

# Hartwell Elementary School Newsletter, May 2019



## End of the Year Reminders

The end of this school year is near, and we are so thankful to have had the opportunity to work with the wonderful students and fantastic parents at Hartwell Elementary.

We have a full calendar of events on the back of this newsletter. Please be sure to check this calendar for important dates that you and your child will need to know. For example, Field Day is on May 17 and STEAM Day is May 21. On May 22, we will have Fifth Grade Graduation as well as Kindergarten and Pre-K programs. First, second, third, and fourth grades will all have their programs on May 23 in the gym. The last day of school is May 24, and it will be an early release day for students.

We hope you all have a safe, happy summer, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone next year!

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

Sincerely,

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

## Lunchroom Lineup

Café news: Charges WILL NOT be allowed the month of May. Parents please keep a check on your students accounts or the student will be calling home. If you have any questions feel free to email or call. We enjoy our students eating with us and would love for them all to eat in the lunchroom, however we do need to make sure all balances are paid before May 24th at noon. If your student has a balance it will roll over to the next year! Hope everyone has a Wonderful, Safe & Fun Summer!  
HES Lunchroom Staff

## Media Minute

It has been a phenomenal year in the Hartwell Elementary School Media Center! The last day to check out library books is May 10, and all books are due on May 14. Students with overdue books will receive notices by May 15. Have a great summer!

## 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.

Mindset of the Month: Everything is Possible

## Grade Level News

### Fifth Grade

Fifth grade is preparing for the upcoming Georgia Milestones assessment which will begin on April 29. Our last day of testing will be May 14. We will be have our annual fifth grade picnic on May 15 starting at 12:00. After testing, we will review areas of weakness as well as look ahead to some sixth grade standards. We will wrap up the year with a graduation ceremony May 22 at 10:00 in the gym at Hartwell Elementary. We are looking forward to a wonderful end of the school year! Look for more information to come later about the picnic and graduation.

### Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are reviewing all of the standards they have learned this year in preparation for Georgia Milestones Assessments. We are so proud of what our students have learned! During the month of May, we will be preparing students for fifth grade and previewing skills necessary to be successful. Make sure you check the calendar for important events over the next several weeks.

### Third Grade

Third grade students have been busy over the last several months mastering standards in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. As we move into the month of May, we are continuing learning ELA standards through book clubs. We will begin studying heat and energy in science, and we are reviewing math standards.

### Second Grade

Second grade students have been busy and thrilled about diving into the fairytale unit in reading. We will finish this unit this month. In social studies and math, our focus will be on economics and money. We are excited to begin learning about the plant cycle. The students will complete a project that will involve research, being hands-on, and volunteers from our Botanical Gardens community to help. The focus will be on "Beautifying Hartwell Elementary."

### First Grade

We will be visiting the Children's Museum of the Upstate in Greenville on May 2. In math, we are partitioning shapes and fractions. In May, we will focus on realistic fiction as well as comparing and contrasting different texts. We will be publishing our series books over the next month, too.

### Kindergarten

Kindergarteners have been excited to stretch their reading muscles and improve their reading fluency and comprehension. During the month of May, we will practice writing personal and narrative stories. We will also focus on comprehension standards in reading. In math, we will practice our fact fluency.

### PreK

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## Save the Date

- May 9—Special Olympics
- May 9—Second Grade Field Trip to Gwinnett Stripers
- May 10—Last day to check out library books
- May 14—All library books are due
- May 15—Kindergarten Field Trip to Greenville Zoo
- May 15—Fifth Grade Picnic
- May 16—Third Grade Trip to Hart County College and Career Academy
- May 17—Field Day
- May 20—Honor Graduates at HES
- May 21—STEAM & Career Day
- May 21—Student Showcase
- May 22—Fifth Grade Graduation at 10:00 in the HES Gym
- May 22—Kindergarten Program at 12:30 in the HES Gym
- May 22—Pre-K Program at 1:30 in the HES Gym
- May 23—First Grade Program at 8:30 in the HES Gym
- May 23—Second Grade Program at 10:00 in the HES Gym
- May 23—Third Grade Program at 11:30 in the HES Gym
- May 23—Fourth Grade Program at 1:00 in the HES Gym
- May 24—Last Day of School & Early Release

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