



# Eagle News

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Dear Heards Ferry Families,

My daughter woke early on STEM day, excited to test the bottle rockets their class had designed. She insisted that she was to wear an HFE shirt, "It was on the morning announcements mom!" We pulled up the prior days' broadcast of [HFE Live](#) and clarified that it was staff, not students, who were dressing alike that day. Laundry crisis averted!

HFE Live is a great resource for information on what's happening around the school. This daily, student-led show is hosted by our 5th graders in coordination with Ms. Severson. In addition to the lunch menu, school calendar and the word of the week, they also showcase the work our kids are doing in the classroom. We are in the middle of Hispanic Heritage Month and right now you'll find segments our students are producing celebrating Latino communities and their contributions to society, stories of Latino achievements, and much more. We hope you'll tune in and perhaps spot your favorite Eagle!

Nos encanta aprender contigo!

[Brooke Brown](#)

Eagle Alliance Co-President

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## Calendar Highlights

### October

4 Fall Picture Day  
6 Atlanta Braves Spirit Day  
6 HFE School tour  
9-11 Fall Break  
16-20 Bus Driver Appreciation  
17 HFE Spirit Day at Breadwinner  
20 Sunshine Committee Event (4th Grade)

20 Mother/Son Date Night  
23-31 Red Ribbon Week  
25 Eagle Alliance Meeting  
25 New Parent Coffee with Principal Nash  
25 HFE Spirit Night at City BBQ  
31 Storybook Character Day

### November

1-3 Halloween Candy Drive  
3 HFE Spirit Day  
3 Father Daughter Date Night  
7 Digital Learning Day (Election Day)  
9 Sunshine Committee Event (3rd Grade)

10 HFE School tour  
13-17 Book Fair  
15 Fall Picture Retake Day  
20-24 Thanksgiving Break  
28 College Spirit Day  
30 Fine Arts Night

## Reminder - Fall Break - Oct 9-11

Just a friendly reminder that there is no school for students Monday October 9 through Wednesday October 11. We hope everyone has a fun, safe fall break!

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## Bus Driver Appreciation Week - Oct 16-20

Bus Drivers at HFE go the extra mile for our kids and we are excited to celebrate them during National Bus Safety Week! On behalf of all HFE families, the Eagle Alliance will present the drivers with meals and gifts each day throughout the week. We ask for your personal support on Wednesday, Oct. 18., and encourage our kids to present their driver with a homemade card or a special something from their favorites list.

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## HFE Spirit Night at Breadwinner - Oct 17



TAKE A FRIEND TO LUNCH, BUY DINNER TO GO OR TAKE THE ENTIRE FAMILY OUT TO BREADWINNER CAFE AND BAKERY AT THEIR SANDY SPRINGS LOCATION.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
10:30 AM - 7:30 PM

They are even staying open later, until 7:30 pm just for us, but still be sure to mention HFE at your time of purchase.

# Mother Son Date Night - Oct 20

We hope you'll join us for Mother/Son Date night! Click [HERE](#) to purchase EA Member tickets, and click [HERE](#) to purchase Non-EA Member tickets. In order to streamline check-in, please click [HERE](#) to complete the waiver.



The poster features a blue background with a green vertical stripe on the left. At the top, the text "NIGHT OF FUN!" is written in a large, stylized, outlined font. Below this, "MOTHER-SON DATE NIGHT" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The central graphic shows white silhouettes of a woman and a child jumping joyfully in front of a large green circle. Below the main title, the text "JUMP START GYM" is written in a large, light blue, sans-serif font, followed by the address "705 HAMMOND DR. SANDY SPRINGS, GA 30328" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The date "FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20" is written in a large, light blue, sans-serif font. Below the date, the time "6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM+ WEAR ATHLETIC ATTIRE" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The pricing information "EA MEMBERS: \$50 MOTHER/SON COMBO, \$20 EXTRA CHILD" and "NON EA MEMBERS: \$60 MOTHER/SON COMBO, \$20 EXTRA CHILD" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, with "SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE" below it. The registration information "REGISTER BY OCTOBER 16TH @ HFEEAGLEALLIANCE.ORG" and "\*SIGNED WAIVER DURING REGISTRATION REQUIRED" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, with "NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR" below it. At the bottom, the activities "OBSTACLE/PARKOUR COURSE, TRAMPOLINES, BALL PIT" and "GAMES & PRIZES" are written in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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# Technology Comp Projects Due - Oct 20

Calling all 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> graders! Are you interested in competing in the 2023-2024 HFE Technology Competition? Take a look at this flyer to find all the information you need. Projects are due on Friday, October 20th.



**SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP!**



<https://tinyurl.com/4dycsr4s>

**HFE TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION**

- \*3rd-5th graders are invited to compete
- \*You can only enter one project.
- \*You may enter individually or with a partner. (3rd may partner with another 3rd grader OR a 4th grader. 5th may enter with another 5th grader.)
- \*Scan the QR code for instructions on how to sign up through Microsoft Teams!
- \*Only 1 project per category and grade level group will advance to the FCS Technology Competition

*Information about Project Categories*

<https://www.gastc.org/category-information>

*Information about the Fulton County Technology Competition*

<https://www.fultonschools.org/techcompetition>



# SSEF 10th Annual 5K/10K Run - Oct 21



## Red Ribbon Week - Oct 23 - 31

Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign to educate students and families about drug prevention. The theme for this year is: Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free. HFE will be promoting positive ways to take care of our bodies and minds. We will focus on healthy habits and smart choices each day.



- Mon. 10/23: Be Kind To Yourself – Wear red to show self love!
- Tues. 10/24: Be Kind To Your Mind – Wear your favorite hat!
- Wed. 10/25: Be Kind To Others – Wear blue for Bullying Prevention Month!
- Thur. 10/26: Be Kind To Your Body – Wear your favorite athletic wear!
- Fri. 10/27: Be Kind To Your School – Wear HFE Spirit Wear!
- Mon. 10/30: Better Together! – Wear your favorite team apparel or jersey!
- Tues. 10/31: Storybook Character Day! (More info below)

## HFE Spirit Night at City Barbeque - Oct 25



ENJOY A MEAL FROM  
CITY BARBECUE ANYTIME  
FROM 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

They will donate a portion of sales back to our school.  
Just be sure to mention HFE when dining in or picking up.

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## New Parent Coffee - Oct 25

We invite all families that are new to Heards Ferry to join Principal Nash from 8:15 to 9:00 am on October 25 for a new parent coffee. Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP. Consider coming early to also attend our Eagle Alliance meeting at 7:45 am that morning!

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## Storybook Character Day - Oct 31

Storybook character day is October 31<sup>st</sup>. On this day we invite students to dress as a character from a storybook. Classrooms will conduct individual activities. Please be on the lookout for more specifics on this from your child's homeroom teacher. Please do not send your child to school with a facemask or any props that resemble a weapon.



## Halloween Candy Drive - Nov 1-3



Did your kids get overloaded with Halloween candy? HFE will be hosting a halloween candy drive November 1 through 3 where you can bring your unwanted candy to drop off during morning carpool. The candy will go to local non-profit organizations in the Sandy Springs community.

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## Digital Learning Day - Nov 7

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

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## Spirit Wear - Hoodie Available

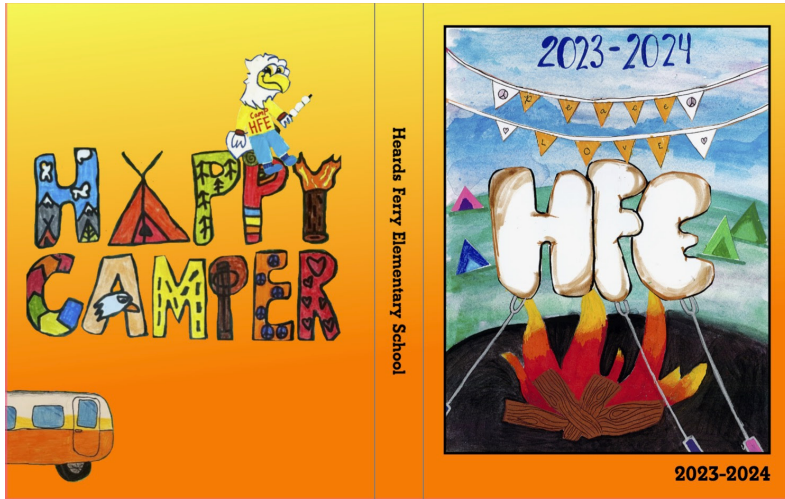
As the leaves change color and the air gets cooler, there's nothing better than cuddling up in a cozy HFE hoodie. And what better hoodie than a tie-dye hoodie? Sales close October 6. Click [HERE](#) to pre-order yours now! Youth Large is not available for this item so check the size chart online to find the best fit.

Also, all Spirit Wear t-shirts pre-ordered before September 8 will be delivered to the oldest child's homeroom teacher by the end of October.



# 2023-2024 Yearbook - HFE Happy Campers

## Yearbook and Yearbook Tribute Orders



S'more than just a yearbook. . . it's a keepsake of your HFE memories! Purchase your Camp HFE Yearbook while the campfire is hot - \$30 per yearbook until December 31. Available until the trail ends (i.e. until we are SOLD OUT).

Click [HERE](#) and use 14991 as our campsite (school) code.

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 S'more (page) \$100

Half S'more (page) \$50

Quarter S'more (page) \$25

## HEARDS FERRY ELEMENTARY STUDENT YEARBOOK TRIBUTES

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16

FULL PAGE \$100	QUARTER PAGE \$25	SIZES & PRICES ↙
	HALF PAGE \$50	

**PURCHASE AND CREATE YOUR TRIBUTE ONLINE TODAY BEFORE THEY SELL OUT:**

1. GO TO [WWW.YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](http://WWW.YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM) AND ENTER IN ORDER #14991
2. CLICK "CREATE A YEARBOOK AD."
3. FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO DESIGN YOUR TRIBUTE, ADD IT TO YOUR CART AND PURCHASE IT. YOUR TRIBUTE IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL YOU ADD IT TO YOUR CART AND COMPLETE THE CHECKOUT PROCESS.
4. TO MAKE THE AD CREATION PROCESS EASIER, CLICK THE "WATCH VIDEO" OR "ONLINE AD CREATION GUIDE" LINKS.

### NEED HELP WITH YOUR ORDER?

TOLL FREE: 866-287-3096

EMAIL: [YEARBOOKORDERCENTER@HERFFJONES.COM](mailto:YEARBOOKORDERCENTER@HERFFJONES.COM)

CUSTOMER SUPPORT: OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. (CST).



# Yearbook Cover Design Contest

Congratulations to this year's Yearbook Cover Art Contest Winner, Reese Lafata! Her artwork will be on the cover of the next yearbook. Also, congratulations to Olivia Berkley, Sawyer Perkins, and Elsie Brewick who will have parts of their artwork on the back of the book. Ms. Severson will be incorporating all the finalists' art work throughout the yearbook!



## Share Your Pictures for the Yearbook!

**Start sharing today!** Go to [www.hjeshare.com](http://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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**HEARDS FERRY ELEMENTARY**  
**HJ14991**



## Important Reminders

### *Review the FCS Student Code of Conduct*

Fulton County Schools' Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook is available online in PDF format [HERE](#). Please take a moment to complete the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form by using the Infinite Campus' Parent Portal (see instructions [HERE](#)). **All parents, and students over 10 years old, MUST sign this form.** Paper copies of the Handbook are available in the school's front office.

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### *Participate Remote Days*

Approved Remote Learning Days are a new addition to the Fulton County attendance policy as of last year. Each student can take up to 5 approved remote learning days each semester. These can be used when you have a special family event, required travel, etc. These days must be requested at least 5 days in advance and require principal's approval. These days may not be used on testing days. Here is how the process works:

- Parent notifies homeroom teacher of request to take remote learning days.
- Teacher will provide link to form requesting remote learning days.
- Teachers will provide work for students to complete within 5 days of the absence.

Please reach out to [Mrs. Dunagan](#) with any questions.

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### *Carpool Reminders*

Now that we are well into the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks of school, below are a few reminders to ensure everyone is safe during morning carpool

- Please do not let your students out of the car until you see a staff member. We have a lot of students running from the top of the hill.
- Please do not stop on Powers Ferry Road to let your students out on the sidewalk.
- If you are parking next door to drop off your student, you must accompany them through the parking lot to the school.



## Fall Conferences

During the month of October teachers will be holding fall conferences. Parents will have the option to attend conferences in person or virtually. Teachers will be sending a sign up for fall conferences through their weekly S'more newsletters.



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## Classwize



Beginning in October, Fulton County will be implementing a program called Classwize. It is a classroom management tool that allows teachers to see the screens of all devices in a class. Teachers are able to monitor students closely by blocking websites, pushing out websites to them,

sending announcements, and more, as they are using the internet. Teachers can generate a "Student Journey Report" which lists the websites that students have visited as well as screenshots. This is an incredible tool that will ensure students are being great digital citizens at HFE!

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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.](#)

A graphic with the text "HEARDS FERRY CREATIVE CORNER" in a red, hand-drawn, sketchy font. The text is centered on a light beige background with horizontal lines, resembling a piece of lined paper.

# Lunch Bunch Volunteers



Volunteers are needed throughout the school year to help lunchtime run smoothly, especially for our younger children who may need more assistance. There are 2 time slots each day (10:15-11:30 and 11:30-12:30) that are available for volunteers.

You should hear from your room parents, if you haven't already, the week(s) that your class is assigned lunch bunch duty. Alternatively, you may sign up [HERE](#) for any available slot which can be found under volunteer opportunities on the Eagle Alliance website. After signing up, you will receive a description of expectations to help everything run smoothly.

We appreciate your time, and our children get very excited to see you in our cafeteria!

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## Caught SOAR'ing

Has your child been “caught SOAR'ing” at school? PBIS, an evidence-based framework for helping schools teach students positive behaviors, allows all HFE staff members to give Eagle Points when we “catch” our students showing SOAR behaviors. SOAR stands for Safe, Outstanding, Accountable, and Respectful. These points can be used to purchase items from their classroom or school store. You can use the PBIS Family app to see how many Eagle Points your child earns daily. Ask your students what they are saving for today! Learn more here. <https://youtu.be/wZLyt6uPVy8>

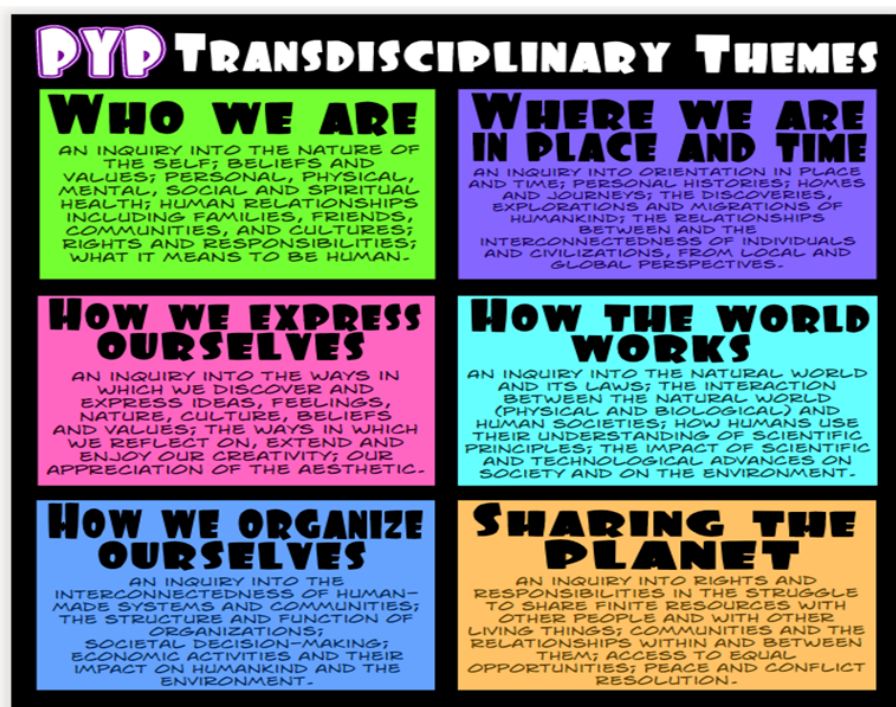


# IB Update from Ms. Yancey

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



**IB Units of Study!** Our IB Units of Study are centered around Six Transdisciplinary themes. These units of study are heavily embedded with our Social Studies and Science standards, but the central idea of each unit is applicable to all content areas. Each unit lasts for 6 – 8 weeks, and most students are entering their 2<sup>nd</sup> unit of study! Below is a description of each unit theme.



**HFE INTERNATIONAL INQUIRER PROGRAM...** Remember to ask your child what his/her class is researching about their country of study! Each month, every classroom selects a topic they are interested in, completes their inquiry, and then posts their findings in the hallway!



**COOKIES FOR CHARACTER** October's Learner Profile attribute is a combination of two attributes! **Thinker/Inquirer** is the focus this month and teachers will be looking for that student that demonstrates that he/she is thinking about their learning and asking relevant questions!



**Taking ACTION** HFE students and families donated over 500 pounds of food to Sandy Springs Solidarity in September! So proud of our school and families, for taking action when a need arises!

## 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!

### Lucy-Marie Bruns - 2nd Grade



Hi, my name is Lucy-Marie Bruns. I am so excited to be joining the Heard's Ferry family. I moved to Atlanta in 2017. I am originally from Naples, FL and received my degree at the University of North Florida. This will be my 8th year teaching. I am the youngest of five children. I enjoy traveling whenever I can to visit family around the world.

### Emmy Iannone - Kindergarten

Hi there! My name is Emmy Iannone and I am so excited to be joining HFE this year! I relocated to Atlanta this summer from Jacksonville Beach, FL where I taught kindergarten in the St. John's County School District. I am a proud alumna of the University of Florida (Go Gators!) where I received my Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Teaching kindergarten has been the joy of my life and I am so excited to continue the work I am so passionate about at HFE! A fun fact about me is that I love all things water sports!







# Many thanks to our *Partners In Education* for supporting HFE Eagle Alliance

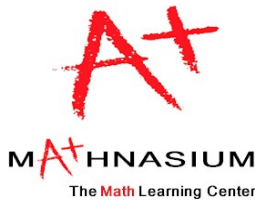
## Platinum Eagle



## Golden Eagle



## Silver Eagle



The next edition of Eagle Alliance Newsletter is November 1. All article submissions are due October 25 and should be submitted to [communications@hfeeaglealliance.org](mailto:communications@hfeeaglealliance.org).