



Eagle News

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Dear Heards Ferry Families,

As we say goodbye to the candy and costumes of October, we welcome the month of November by being thankful. We are thankful for the teachers and staff members educating our children and for keeping them safe each day. We are thankful for the HFE community as a whole.

The teacher/staff gift fund is a great way to show our thanks to all staff members at HFE. Contributing to this fund ensures that every staff member at HFE receives a gift at holiday time in December and at the end of the school year in May.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the fun events planned for the coming month!

Peace - Love - HFE,

[Julie Habif](#)

Eagle Alliance Co-President

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Calendar Highlights

November

- 7 Digital Learning Day (Election Day)
- 8 Spirit Night at Crumbl
- 10 HFE School Tour
- 12 Chorus Performance at Hannah's Bake Sale
- 13-17 Book Fair
- 15 Fall Picture Retake Day

- 15 Spirit Event at Hammond Nails
- 15 FCS Family Matters
- 17 Sunshine Committee Event (3rd Grade)
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 28 College Spirit Day
- 30 Fine Arts Night

December

- 1 HFE Spirit Day
- 2 Chorus Performance at The Day School
- 5-7 Spirit Shopping at Learning Express
- 8 Sunshine Committee Event (2nd Grade)
- 8 Spelling Bee

- 8 HFE School Tour
- 12-15 Winter Class Parties
- 13 Spirit Event at MOD Pizza
- 15 Holiday Chorus Concert
- 18-Jan 2 - Winter Break

Raider Basketball Tipoff Event - Nov 6

Riverwood Raider Basketball is hosting a tipoff event for fans on Monday, November 6th at 4:30 to kick off the basketball season. All HFE Eagles are invited to attend! Tickets will be sold at the door and can also be purchased using the QR code below.

HFE students who wear Heard's Ferry spirit wear will receive free entry!

RAIDER
Madness

\$5
\$2 off with cash!

Join your Riverwood Raider Basketball teams for our tipoff event! Be ready for fan games, a dunk contest, 3 point contest, and scrimmages

TICKETS HERE:

NOV 6

DOORS 4 START 4:30

Concessions will be available

Digital Learning Day - Nov 7

Mark your calendars for a digital learning day on Tuesday, November 7th. Students will receive assignments to work on at home that day as some Fulton County Schools are election day polling sites.

Spirit Night at Crumbl Cookies - Nov 8



**INDULGE IN YOUR SWEET
TOOTH OR SURPRISE THE
KIDS WITH CRUMBL COOKIES.**

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Visit their Sandy Springs location and they will donate a portion of sales back to our school. Orders must be placed directly inside the location (no delivery or curbside) and be sure to mention HFE at the time of purchase.

Read S'More at Camp HFE - Nov 13-17

Join us for the Heards Ferry Elementary Book Fair, November 13th-17th, where you can camp out with a good book! Students will attend with their classes during assigned times throughout the week and will also be able to shop each day among a wide variety of books, including fiction, non-fiction, chapter books, picture books and graphic novels.

- Monday - Class Preview Day
- Tuesday - Class Shopping Day
- Wednesday - Open from 7:10-2:00 AND EXTENDED HOURS from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Come with your child and shop till you drop!
- Thursday - Open from 7:10-2:00
- Friday - Open from 7:10-10:00



eWallet: The easiest way for students to buy books at the book fair. To sign up for an eWallet, [visit the book fair S'more](#) and create an account. You can then deposit money into your child's eWallet. Your child will be able to use their eWallet to purchase books at the book fair by simply giving their name to the cashier.

Volunteers needed: Please consider signing up [HERE](#) to volunteer at the book fair!

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RCMS Community Open House - Nov 14

RIDGEVIEW CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Community
OPEN HOUSE

LEARN MORE & TOUR

AN EVENT FOR REALTORS, BUSINESS OWNERS,
PROSPECTIVE PARENTS AND EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Tuesday, November 14th • 9:15 am

5340 SOUTH TRIMBLE ROAD | SANDY SPRINGS, GA 30342

 ★ **MORE INFO** ★
FOR MORE INFO & TO RSVP, VISIT
QR.CO.DE/RCMSOPENHOUSE
OR SCAN THE QR CODE. 

Attention 5th grade families: Did you know we have a page on our HFE website for information regarding the transition to RCMS? Check it out [HERE](#) and stay up-to-date on all happenings for rising 6th graders attending RCMS, including monthly tours offered for prospective families.

Spirit Event at Hammond Nails - Nov 15

Pamper yourself and earn money for our school at the same time! Visit the Sandy Springs location of Hammond Nails from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15th and they will give a portion of sales back to HFE when mentioned at checkout.



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FCS Family Matters - Nov 15



November is National Family Engagement month. Join Fulton County Schools for “Family Matters” - a celebration of FCS families and their role in the education and well-being of their students. There are many fun activities planned. The event will be held at HFE from 4:30pm to 8:00pm. Click [HERE](#)

for more information on all that they have planned!

Thanksgiving Break - Nov 20-24

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving break and enjoys their week off! We look forward to welcoming our eagles back to the nest to finish out the semester strong!

Fine Arts Night - Nov 30

Your student’s beautifully framed artwork will be on display and for sale in HFE's gym-turned-art gallery from 5:30-6:30 pm. Afterwards, the HFE chorus will perform for friends & family in the cafeteria-turned-auditorium from 6:30-7:00 pm. Mark your calendars. More details to come soon!



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Save the Date - Winter Carnival - Jan 27



A decorative poster for a Winter Carnival. The central focus is a white tent with a blue and white striped canopy, set against a dark blue background with radiating lines. The text "WINTER CARNIVAL" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the tent. Above the tent, the words "CARNIVAL GAMES" and "CONCESSIONS + RIDES" are written in white, sans-serif capital letters. Below the tent, a white banner with a blue border contains the text "it will be a WINTER WONDERLAND!" in a mix of cursive and sans-serif fonts. Underneath the banner, the words "ARTS + CRAFTS" are written in white, sans-serif capital letters. The entire design is framed by a dark blue border with white decorative elements, including snowflakes and circular motifs. At the top, the text "HFE EAGLE ALLIANCE" is written in white, sans-serif capital letters. In the top left corner, a circular badge contains "JAN 27". In the top right corner, a circular badge contains "11 AM TO 2 PM". In the bottom left corner, a circular badge contains a snowflake. In the bottom right corner, a circular badge contains the text "PRESENTED BY CITY SPRINGS DENTAL STUDIO" with a small logo. At the bottom, the text "SAVE the DATE" is written in a large, white, serif font, with "the" in cursive. Below this, two rectangular boxes contain the text "at HEARDS FERRY ELEMENTARY 6151 POWERS FERRY ROAD • ATLANTA, GA" and "TICKET INFO TO FOLLOW".

HFE EAGLE ALLIANCE

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CONCESSIONS + RIDES

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HFE Best Buddies Club

Best Buddies is a program that encourages one to one relationships between students with intellectual and developmental delays (IDD) and their peers. This opportunity helps students to learn about differences, inclusion, and the importance of friendships.



Thank you to everyone that took the time to apply for this inaugural year of the club! You can find more information on the club, as well as a list of club members for this year, [HERE](#).

Spirit Wear Update

All t-shirts have been delivered to your oldest child's teacher. If you are still missing a t-shirt, please reach out [HERE](#). The tie dye hoodie pre-sales were a hit and they are currently in production. They are scheduled to arrive at school around Thanksgiving and will be delivered to your oldest child's teacher shortly thereafter. Thank you for sporting your HFE spirit wear!

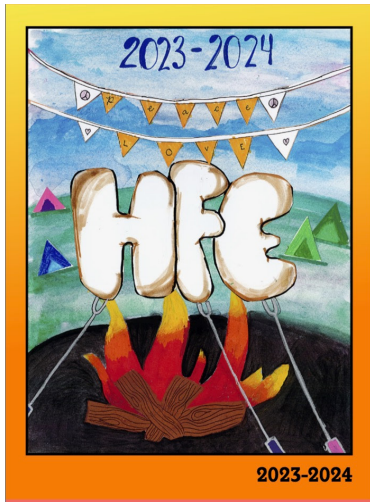
Teacher/Staff Gift Fund

We are so grateful for our dedicated and caring HFE staff that ensures our children continue to SOAR! With the holidays coming soon, we wanted to remind families to please donate to the teacher/staff gift fund if you can. The money collected covers gifts for winter holiday and 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!

2023-2024 Yearbook - HFE Happy Campers

Yearbook and Yearbook Tribute Orders



Purchase your yearbook for \$30 until December 31. Click [HERE](#) and use our school code **14991**.

Honor your Happy Camper with a yearbook tribute! Click [HERE](#) to order yours now! Deadline is February 16 or until we are SOLD OUT.

- Full page \$100
- Half page \$50
- Quarter page \$25

Share Your Pictures for the Yearbook!

Start sharing today! Go to www.hjeshare.com;
Enter your school code: **HJ14991**

- Locate the picture (file) you want to upload. Click on the filename to select it, click **Open**.
- To upload more than one file, Ctrl-click on each filename. You can upload 10 files at a time.
- Click each thumbnail to select it and enter information about all images. This assures that the information in the yearbook is correct, if the photo is used.
- Click **Submit Image Information** when you are done.

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HJ14991



FCS Parent Survey

Fulton County Schools and the state of Georgia are dedicated to meeting the needs of the students and families they serve. As part of this dedication, FCS requests our parents participate in the Georgia Parent Survey. This survey will impact Heard's Ferry's CCRPI score, a state-led rating scale of how well schools are preparing students for college and career. Students in grades 3-12 will also be taking the Georgia Student Health Survey. Our students in grades 3-5 will take the survey during the school day. We take this anonymous feedback seriously and would like your input. We are hoping for 100% parent participation. Please be on the lookout for a link emailed to you from FCS or included in HFE's "In the Nest" communications.

HFE Rebate Program

Partner rebate programs provide FREE money to our school without having to purchase anything you don't ordinarily buy. Please encourage your friends and family to participate as well! We participate in the following rebate programs. Instructions for each can be found [HERE](#).

- [Publix & Kroger](#) - Once you sign up, just enter your phone number at checkout.
 - [Box Tops for Education](#) - No more collecting physical box tops! Once you sign up, you'll just scan your grocery receipts and earnings are automatically calculated.
 - [Mabel's Labels](#) - Make sure to select "support a fundraiser" when shopping. Mabel's Labels is offering 20% off for fundraising partners!
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Creative Corner

Looking for engaging ways to nurture your child's creative skills? Check out [HFE's Creative Corner website!](#) It is full of opportunities for students to practice their creative thinking skills outside the classroom. There is a creativity menu posted each month for each grade level. Students can earn PBIS points for completing their menu & following directions on the page. If you have any questions about the resources, please [contact Mrs. Strasburger](#).

IB Update from Ms. Yancey

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



HFE INTERNATIONAL INQUIRER PROGRAM During the month of November, HFE students will continue researching their country of study. Students have more agency (voice) in their inquiry this year, as they are choosing what topics they are most interested in investigating! Be sure to ask your child what country he/she is studying, and what they have learned thus far. They are learning how to say "Thank you" in the national language of their country!



COOKIES FOR CHARACTER The learner profile attribute for the month of November is **Reflective**. Please take time at home to discuss the importance of being reflective and appreciative. The Cookies for Character Celebration announcement will be Thursday, November 17th.

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. For the first few months of this school year, we would like to use this space to introduce you to the teachers and staff members that have joined our nest this year. Welcome to HFE!

Charlane Suarez - 5th Grade



My name is Charlane Suarez. I love cooking and I love to travel! I am currently working on mastering Dominican dishes for my husband. I am originally from New Jersey and have been in Georgia since 2006. My husband and I live in Dunwoody. We are newlyweds, just celebrating 3 years together. Together we have raised 12 children including biological, step, and foster. I have been in education for 28 years.

Frankay Gesualdo - Paraprofessional

My name is Frankay. I am 25 and I have a son named Mateo. I have been working in childcare for the last 4 years. I've always wanted to be a teacher and now I'll be graduating with my bachelors in elementary education in October. I'm originally from Iowa where I grew up with my mom, but I moved to Georgia with my dad when I was 16 and have loved every minute of it. I love traveling, so I travel every year with my son, either back home to Iowa or to Florida, most years we do both! This year we have been to Des Moines Iowa, Tampa Florida, and a couple different places in Georgia like Jekyll Island and LaGrange.





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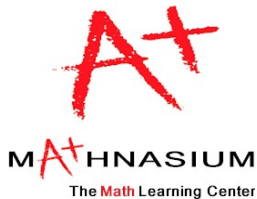
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