagimoniere at (470) 254-2902 or email her at the address above.

Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Important Dates - January 2016

- 1/11 GCI Photography Club & Candid Pictures
- 1/12 Title I Parent Math Night Workshop 6 pm
- 1/13 4th& 5th Grade Spelling Bee 8 am
- 1/14 Star Night 6:30 pm
- 1/18 MLK Holiday No School
- 1/19 Spirit Night at MOE'S 4:30-8:30 pm
- 1/27 100th School Day,
Spirit Night - Baskin & Robbins 4:30 - 8:30 pm
- 1/29 1st and 2nd Grade Science Day

4th and 5th Grade SPELLING BEE

On Wednesday, January, 13th at 8 am a representative from each 4th and 5th grade class will compete in our Spelling Bee. The winner will represent Hembree in the district Spelling Bee later in the semester. Parents of participants are invited to attend.

Parent Math Night

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

6:00 PM—7:00 PM



First, Amy Kilbride, Title I Lead Math Specialist with Fulton County, will deliver a presentation about math rigor in the classroom.

There will be breakout sessions by grade level to preview the math curriculum to be taught during the 3rd quarter, as well as learn strategies you can use at home to help your kids practice and master standards.

All parents are invited!

Childcare will be provided for Hembree Springs students.

Spanish interpretation available at general and breakout sessions.

This meeting is part of the Title I Program at Hembree Springs Elementary offered to ALL parents for the success of ALL students.

Notes from the Observatory for Thursday, January 14, 2016 Orion and the Winter Sky

On Thursday evening, January 14, at 6:00 pm, we will be exploring the wonders of the winter sky. Orion the Hunter will be rising into view just after sunset presenting us with views of fascinating objects such as red supergiant stars, and glowing clouds of gas where new stars are being born. The Moon will be a couple of days away from First Quarter providing great views of craters, lava "seas", cliffs, and the Apollo 11 landing site.

To check for the latest updates on weather conditions on the day of the Star Night, please go to www.HSAstronomy.weebly.com.

Hope to see you all there!

Javier Tavel



Deadline is Feb. 15 for Hardship Transfer Applications



An online application will be available beginning January 1 for parents who wish to apply for a 2016-2017 hardship transfer for their child(ren) or to renew a current hardship to another Fulton elementary, middle, or high school.

Hardship transfer requests are those that relate to medical reasons, curriculum differences, childcare situations, or for employees' children. Parents will use an online form to enter and submit their information.

Hard copy applications will not be accepted, with the exception of medical transfers which require pertinent medical provider's signatures and documentation. The online application for hardship transfers went live on the district website January 1, with a deadline of February 15, 2016, by 4:30 p.m. All requests must be submitted by this date and time.

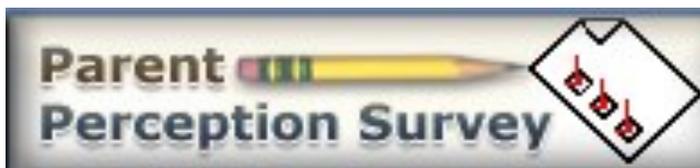
Schools participating in open enrollment, a separate transfer process that allows students to move to a school with available space, will be announced in early May.

Medical documentation for medical hardships must be submitted via email by the deadline to: studentassignment@fultonschools.org; student application ID number and name should be referenced in the subject line. No exceptions or extensions can be granted.

Parents with questions, or who need more information about hardship transfers, can contact the Fulton County Schools' Student Assignment Office at 470-254-5550 or visit www.fultonschools.org/en/divisions/ops/plan/Pages/Student_Assignment.aspx.



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Georgia Department of Education Parent Survey

The time has come to administer the Department of Education's **Georgia Parent Survey** for the 2015-2016 school year. Data from the Georgia Parent Survey will be used to calculate the School Climate Star Rating within the *College and Career Ready Performance Index* (CCRPI). The Georgia Parent Survey will remain open through February 26, 2016.

The survey has 24 questions and should take no more than 5 - 10 minutes to complete. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Department of Education for analysis. We hope that all parents participate in the survey; however, there is no mandatory participation rate. After you click on the link below, a drop-down menu will appear and you will select our district and school.: <http://apps.gadoe.org/schoolclimate/parents.nsf/Survey.xsp>

PBIS comes to Hembree Springs...



Hembree Springs is implementing a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program in order to provide a more positive learning environment for all students, teachers, and staff. The goal of our PBIS program is to create a social culture in our school building that will encourage positive behaviors and interactions that will lead to a more positive environment where students can achieve academically and build better relationships with each other and with adults. The foundation of the PBIS program emphasizes teaching students the school-wide behavior expectations, reminding students to use expected behaviors, acknowledging students when they are seen demonstrating these behaviors, and positively correcting them when they do not.

Hembree Springs Behavior Expectations:

Be Helpful
Accept Responsibility
Work Together
Be Kind
Be Safe

What happens when my child displays expected behaviors?

Any administrator, teacher, or staff member in the building can give rewards to students who display expected behaviors. Rewards include:

PBIS tickets: "Caught Being a Hawk" tickets are awarded to students who demonstrate behavior expectations and can be redeemed weekly for prizes.

Monthly Celebrations: At the end of every month, two students from each grade level will be selected from the PBIS tickets. These students will participate in a celebration to acknowledge success in following the school-wide behavior expectations.

What can you do to help with PBIS?

- Review the behavior expectations with your child.
- Ask your child about his/her school day.
- Ensure that your child is well rested and on time for each school day.
- Encourage your child to do his/her homework and keep up with his/her classes.
- Stay in contact with your child's teacher(s).
- Encourage your child to use proper language and tone.
- Practice polite phrases like "Thank you," "Please," and "Excuse me."
- Incorporate Be Helpful, Acept Responsibility, Work Together, Be Kind, and Be Safe in family rules.
- Be involved with the school. Attend school functions and activities when possible.
- Volunteer.

Giving Tree Update

Thanks to our generous Hembree Springs families, we were able to donate over \$900.00 in cash and gift certificates to the Foster Care Support Foundation. We also delivered three car loads of toys. Thank you to all who helped make our drive a success. Children enter the foster care system daily. Please remember Foster Care Support when you have clothes or toys you want to donate. They are located close to the school at 115 Mansell Place, Roswell.

SPIRIT NIGHT at MOES's (Hwy 92):

Come have dinner with your friends and support our school. Spirit Night will be on Tuesday, January 19th from 4:30pm – 8:30 pm. Hope to see you there!





2017-2022 Capital Plan Community Meetings

2017-2022 Capital Plan for Facilities and Technology

The community is invited to attend a series of community meetings to hear Facility Master Plan concepts which include information gathered from the recent facilities use survey. The meeting locations are listed below.

Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.	Asa Hilliard Elementary School
Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.	Chattahoochee High School
Thursday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.	Milton Center (Media Center)
Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.	Stonewall Tell Elementary School
Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.	Dunwoody Springs Elementary School

Click [here](#) to confirm your attendance or copy and paste this link : www.FCScapitalplan.eventbrite.com. Thank you for your participation.

Hembree Springs Elementary
Hembree Springs PE
Hembree Springs Media Center
Hembree Springs Fine Arts



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