



Eagle News

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Hello HFE families,

Happy New Year, and welcome back! We trust that you all enjoyed the holiday break with your families and stayed as healthy as possible. A special thanks to our teachers, staff, and to all parents for making last week of virtual learning a big success.

It is so hard to believe that we have reached the halfway point of the school year. The first semester was full of so many wonderful moments, and we wanted to thank each and every one of you for the part that you played in these moments! It truly takes a village, and what a village we have! A few of the highlights...in-person Open House, Boohoo Brunch for New Families, Hispanic Heritage Month, Sunshine Committee Events, Spirit Nights, Parent Enrichment guest speakers, Green Team activities, School Tours (virtually), Halloween Candy Drive, Food Drive for Solidarity Food Pantry, Book Fair, Fine Arts Day, and Class Holiday Parties.

While we aren't sure what the second semester has in store we are hopeful to see all of your faces back in person soon. Thank you for your continued support this year. We are looking forward to a fantastic second half!

[Erin Long](#) and [Aimee Robertson](#) - Eagle Alliance Co-Presidents

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Calendar Highlights

January

10-12 Tech Recycling Drive
12 Spirit Night at City Barbeque
17 MLK Jr Holiday (school closed)
20 Sunshine Committee Event (3rd)
21 Virtual School Tour
25 Spirit Night at Mojave
28 College Spirit Day

February

4 Spirit Day
9-11 Book Drive
14-17 Kindness Week
18 Professional Development Day (students off)
21 Presidents Day (school closed)
25 Sunshine Committee Event (Prek/K)
25 College Spirit Day

Substitute Teachers Needed!

Heards Ferry and Fulton County are in need of substitute teachers! Please consider signing up [HERE](#) if you have the time and flexibility. You can select your available days as well as which school(s) you're interested in supporting.

Tech Recycling Drive

As an IB school, we encourage our students to be globally minded students and to take action when they see a need.

In January, and in partnership with Tabitha's Heart (a non-profit organization), HFE will be collecting cell phones, iPads & Tablets and/or Inkjet cartridges to help provide a computer lab for children in a poverty stricken area of Calcutta, India. If you have any of these devices and would like to donate them to a good cause, please consider sending in your devices **Jan. 10-12**. Event details can be found [HERE](#), and this link will instruct you on how to prepare devices for donation.

[How to prepare your devices](#)



Spirit Night at City Barbeque

Eat barbeque and support the Eagle Alliance — giving back never tasted so good! **Wednesday, Jan. 12**, City Barbeque, 6649 Roswell Rd NE, Sandy Springs. Dine with [City Barbeque](#) and the EA will get 20% of the proceeds from every order!



Find details [HERE](#) on how to ensure your order supports the fundraiser.

Attendance Matters

Attendance Matters ALL DAY, EVERYDAY

Keep Your Child on Track in School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

Help your child stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your children are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your child's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your children if they are showing signs of anxiety, such as headaches or stomach aches. Listen to their concerns, and if needed, ask school staff for help.
- Questions about the attendance policy? Please visit this [link](#).

Spirit Night at Mojave

Taco Tuesday is the BEST kind of Tuesday at [Mojave](#)! Come join us for HFE Spirit Night on **Tuesday, Jan. 25**. Dine in with your family or call in your order to pick up from **4:00-9:00 pm**. A portion of all HFE sales will be donated back to our school!

The logo for Mojave is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. The letters are dark and fluid, with the 'M' and 'J' being particularly prominent.

Winter Continuous Achievement

Winter Continuous Achievement Window for Math and Reading - Extension

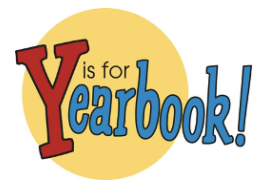
Due to remote learning, there will be an extension in the timeline for Continuous Achievement. The screening window will now take place **Jan. 10-14**. Parents of students in grades K-5, who qualify for a placement change, will receive an email notification from Michaela Ferretti (Curriculum Support Teacher) by Friday, Jan. 14, 2022. If you do not receive an email notification, it means your child did not meet the criteria to advance and will remain in their current placement for reading and math for the second semester.

All parents have the option to waive their child into advanced or accelerated math and/or reading placement if their child did not meet the qualifications to be placed. If you did not receive a placement email by Jan. 14 but are interested in signing a waiver for your child to be waived into advanced or accelerated placement, please follow the guidelines below:

1. Email [Michaela Ferretti](#) (Curriculum Support Teacher) for a math and/or reading waiver by **Jan. 21, 3 pm**.
2. Important Deadline: No emails for a waiver will be taken after Jan. 21, 3 pm. If you miss the deadline, there will be another opportunity for your child to qualify and/or be waived into advanced or accelerated placement for both reading and math in the Spring of 2022.

Yearbook Orders & Ads

Purchase your “Go for the Gold” yearbook for \$40 until sold out. [Click here](#) and use our school code, **14991**. Yearbook Ads (**Deadline Feb. 14, 2022**). [Click here](#) for details and to order our ad online.



We need your pictures! You can upload photos all year long. Click [HERE](#) and use the HFE school code HJ14991 to upload your pictures.

IB Update

HFE International Inquirers



During the month of January, HFE students will expand their knowledge about the humanitarian efforts led by their country of study. This includes things like conservation efforts, clean water, and/or health and wellness efforts. We will also continue the effort to learn words and phrases in various languages. The phrase this month is “What is your name?”

Cookies for Character

The learner profile for the month of January is *Principled*. Teachers will be looking for students who have consistently shown integrity and commitment, both academically and socially. Like in previous months this year, administration will be delivering certificates and cookies on the last Thursday of the month.



[Mrs. Allie Yancey](#) (aka “Mrs. Y”)
IB Coordinator/SST Chair

Kindness Week

The world can use some extra kindness right now and HFE is ready to deliver! Our students will join nearly 17 million youth in 115 countries to create a kinder world. HFE will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge (GKC) the week of **Feb. 14**. The program offers a positive and proactive approach to creating a kinder school climate through a simple checklist of intentional acts of kindness.



Please stay tuned for more updates on Kindness Week!

S.O.A.R. Spotlight

Each month, we recognize members of our community who exemplify the S.O.A.R. qualities. This month, we honor Anne-Ross Edwards.



Each month, the Eagle Alliance partners with a different grade to provide a Sunshine event for our teachers and staff. Parents generously provide breakfast, an afternoon sweet treat, candy at Halloween and sunscreen in the spring to show our faculty and staff how much we appreciate them! Anne-Ross has graciously taken on coordinating each Sunshine event with fresh eyes and a smile. She also serves on the Special Events Committee to plan an end of year celebration. Anne-Ross and her husband, Colin, are parents to Mary, a sixth grader, Harriet, a third grader in Ms. Coppler's class, Carter, a pre-kindergartner who will be an Eagle next year and two-year-old Bear, who will join us in several years. We are so thankful for Anne-Ross's involvement in our school this year and the years to come!

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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