



Eagle News

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Dear HFE Families,

Wow, what a month March was! We celebrated College and Career awareness throughout the school. Thank you to all of the volunteers who shared and inspired our students with their careers. Teachers and staff were also treated to an amazing Staff Appreciation Week full of excitement and gratitude for all that they do during the year. Finally, we had a fun and successful Parent Party where we raised a record amount for our school and enjoyed being together with other HFE parents and staff. We look forward to more events with our students in April and May including New Student Round Up, International Week and Field Day.

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The Eagle Alliance cannot do any of this work without our wonderful volunteer community. In our quarterly meeting, on April 17th, we will elect a new slate of volunteers to lead this organization. Please plan on attending this meeting in the school's cafeteria at 7:45 a.m. to approve this slate:

- Co-Presidents: Jessica Ackel & Brooke Brown
- Secretary: Chi Campbell
- Treasurer: Kim Sanders
- Director of Operations: Jessica Casey
- Director of Communications and Media: Aimee Robertson
- Directors of New Families: Kelly Madigan & Kristin Martin
- Directors of Special Events: Rebecca Bailey & Katie Scarbrough
- Directors of Academic Enrichment & Teacher Support: Lindsey Barry & Laurie Walters
- Directors of the Eagle Fund: Rebecca Feldstein & Alicia Henson
- Director of Investments: Kelley Gambrell
- Director of Partner & Community Relations: Jana Wood

Thank you so much to this wonderful group of parents who will lead the Eagle Alliance next year. The Eagle Alliance would also like to thank our Executive Council members whose terms have ended this year: Mandy Eldridge, Marci Gotlieb, Casey Richter, Susan Rocchini and Lauren Unell. It's been a great two years working with you – thank you!

Peace, love and HFE,
Julie
Eagle Alliance Co-President

Calendar Highlights

April

9-15 Food Drive for CAC
10 Andy Griffiths Author Visit
12 Spirit Day
12 School Tour
17 Eagle Alliance Meeting
17 Parent Enrichment Event

18 Spring Chorus Concert
19 Braves Spirit Day & Spirit Night
20 Best Buddies Friendship Walk
22 Celebrate Earth Day - Walk & Bike to School
24 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
26 New Student Roundup
30 College Spirit Day

May

3 Spirit Day
13-17 International Week
16 Field Day
16-18 Spirit Shopping at Swoozie's

21 Virtual Day for Students
22 End of Year School-wide Celebration
23 Last Day of School
23 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony

CAC Food Drive - Apr 9-15

CAC brings the community together to provide compassionate assistance to neighbors facing times of need who have nowhere else to turn for help. With the support of a community that cares, together we help prevent hunger locally.



Please bring in canned food items during carpool on April 9 - 15 to help our neighbors in need. A list of the desired items can be found [HERE](#).

EA Meeting and Parent Enrichment Event - Apr 17

Please join us for the **Eagle Alliance meeting on Wednesday, April 17th at 7:45am** in the HFE cafeteria. We'll enjoy coffee and donuts while hearing an update on all things HFE and will elect our officers for the 2024-2025 school year. You will also have the opportunity to meet two of our Platinum Partners in Education Sponsors - Dr. Azy Esfandiari with [City Springs Dental Studio](#) and Amy Bubes from [Home Luxury Real Estate](#).

The end of the school year often brings change and transition for many families. Join us for an educational **Parent Enrichment session** on Wednesday, April 17 from 8:15AM – 8:45AM, immediately following the Eagle Alliance meeting in the Cafeteria. [Dr. Aurelie Weinstein](#), founder and Director of Georgia Family Therapy, will be giving a talk on 'How Parents Can Help Their Children with Stress & Anxiety' with Q&A to follow. Dr. Weinstein is renowned for her expertise in Anxiety/OCD, trauma, and parenting strategies, with a deep understanding of parenting challenges as a mom of two elementary-aged daughters.

HFE Atlanta Braves Sprit Day - Apr 19

All HFE Eagles are invited to wear their Braves gear to school April 19th for a spirit day in support of the hometown team!



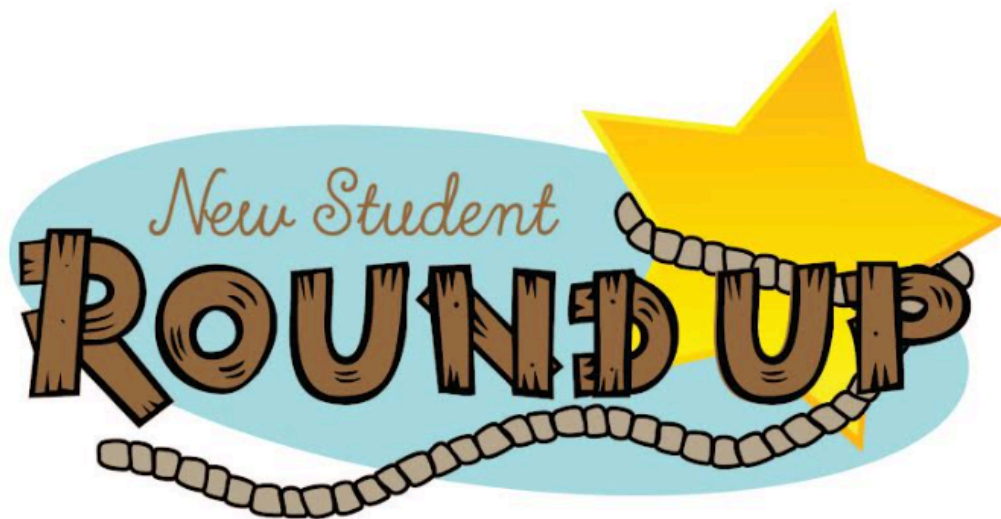
Best Buddies Friendship Walk - Apr 20



HFE is joining forces with Riverwood International Charter School for the Best Buddies Friendship Walk on Saturday, April 20th at Blackburn Park in Dunwoody. If you're interested in walking with us, please click [HERE](#) for more information and be sure to click "join team" to sign up. Monetary donations are not required.

New Student Roundup - Apr 26

Spread the word to new friends that might be joining our Heards Ferry family next year that our New Student Roundup will take place on Friday, April 26th. All new students must complete the Fulton County New Student Enrollment as well as RSVP by April 12th via the [HFE Eagle Alliance website](#) in order to attend.



JOIN US ON

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

FOR OUR ANNUAL NEW STUDENT ROUND UP

with an Informational Presentation & Tour

SESSION 1 {Last names A-L} • 8:00-8:45 AM • Check-in begins at 7:45 AM

SESSION 2 {Last names M-Z} • 9:15-10:00AM • Check-in begins at 9:00 AM

HEARDS FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

An International Baccalaureate (IB) World School and National Blue Ribbon School

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Milestone Testing Dates - Apr 29-May 10

Milestone testing will take place in April and May. We will be testing from 8 to 11 am on the days below. Make ups will be in the afternoons. There is nothing you need to do to prepare your child other than make sure they get a good night's sleep and healthy breakfast!



- 4/29-5/1 - ELA Grades 3 & 5
- 5/2-3 - Math Grade 4
- 5/6-7 - Math Grades 3 & 5
- 5/8-9 -ELA Grade 4
- 5/9 -Science Grade 5
- 5/10 -ELA Grade 4

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on the testing. Any questions? Please reach out to [Mrs. Dunagan](#).

Virtual Day for Students - May 21

May 21st is a statewide election and will be virtual for students. Students will not be given work to complete on this day, as we will not be sending home devices.

Teacher/Staff Gift Fund

We are so grateful for our dedicated and caring HFE staff that ensures our children continue to SOAR! With the end of the year approaching, we wanted to remind families to please donate to the teacher/staff gift fund if you can. The money collected covers gifts for end of year for homeroom teachers, specials teachers, custodial and cafeteria staff, and other HFE staff members. If you have not already donated to the fund this school year, please consider doing so [HERE](#).

**THANK YOU
TEACHERS & STAFF!**

Info for 5th Grade Families

Class of 2024 Yard Signs - Show your 5th graders how proud you are by displaying a HFE Class of 2024 sign in your front yard! Order your sign [HERE](#). Funds raised will go toward the class legacy gift.



RCMS Spirit Wear - For those families with 5th graders soaring to Ridgeview Charter Middle School, we welcome you to celebrate the occasion by visiting the [RCMS Panther Store!](#)

Populated with t-shirts, hoodies, water bottles and more, purchases from the school store make great promotion gifts for your Eagles, and the merchandise doubles as their school uniform.

Orders should be submitted online by May 13th and will be delivered to HFE's front desk for parent pick-up. You'll receive an email notification when the order has been fulfilled. Inventory is available while supplies last so place your orders early!

Partners in Education Spotlight

Great smiles shine from within! At [City Springs Dental Studio](#), we believe that a healthy smile radiates beauty. Our goal is to help you achieve optimal oral health and a smile that's as amazing as you are. Dr. Azy Esfandiari and her team approach dentistry with a warm and compassionate touch, treating each and every patient as if they were part of our family.



We take pride in offering personalized care and exceptional quality to ensure that your experience is comfortable, stress-free, and tailored to your unique needs. We're excited to extend **exclusive discounts for HFE families and staff**, please call to schedule your appointment for one of our special offers listed below:

- \$500 off Invisalign for the month of April.
- 20% off Botox for the month of May.
- Complimentary take home whitening kit with the purchase of in-office whitening for the month of June.

IB Update from Ms. Yancey

Please visit [my smore page](#) to learn more about our IB program!

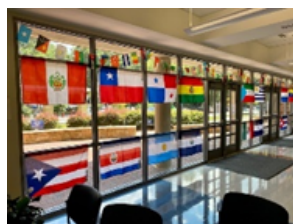


Heards Ferry
Elementary School

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since we were reauthorized as an IB World School! We have accomplished so much since our initial authorization in 2018, and I look forward to seeing our program continue to grow through a focus on the Learner Profile attributes, international mindedness, and inquiry-based learning!



Cookies for Character: In April, we will focus on the Learner Profile attribute, **BALANCED**. Life-long learners know how to create “balance,” in their lives; balancing school, extracurricular activities and understand the importance of having multiple interests.



International Inquirer Program: We have begun making plans for International Week, and look forward to transforming our media center, and providing immersive experiences to 4 different countries this year! As in years past, each grade level will have the opportunity to visit other homerooms to hear class presentations on their country of study. Each class will be creating a “mini-world,” project that is a physical replication of something indicative of the country (ie; landmark, geography, etc.) Huge thank you to the parents that are taking the lead for planning this year!



Taking Action in April: Our last community action project will be a food drive for the Sandy Springs Community Action Center. We will be collecting non-perishable food items April 9th - 15th! Thank you in advance for collecting items for your students to send in on those dates!

S.O.A.R. Spotlight

Each month, we recognize members of our community who exemplify the S.O.A.R. qualities we seek to instill in our children. This month, we recognize our reading specialists, Mrs. Hidock, and the new decodable library.

“We were thrilled to be awarded a grant for literacy materials through the School Governance Council! Part of that money was used to purchase sets of decodable books for our K-2 and EIP classrooms, as well as to start a decodable library so that students can check out books to take home for extra practice applying the phonics skills that they are learning in the classroom. Teachers have been notified that the decodable library is open for business in my classroom and any students in grades K-5 who need additional decoding/fluency practice at home are welcome to come to check out books.”

Teachers have also been asked to send a note with each child when they visit the decodable library so that I can help them pull books that will offer the best practice. Please reach out with any questions and thank you in advance for supporting our HFE readers at home!”

If you would like to nominate a person or group for the S.O.A.R. Spotlight, please contact us [HERE](#).





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The next edition of Eagle Alliance Newsletter is May 1. All article submissions are due April 24 and should be submitted to communications@hfeeaglealliance.org.