

Hartwell Elementary School Newsletter, February 2019



February Reminders

As we enter the last few months of the school year, please keep in mind that attendance is incredibly important. Instructional time is valued at Hartwell Elementary, and every minute spent in the classroom matters.

It is also time to start thinking about kindergarten and pre-kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have a child that will attend Hartwell Elementary School for kindergarten next year, you can register him/her on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 from 8:30-2:30 at Hartwell Elementary. Your child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2019 to register. You will need to bring a certified birth certificate, parent/guardian picture ID, certified immunization form, proof of primary residence, your child's social security card, and your child. The process will include readiness testing, hearing, dental, vision, and speech screenings and may take an hour or longer.

Hart County Elementary Schools will also host registration for the 2019-2020 Pre-Kindergarten Program this spring. Any child who will be 4 on or before September 1, 2019 and is a resident of Georgia can apply. These dates are set for Monday, April 22 and Friday, April 26 at the Ag. Science Center. Please call 706-376-5141 if you have any questions.

As always, encourage your child to be helpful, accountable, respectful and teachable.

Sincerely,

HES Administrators
Veronica Johnson, EdD—Principal
Courtney Hart—Assistant Principal

Nurse Notes

Flu, viruses, and strep throat are starting. Remember, please do not send a sick child to school telling him/her to see the nurse. All students must be fever free, without use of medicine, for 24 hours before returning to school. Please encourage good, frequent hand-washing and covering coughs.

Stay Healthy,
Nurse Carey

Media Minute

February is a fantastic month in the media center! Please keep the following information in mind as you plan your month:

February 28—Six Flags Reading Logs are due, no late forms will be accepted.

February 25-March 1—Read Across America Week, celebrate each day:

- Monday: "Fox in Socks" Wear crazy socks
- Tuesday: "Green Eggs & Ham" Wear green
- Wednesday: "Wacky Wednesday" Wear wacky, mismatched clothes
- Thursday: "The Cat in the Hat" Wear your hats
- Friday: "Sleep Book" Wear appropriate pajamas

March 4—Yearbook orders are due.

March 18-22—We are hosting our Spring Book Fair. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Mrs. Hudson at 706-376-4425.

Mission and Vision Statements

Mission: The mission of the Hart County Charter System is to prepare all individuals to meet tomorrow's challenges by providing quality educational opportunities today.

Vision: Hart County Schools will be recognized for educational excellence.

Grade Level News

Fifth Grade

We are continuing to work on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions with unlike denominators in math. We have started studying cells and microorganisms in science, and students are enjoying learning about World War II in Social Studies. We are researching debatable topics in reading, and we have started our opinion writing unit.

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are heading west! Westward Ho! We are learning about United States expansion to the west in the early 1800s. During this unit, we will be doing several STEAM activities and will celebrate our learning with Pioneer Day on February 21st. Math classes will begin our units on fractions while ELA classes are concluding weather research. Poetry units will begin shortly thereafter.

Third Grade

Third grade students are still working on character studies in grade level novels. We will also be starting our opinion writing unit. We are continuing to learn about area and perimeter and begin learning about the attributes of shapes in math. In Science we are learning about the types of soil and its properties. We will be finishing up explorers and begin learning about British Colonial America in Social Studies.

Second Grade

Second graders are learning about how characters in a story react to major events and challenges. They are also writing opinions and persuading others. We will continue to learn subtraction strategies. We have also started learning about historical figures in Social Studies, including Jackie Robinson, Jimmy Carter, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

First Grade

First graders are learning about missing addends in math. We are writing reviews and opinion pieces, and we are learning to “be the boss” of our reading. We are also using our reading tools to solve hard words. We will be learning what commas are and how to use them.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has enjoyed learning during our first one hundred days of school! We are continuing to learn how to use our reading super powers. We have even learned how to solve word problems in math and are about to learn how to add and subtract. Remember to practice handwriting each day with your child. You can practice correct letter and number formation as well as practice writing their name.

PreK

PreK has a busy month ahead! We will start talking about the daytime and night time sky, weather, shadows, and Groundhog’s Day. We will also study presidents and our health. We are very excited to do Valentine activities and our Valentine’s Day parade!

SKIP

SKIP class will be enjoying the study of travel and transportation this month. We will explore all vehicles using questions like: What? Where? Who? This will fit in with the study of Community Helpers in the last part of February. We are also focusing on independence and working hard to do things on our own, such as open food containers and packages, potty independently, stay in an assigned area, and wipe our nose. We are really working on recognizing letters and letter sounds, counting, and reading/caring for books appropriately, and writing.

Save the Date

- February 5—Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff
- February 8—Valentine’s Dance
- February 11—Progress Reports
- February 15—Class Pictures
- February 15—PTO Talent Show
- February 18 & 19—Winter Break
- February 21—4th Grade Pioneer Day
- February 22—STAR Program 1:30
- February 28—Six Flags Reading Logs due
- March 4—Yearbook orders due
- March 5—STAR Night
- March 15—Student Holiday
- March 19—Early Release/Report Cards
- March 18-March 22—Book Fair
- April 22, 10:00-6:00—PreK Registration at Hart County Agriscience Center
- April 23, 8:30-2:30—Kindergarten Registration at HES
- April 26, 9:00-2:00—PreK Registration at Hart County Agriscience Center

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