



HEMBREE HIGHLIGHTS



FROM THE DESK OF LAURIE WOODRUFF

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ELEMENTARY

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I wish each one of you a happy and prosperous New Year! I also welcome all of our new students to Hembree Springs. Can you believe that we are already nine days into the new year? Remember that school will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. Looking ahead at this semester, we have many fun and enriching events planned: Science Days for each grade level, ACCESS test for all ESOL students, the Georgia Milestone Assessment for students in grades 3-5, book clubs, Field Day, field trips, and so much more! Stay tuned and don't forget to read this newsletter every Friday.

The weather has gotten bitterly cold. Please, please bundle up you children in coats, hats and gloves. With that in mind, our lost and found is still overflowing. We haven't had a chance to gather these items up and deliver them to NFCC. So, this would be an excellent time to have you child check for their missing belongings.

You will be receiving your child's report card next week. Please take a few minutes and discuss it with him/her. Also, if you have any questions, please set up a conference with the teacher. Please let us know if your phone or e-mail contacts have changed. You can e-mail your child's teacher or our data clerk, Mrs. Donna Lagimoniere at Lagimoniere@fultonschools.org.

Finally, I would like to announce the finalists for Teacher of the Year 2014-2015. All of our teachers are outstanding and you reflected that with your nominations. The three finalists are Holly Marzetti, Teresa Reid, and Novel Tooley. Congratulations to these three outstanding teachers.

Laurie Woodruff Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 1/12 Extended School Day Starts
- 1/13 Parent Meeting: Writing (Grades 3-5) 6p.m.
- 1/19 MLK Jr. Holiday– NO SCHOOL
- 1/21 Linda Schultz Community Meeting @ Holcomb Bridge Middle 9:30 a.m.
- 1/22 PTA General Meeting 7:40 a.m.
- 1/22 Spirit Night at El Porton 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 1/26 100th Day of School
- 1/27 Spirit Night at Sky Zone 4p.m. to 8 p.m.



Dismissal Reminders

You must come in before 2 p.m. if and when you are checking your student (s) out early. We only allow check out for "emergencies" and special circumstance (Sick student in Clinic, D.E.AR. Readers, etc.) after 2 p.m. Please do not call or fax transportation changes in after 2 p.m. We won't get those requests since we are managing dismissal. Encourage your child to ride the bus– this will result in less traffic and wait time in carpool for you.

Our next Family Spirit Night is Tuesday, January 22, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at El Porton. Hope to see everyone there to kickoff the second semester with salsa and spirit!

Parent Night: *Writing* in grades 3,4,5

Tuesday, January 13th
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Media Center

Sue Huber, Curriculum Support Teacher, and grade level teachers will do a presentation and demonstration of the stages and genres of writing, how writing is taught at school, and tips for parents.

Don't miss it!

Lunch & Learn and Parent Night are part of the Title I Program at Hembree Springs Elementary offered to All parents for the academic success of all our students.

Hembree Springs Release Days

February 13, 2015

May 1, 2015

Students will NOT have school on these days!

Our teachers will be learning and growing!

Make alternate childcare arrangements these days.

UPCOMING GEORGIA MILESTONE ASSESSMENTS

Technology is a vital component of the upcoming Georgia Milestones assessments that have replaced the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT). The 2014-15 goal for all schools is a minimum of 30% of students testing online. That goal will increase in future years as the state will require all testing to occur online in the near future. All Hembree Springs Elementary School 4th graders will take the Georgia Milestones online this year. Multiple Special Education, English as a Second Language, and 504 small groups from 3rd and 5th grade may also take the assessment online. The majority of students in 3rd and 5th grade will be assessed using paper and pencil. All students are being afforded more opportunities than usual this semester to interact with the computers in preparation for this inaugural year for Georgia Milestones.

The state is conducting an online readiness test in all schools for Georgia Milestones next Tuesday, 1/13/15, between 10:00-11:00. The state is conducting this test to work out any glitches that may occur when thousands of students log-on at the same time so that testing this spring can go smoothly. All Hembree Springs Elementary School 4th graders will participate in this experience. They will not be scored and we will not know how they did. It is however a great opportunity for them to practice logging on, to take a practice test created by the same company that created the Georgia Milestones, and basically interact with the testing environment they will experience this spring.

NOW Available ROSETTA STONE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

This program for Parents of Hembree Springs students is now available in the media center each day during school hours. For more information or support, **contact: Ana Maria Jimenez Carmen Santos, Parent Liaisons, for more information.**

Science Day

One of the most loved events of the year, Science Days are coming. 1st and 2nd grade will have Science Day on January 30th. Students in each grade spend several hours conducting hands-on experiments connected to what they are learning in science. Signup using the form coming home in your student's Friday Folder. If you have any questions please contact the 1st Grade Coordinator—Adriana Daniel at adrianam.daniel@gmail.com or 2nd Grade Coordinator Allison Liguori at allisonliguori@hotmail.com

Calling all Girl Soccer Players!

Roswell High School 2015 Girls Snowball Soccer Camp

February 7th and 8th from 1 to 4 PM at Mountain Park Elementary
Join our RHS Coaching Staff along with Varsity and JV players! This week-end camp is for girl soccer players grades K - 5. We will rotate through soccer skill drills, soccer games, and small-sided scrimmages based on age and ability level. Our GIRLS ONLY winter soccer camp is dedicated to having fun while improving skills for any level soccer player.

Cost is \$60, includes a camper T-shirt and hot chocolate!
To register, email roswellhighschoolwomenssoccer@gmail.com
Thank you!

Hembree Springs Elementary
Hembree Springs Media Center
Hembree Springs Physical Education



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Media Center is looking for volunteers! Our Media Center is a great resource for the students of Hembree Springs, providing them with the staff and materials to develop good reading and research skills. However, volunteers play a crucial role in keeping the Media Center running smoothly, by reshelving books as they are returned, helping students find books, working the check-out counter, mending books, preparing new books for circulation, etc. It is a very flexible, low-commitment volunteer position, as you can work as much or as little as you want, and anytime during the school day, which allows you to fit the volunteer work into your schedule! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the Media

Deadline is Feb. 17 for Hardship Transfer Application

Applications for those who wish to apply for a 2015-2016 hardship transfer or to renew a current hardship to another Fulton elementary, middle or high school are now available. Parents will use an online form, available through the Student Assignment Office's [website](#). Hard copy applications are not required this year, with the exception of medical transfers which require pertinent medical provider's signatures and documentation.



The deadline for submitting a transfer application is February 17, 2015, by 4:30 p.m., with no exceptions or extensions granted. All requests must be received or postmarked by this date and time. The February 17 deadline applies to students and parents seeking a hardship transfer for medical reasons, curriculum differences, and/or child care situations. School system employees' children who want to submit or renew a hardship transfer request have the same deadline.

Parents with questions or who need more information about hardship transfers can contact the Fulton County Schools' Student Assignment Office at 404-763-5550 or visit the Student Assignment [website](#).



The time has come to administer the Department of Education's **Georgia Parent Survey** for the 2014-2015 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 27, 2015.

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. 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>

Thank you for participating in the Georgia Parent Survey.

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