



HEMBREE HIGHLIGHTS



FROM THE DESK OF LAURIE WOODRUFF

JANUARY 16, 2015

Dear Families,

I realize we have had quite a few bad weather days 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 in 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 on Thursday. 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 its 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 structures and demands of the next grade level.

I hope you enjoy your nice long weekend! Take care, and we'll see your children bright and early Tuesday morning.

Regards,
Laurie Woodruff Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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.**
- 1/27 100th Day of School (Correction)**
- 1/29 Spirit Night at Sky Zone 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Correction)**
- 1/30 Science Day 1st and 2nd Grades**



Spelling Bee Winner

Hembree Springs crowned a new Spelling Bee champion on January 9, 2015. Chandler Lewis spelled words such as irrigation, ignominious, and whippoorwill to triumph over fierce competition. Noelle Sambol was the runner-up in the bee. Twenty 4th and 5th grade students represented their homerooms in the Spelling Bee. They are: Lauren Jones, Carlos Luz, Isabella Doss, Alex Dionisio, Jessica Albregts, Lorelei Mendes, Will Jackson, Samantha Torres, Kylie Konieczny, Jackson Kemp, Rohith Acharya, Chandler Lewis, Yusuf Kshem, Jaiyah Saafi, Sam Kinney, Noelle Sambol, Marziah Islam, Adam Boswell, Saad Hussain, and Brandon Soto. Our school winner, Chandler Lewis, will compete in the Fulton County Spelling Bee on February 7th at Dolvin Elementary. Good Luck to Chandler!

Hembree Springs Release Day


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.



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

Our next Family Spirit Night is Thursday, 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!



Mark your calendars - **Volunteer Day** is coming up on **Thursday, 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.

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 Center, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0549a8a82da13-media>.

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 or Carmen Santos, Parent Liaisons, for more information.**

Science Days are coming.

Jan. 30th: 1st and 2nd grade

Feb. 20th: 3rd and 4th grade

Mar. 6th: KK

May 8th: 5th 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 students' Friday folder.

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 weekend 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 roswellhighschoolwomensoccer@gmail.com

Thank you!

Please come out and support Roswell High Girls Soccer!

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](#).

Help Hembree Springs earn money by downloading the **Sho-paroo App**. So far this school year, 2nd grade has contributed more than double the points of any other grade level! Way to go 2nd grade. This is an easy way to give back to our school. Simply download the **App**, select Hembree Springs as your school (and your grade level), snap a picture of a receipt from any store - and you are on your way to earning for our school!

Parent Perception Survey

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. 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.

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