



# HEMBREE HIGHLIGHTS



FROM THE DESK OF LAURIE WOODRUFF

JANUARY 15, 2016

ELEMENTARY

Dear Families,

I realize we have had several very cold mornings and therefore the number of students getting to school late has increased. It is very important that they be on time. If your child is a car rider, please arrive at the school between 7:15 and 7:25 a.m. so he/she can get into the building before 7:30 a.m. This will leave sufficient time to unpack, socialize, and be prepared to start instruction as soon as announcements are made.

You should have received your child's report card today. If you have not received it, please check your child's book bag or email his/her teacher. Please discuss the grades with your child. If the grades were not what you were expecting, develop a system to help him/her take responsibility for his/her studies; whether it is test taking, completing homework and projects, or organizing his/her binders. Our expectations in the second semester will be higher because we will also begin preparing our students for the transition to the next grade level.

Get your dancing shoes ready for our Sweetheart Dance coming up on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be music, door prizes, and many photo opportunities. Look for the flyer in your child's book bag today.

Remember, Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> is the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. There will be no school. Have a relaxing, warm weekend.... I look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Warm regards,

*Laurie Woodruff*, Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1/18 MLK Jr. Holiday– NO SCHOOL.**
- 1/19 Katha Stuart Community Meeting w/Julie Bernath @ Holcomb Bridge Middle School 9:30 am.**  
  
**Spirit Night at Moe's (Hwy 92) located at 930 Woodstock Rd, Roswell 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- 1/27 100th Day of School.**  
  
**Spirit Night at Baskin-Robbins 3 pm to 8 pm.**
- 1/29 Science Day 1st and 2nd Grades.**
- 2/05 Sweetheart Dance 6 to 8 pm.**

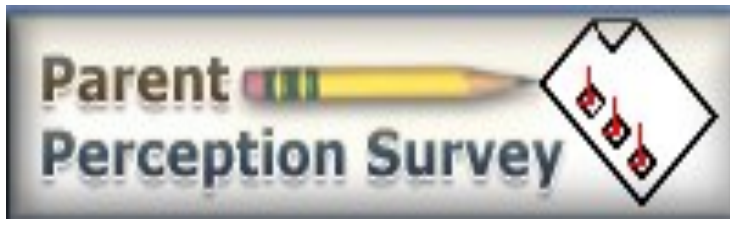
## Spelling Bee Winner

Hembree Springs crowned a new Spelling Bee champion on January 13, 2016. Marziah Islam spelled words such as insouciance, larynx, and auriferous to triumph over fierce competition. Micah Lim was the runner-up in the bee. Twenty 4th and 5th grade students represented their homerooms in the Spelling Bee. They are: Nicholas Pelloni, Jacob Meador, Daniela Bazarte, Shane Nurse, Noelle Sambol, Alivia Grigg, Carlos Santiago, Ellie Chilton, Rohith Acharya, Maximo Arellano, Kaitlin Ros, Carolyn Cashin, Diego Flores-Lira, Krish Kochhar, Nikhil Acharya, Archer Abbott, Sophia Liguori, Brandon Soto, Micah Lim, and Marziah Islam. Our school winner, Marziah Islam, will compete in the Fulton County Spelling Bee on January 30, 2016 at Heards Ferry Elementary. Good Luck to Marziah!

## SPIRIT NIGHT at MOE'S (Hwy 92)

Our next Family Spirit Night is Tuesday, January 19th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Moe's located at 930 Woodstock Rd, Roswell. Mention Hembree Springs when you order so we get credit for you attending. Hope to see everyone there to kickoff the second semester with salsa and spirit!





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 27, 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. Go to 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.

Volunteers Needed  
Hembree Runs Wild & Annual Basket Raffle

Interested in helping with Hembree Runs Wild 5K and 1K Fun Run and/or the Annual Basket Raffle? Join us Monday mornings (except the 18th since NO SCHOOL) at 7:40 am. Contact Laura Calvert with questions via email at [Lcalvert@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lcalvert@bellsouth.net) or call (404) 307-6953.

Come out and help with these fun and exciting events coming in April.

Sweetheart Dance – Friday, February 5th

Hembree Springs is hosting its fourth annual Sweetheart Dance on Friday, February 5th from 6 – 8pm. Students attend this event with their parents (or other special adult). Space is limited. Ticket order forms are in Friday folders. Return completed order forms to school by Tuesday, January 26th, 2016.



**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.

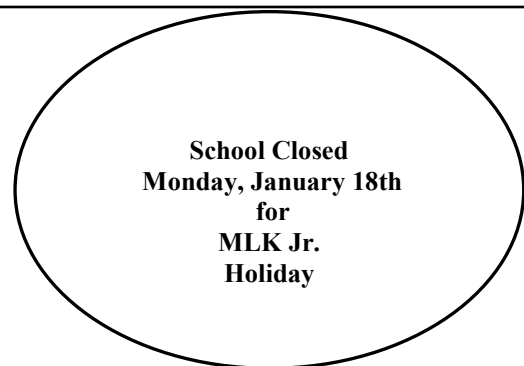
Hardship transfer requests are those that relate to medical reasons, curriculum differences, childcare situations, or for employees' children. Parents will use an online form to enter and submit their information.

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.

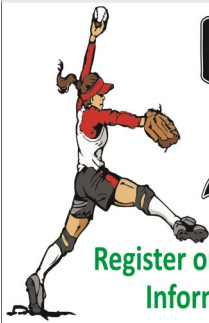
Schools participating in open enrollment, a separate transfer process that allows students to move to a school with available space, will be announced in early May.

Medical documentation for medical hardships must be submitted via email by the deadline to: [studentassignment@fultonschools.org](mailto: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](http://www.fultonschools.org/en/divisions/ops/plan/Pages/Student_Assignment.aspx).



## Roswell Fastpitch Softball



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Register online at [www.roswellgov.com](http://www.roswellgov.com)  
Information Call 770-641-3823

Roswell Recreational Fast pitch Softball is designed for players of all skill levels. Evaluations are held February 6, and the season runs through May 21, 2016.

**Sign up today and enjoy the fun!**

### Fees:

Before January 23: \$140, Residents/  
\$210, Non-Residents

After January 23: \$154, Residents/  
\$231, Non-Residents



**Don't forget to collect and turn in box tops!**

Hembree Springs Elementary  
Hembree Springs Media Center  
Hembree Springs Physical Education  
Hembree Springs Fine Arts



Science Days are coming.

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>: KK

May 8<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> grade



Students in each grade spend several hours conducting hands-on experiments connected to what they are learning in science. Volunteers are needed. The experiments are done in small groups led by volunteers. Please sign up by completing and returning the form that you receive in your student's Friday folder. For 1st grade you can use Sign up genius <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0E45A4AA22A46-1stgrade>

Mark your calendars - **Volunteer Day** is coming up on Friday, **February 19th**. This is a great time to give a day back to Hembree Springs. We have jobs of all sizes, for all people - join us for a fun day of working together for our school and students.

Looking for Graphic Artists to volunteer to help us with some projects. If you can help, please contact Laura Calvert at (404) 307-6953 or email at [Lcalvert@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lcalvert@bellsouth.net)

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**WORKING TOGETHER TO LEARN AND GROW BEYOND OUR DREAMS!**