



# HEMBREE HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Parents,

Hope you enjoyed the long weekend! I've noticed so many of our students being creative with their accessories (socks, sweaters, headbands, etc.) for our uniforms. For these winter months, you can always layer with turtlenecks or long sleeved T-shirts. We thank you for your continued support of this initiative! Our neighboring schools have contacted me to ask about our process of implementation because they want to do the same at their schools! Stay tuned because our PTA is getting ready to hold a huge consignment sale of uniforms where you can sell your child's uniforms and keep the earnings!

Many of you may be aware that our school system had submitted a proposal (for a charter program) to the state. Our superintendent and school board members met with representatives from the state last week. We are now awaiting their decision. If approved, the charter will give us flexibility in many areas. You can read the details on the Fulton County website.

Looking ahead, our students in grades 3-5 will take the CRCT from April 11 to April 18. Please do not plan vacations during the months leading up to these tests. Third graders must pass the reading test to be promoted to the fourth grade, and fifth graders must pass reading and math to move to the sixth grade. Our fifth graders will also take the state writing assessment on March 7.

The next time you come by the school, I'm sure you'll notice the pretty art work on the glass doors! Thanks to our art teacher, Ms. Reid for the beautiful strokes!

Until next week...stay warm and take care.

*Kali Raju*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 24 El Porton Family Night; 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
January 26 No Chorus Rehearsal  
January 27 Kindergarten Science Day  
January 28 Saturday Night Under the Stars  
February 2 Center for Puppetry Arts – 1<sup>st</sup>; 8:45 a.m.  
Teaching Museum – 4<sup>th</sup>; 9 a.m.  
Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee at Elkins  
Pointe MS; 10 a.m.  
Chorus Rehearsal; 2:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Fulton County Spelling Bee @  
Mount Olive Elementary; 5 p.m.  
February 4 Saturday Night Under the Stars  
February 8 LSAC Meeting; 7:30 a.m.  
February 9 Chorus Rehearsal; 2:20 p.m. to  
3:30 p.m.  
February 10 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Science Day  
February 14 FCBOE Pre-Board Mtg @ Admin  
Center; 5 p.m.  
February 16 Box Tops Are Due  
Chorus Rehearsal; 2:20 p.m. to  
3:30 p.m.  
No Extended Day Classes  
Progress Skills Checklist Go Home  
February 17 Student/Teacher Holiday - No School  
February 20 President's Day – No School  
February 21 No Extended Day Classes  
Linda Schultz Community Meeting @  
Mimosa; 9:30 a.m.  
February 23 GA Aquarium – Kindergarten; 8:45 p.m.  
Cici's Pizza Family Night; 4 p.m. to  
8 p.m.

Chorus Rehearsal; 2:20 p.m. to  
3:30 p.m.  
FCBOE Board Mtg @ Dunwoody  
Springs; 5 p.m.  
February 24 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Day

## SPIRIT NIGHT AT EL PORTON January 24

Our next Family Spirit Night will be on Tuesday, January 24, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at El Porton. Come show your Hembree Springs spirit with some salsa! You can eat in or take out...just tell them you're there for Hembree Springs! Look for the sign in sheets!

## CONSIGNMENT SALE FOR UNIFORMS

Would you like to donate or consign your outgrown HSES standardized dress clothes? We will be holding our first ever consignment sale on March 24. Bring in your gently used skirts, shorts, pants, and polo shirts and get some of that hard earned money back. Please contact Tara Robertson or Rachel Jordan at [consignment@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:consignment@hembreespringspta.org) by March 10 with questions or to reserve your spot. All items must be tagged before the sale date by the sellers themselves.

If you have items, but prefer not to stay and sell them, we will be accepting donations and donating the proceeds back to the school. Items may be dropped off in the "donations" bin in the lobby.

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

## SCIENCE DAYS

We are still looking for Science Day volunteers for our Kindergarten Science Day on January 27 and our First and Second Grade Science Day on February 10.

To volunteer for the Kindergarten Science Day, please send an e-mail to [ScienceK@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:ScienceK@hembreespringspta.org). To volunteer for First and Second Grade Science day, please send an e-mail to [Science1and2@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:Science1and2@hembreespringspta.org). We would love to see YOU here to help our budding scientists.

## TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON Wednesday, February 15

Show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them! The next Teacher and Staff Appreciation luncheon will be Wednesday, February 15. The theme is Italian. Send in your favorite Italian dishes, soups, salads, and desserts! It doesn't have to be fancy, just a way to say thanks to our teachers and staff with your family's favorite homemade dish.

Please contact Stephanie Coelho at [stephanie.thirtyone@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.thirtyone@gmail.com) or 678-522-0375 if you can bring a main dish, soup, salad, or dessert, and if you will be able to volunteer the day of the luncheon. Please drop off your items no later than 10 a.m.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEACHER AND STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Would you like to help the teachers and staff of Hembree Springs celebrate their birthdays? You can volunteer by making or purchasing cakes or cupcakes and/or delivering them on or near their birthday. Please e-mail Stephanie Coelho at [stephanie.thirtyone@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.thirtyone@gmail.com) or call her at 678-522-0375 if you can help.

## HARDSHIP TRANSFER APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE Deadline: February 15

Applications are available for parents who wish to apply for a 2012-13 hardship transfer or to renew a current hardship to another Fulton elementary, middle, or high school. Parents can use an [online form](#) or go to <http://fultonschoolsplanning.net/transferapp.aspx> to enter their information and then print it to obtain signatures and/or supporting documentation.

The deadline for submitting a transfer application is February 15 by 4:30 p.m. No exceptions or extensions will be granted. All requests must be received or postmarked by this date and time. Applications can be sent by mail, fax, or hand-delivery to: *Fulton County Schools' Student Assignment Office, c/o Meadows Operations Center, 5270 Northfield Blvd., College Park, GA, 30349, (FAX) 404-763-5546.*

The February 15 deadline applies to students and parents seeking a hardship transfer for medical reasons, curriculum differences, or child care situations.

## CURRICULUM CORNER Grades – To Bribe or Not to Bribe

Every parent has the age-old question: "Should you bribe your child to do homework?" "Should you pay your child for good grades?" And the answer is yes – and no.

Everyone responds to some form of bribery in life. Bribery is the promise of something in return for doing something. But bribery has a negative implication, whereas reward is a positive influence. Rewards may be personal (feeling good about ourselves), social (being thanked or praised by others), or material (receiving a concrete reward).

Most children are not mature enough to accept personal rewards, so they may need material rewards. Material rewards can be effective to motivate a child to improve a behavior, grade card, or practice, but should not be used as the only means for improvement. The material rewards need to be phased out when no longer needed and replaced with personal or social rewards. Rewards for children need to be frequent, consistent, and appropriate.

As well, consequences should be spelled out ahead of time. Parents who set consequences with children also need to be sure they can live with the consequences. By developing consequences, parents are actually giving children a choice. If the child chooses the consequence for not following through on the expectation, a suitable consequence should be given.

Appropriate consequences do not include buying expensive toys for completing homework or receiving acceptable grades; on the other hand, grounding your child for a month for failing to live up to an expectation is not appropriate either.

Goals need to be short term and rewards small for young children. As children mature, the goals can be more long-term and the rewards or consequences should be equivalent to their maturity.

## BOX TOPS CONTEST GOING ON NOW

Box Tops are slowly trickling in! Remember to turn yours in. Place them in a bag and turn them in to the designated box at the front of the school. Make sure you label your bag with your name and your teacher's name because the class with the most Box Tops will win a prize! **All Box Tops are due by February 16.** Also, don't forget to shop online at the Box Top Marketplace where you can earn extra Box Tops for your child's class! Let's see if we can beat our fall earnings of \$1,300. If you have any questions, please e-mail Jennifer Hasson at [jhasson@me.com](mailto:jhasson@me.com).

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