



# Eagle News

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Dear Heards Ferry Families,

So. Much. Fun! Thanks to everyone who was able to make it out to the Winter Carnival last week. We loved seeing the kids beat their parents in carnival games, get webbed by Spidey and weigh 100 different delectable choices at the bake sale table. Events like these reinforce for me how safe, loved and connected our kids feel at HFE.

We hope you'll make plans to join us on February 14th for our next Eagle Alliance Meeting. Grab a Krispy Kreme donut on your way in to support the 5th grade class fundraiser, and then prepare to be delighted by a performance from our Orff Ensemble. Orff is comprised of 4th and 5th grade students and focuses on playing instruments, singing, dancing and acting. This is one of several academic enrichment opportunities (along with Chorus, STEAM Club, Jr Science Club and Science Club) made possible by the Eagle Alliance. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

We love learning with you!

[Brooke Brown](#)

Eagle Alliance Co-President

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## Calendar Highlights

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### March

1 Spirit Day  
1 Read Across America Day  
1 Spirit Night at Altitude  
4-8 Exceptional Children's Week  
4-15 College & Career Stations  
8 School Tour  
11-12 Teacher Workday/Professional Development

18-22 Staff Appreciation Week  
19 Community Meeting with Katie Gregory  
20 Sunshine Event - Pre-K/K  
23 HFE Parent Party  
26 College Spirit Day  
27 IB Exhibition

## February is Black History Month



This year for Black History Month, we are inviting every classroom to participate in a door decorating contest. Each class will research a prominent person of African American descent in American history. This is an exciting research opportunity for teachers and students! The Diversity Team is also contributing to daily segments on [HFE Live](#). We hope you'll tune in!

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## Shop Lupero Designs - Feb 5-16

Treat yourself, your friends or give a Valentine's Day hint to shop with [Lupero Designs](#). From February 5-16, a portion of sales will be given back to our school. Use the code HFE at checkout and shop for a great cause!



## HFE Spirit Event at Nowak's - Feb 7 & 8



Mark your calendars for February 7th and 8th! You can make it a date night or grab some girlfriends and dine out at Nowak's Steakhouse of Sandy Springs. We are elated that **35% of applicable sales** go back to our school!

Click [HERE](#) to make your reservation, and make sure to mention that it is for HFE Spirit Night! Enjoy a nice night out at Nowak's - "the neighborhood steakhouse, with something for everyone!"

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## Fifth Grade Donut Sale - Feb 14

Help support the 5th grade legacy gift fundraiser by getting a sweet treat on Valentine's Day, Wednesday February 14th. Donuts will be sold during morning carpool and bus lines for \$2 each. Please send exact change or consider donating change to the fundraiser!



# VIP Day - Feb 13

VIP Day for all Pre-K and K students is premiering February 13, presented by children's shoppe [J. Willis](#). The students are so excited to share their classroom with ONE very important person! [Please RSVP](#) for your student's VIP and consider signing up to volunteer [HERE](#). We can't wait to see the students and their VIPs.

# VIP DAY

*premiering*  
■ TUESDAY ■  
02\*13\*24  
AT HEARDS FERRY  
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THE STUDENTS ARE SO EXCITED  
TO BE ABLE TO SHARE THEIR CLASSROOM  
**WITH ONE VERY IMPORTANT PERSON!**

THIS CAN BE A PARENT, GRANDPARENT, FAMILY FRIEND,  
OLDER SIBLING, BABYSITTER: ANYONE!

PLEASE LIMIT THE INVITATION TO ONE VIP PER STUDENT.

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## ■ PRE-K ■

CHECK-IN: 7:50 AM  
VIP EXPERIENCE: 8:00-8:45 AM IN THE CLASSROOM

## ■ KINDERGARTEN ■

CHECK-IN: 9:00 AM  
VIP EXPERIENCE: 9:15-10:00 AM IN THE CLASSROOM

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*Rsvp* BY FEBRUARY 5 AT [HFEEAGLEALLIANCE.ORG](http://HFEEAGLEALLIANCE.ORG)

PRESENTED BY: CHILDREN'S SHOPPE J WILLIS

## No School for Students - Feb 19-20

Monday, February 19th is the Presidents' Day holiday, and Tuesday, February 20th is a professional development day for HFE teachers and staff. We hope our students and their families enjoy the long weekend!

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## Book Drive for SSEF - Feb 26-28

Sandy Springs Education Force (SSEF) distributes 15,000 books a year to public school students in Sandy Springs. Please help by donating new and gently used books from February 26-28th during morning carpool. Click [HERE](#) for a list of the most popular books and to learn more about SSEF.



## Spirit Night at Altitude - Mar 1



Let the kids jump out some energy and enjoy a night at Altitude Trampoline Park in East Cobb! On Friday, March 1 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Altitude will give a portion of jump pass sales back to our school. Mention you are with HFE and jump away!

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## HFE Atlanta Braves Night - Apr 19

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 19th and buy your tickets for the upcoming Spirit Night at Truist Park, where the Atlanta Braves will take on the Texas Rangers. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#), with a deadline of April 5th or until our allotment sells out.





## HFE Parent Party - Mar 23

Please join us for the annual Parent Party presented by Rebecca Feldstein with Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's on Saturday, March 23, 2024! Guests can plan for a fun night of waging bets, mingling and raising money for HFE. EA Members can purchase tickets [HERE](#) and Non-EA Members can purchase tickets [HERE](#).



We are securing donations for the auction- sporting/concert tickets, vacation homes, jewelry, artwork, sport collectables, hotel packages, design services, orthodontist services, restaurant gift cards, etc. Please click [HERE](#) to submit your donation information online. Thank you for your support!

# 2023-2024 Yearbook - HFE Happy Campers

## *Yearbook and Yearbook Tribute Orders*



Purchase your yearbook for \$35 until April 1. 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](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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# RCMS Rising 6th Grade Parent Meetings

**Ridgeview Charter Middle School**  
Scheduling 101 Presentation  
Parents of Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th Students

Tuesday, Feb. 13  
Virtual  
9:30 AM

In-person  
6:00 PM  
Ridgeview Cafeteria

The RCMS Admin team will conduct a Rising 6th Grade Parent Night on February 22 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the RCMS media center.

Principal Garrett will also host a morning meet & greet with parents of rising HFE 6th graders on March 22 from 8:00 -9:00 a.m in the HFE cafeteria.

There is still time to tour RCMS! All of this information can be accessed [HERE](#).

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## SGC Election Information

It is time for the election of new members to our School Governance Council (SGC). If you will have a child attending HFE for the next two school years, please consider joining our team! Our SGC plays a critical role in the success of our school by working with school leadership to determine the long-term direction of the school, designing innovative solutions to increase academic achievement, and serving as school ambassadors to the local community.

If you are interested in running for a position on the School Governance Council, please submit a [Declaration Form](#) between February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information about the charter system or SGC elections visit our school's SGC [website](#) or the FCS [Charter System Overview](#).

# IB Update from Ms. Yancey

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



## **INTERNATIONAL INQUIRER PROGRAM:**

### **Developing International Mindedness at HFE!**

During the month of February, HFE students will continue research on their country of study. Research will be placed in the halls, along with previous month's investigations. We will also continue the effort to learn words and phrases in the official language of their country of study. The phrase this month is "How are you?"



## **COOKIES FOR CHARACTER:**

### **Developing the IB Learner Profile at HFE!**

The learner profile attribute for the month of February is Caring. Teachers will be looking for students who have consistently shown the ability to show empathy and concern for others. Our celebration will be held February 23rd .



## **5th GRADE EXHIBITION:**

Our current 5th grade students have begun their IB Exhibition Experience! This is a special experience that celebrates our students' transition from the Primary Years Programme (PYP), to the Middle School Programme (MYP). They are working in small groups each Wednesday morning to investigate, and offer solutions to real life issues, or problems. Making this experience extra special is that we have over 30 mentors from Riverwood High School supporting, and guiding our students through this process!

## 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 the Winter Carnival planning committee.

We could not have had such a wonderful event without the hard work of this great group of volunteers: Kim Sanders, Kelly Blum, Lisa Weiss, Jana Wood (Chairperson), Stephanie Moseley, Allison Perkins, Julie Williams and Sadie Grayson (not pictured.) This team starts planning in August, and their attention to detail showed on the big day. We'd also like to shout out to Miss Dee and Norma who had the facility in great shape, as well as Nan Janis and the administration team for their support. And finally, thank you to all the staff members who came out to partake in the fun. Seeing you might have just outshined Elsa and Olaf in our kids eyes!





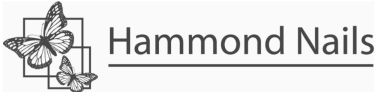


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## Silver Eagle



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