



Hembree Highlights

From the Desk of Kalpana Raju, Principal

October 2, 2009

Dear Parents,

We're predicting the most gorgeous weather for Saturday!! So come on out and help us with our Hands on Atlanta Day. We will spruce up our campus and building! A huge THANKS to David Rindt (parent here) for picking up all the plants that have been donated for this event.

We have received several pledges for the GO4GREEN initiative to have a playfield with grass! Please help us raise the money to complete the last phase of this project!

Our students in the 3rd and 5th grades have finally completed the ITBS which was extended due to the flood day last week. Now these students can get back to their regular schedules!

In closing, I'm sending a chuckle your way.....straight from our Hembree Springs students:

Teacher: Why isn't the date on your HW?

Student: Well, no one in my house knows the date!

A 1st grader was feeling down, her eyes were itchy and her allergies were bothering her. The teacher looked at her and said, "I really wish that you were feeling better!" The student runs in the classroom the next morning saying, "Mrs. Alexander, part of your wish really did come true. I almost feel all the way better!!"

A teacher was introducing shapes to her students during math. She held up a cylinder and asked her students, "Do you know what this is?" A student answers, "It reminds me of a beer can!"

Sincerely, Kali Raju

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY

Mark your calendars...Friday, October 9 is our first Teacher/Parent Conference Day. There will be no school for students on this day. If your child's teacher has not already contacted you to schedule an appointment, please contact the teacher to arrange a time.

YOUTH DAY PARADE – "HIP, HIP HOORAY"

Saturday, October 10, is the annual Youth Day Parade in Roswell. Students, parents, and teachers are invited to walk along side the HSES Float on the parade route dressed in Hembree Springs T-shirts/spirit wear or as their favorite superhero!

Also, the Float Committee needs lots and lots of candy to throw along the parade route. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, please send it into the school marked to the attention of "Lisa Cowles/Youth Day Float." All candy must be individually wrapped (i.e. Tootsie Rolls). No lollipops, please – sticks are a bad thing to throw! If you would like more information on how you can be a part of the Hembree Springs Youth Day float, please e-mail Lisa Cowles at cowlesfamily@bellsouth.net or call 678-358-6545.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Roopsha Bandopadhyay, Nina Crawford, Emma Lucciola, and Lauren Miller. These students have been selected to represent Hembree Springs Chorus in the Fulton County Honors Chorus.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 3**
 - October 5
 - October 6
 - October 7
 - October 8**
 - October 8
 - October 9
 - October 10**
 - October 12
 - October 14
 - October 15
 - October 16
 - October 17
- Hands On Atlanta; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
Teaching Museum – Kindergarten; 10 a.m.
Fall Picture Day-Tuesday
PTA Staff Appreciation
"Picnic Luncheon" Please contact Kristi Gillam at kdgillam@yahoo.com for more information.
- After School Chorus Rehearsal; 2:30-3:30pm.
"Early Bird" Yearbook order ends for \$27 after that regular price of \$29 for the book.
Teacher Conference Day – No School
EPMS Consignment Sale; 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Roswell Youth Day Parade**
EPMS Consignment Sale; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Reflections Entries Due. Please contact Julie Daniels and Elke Monahan at reflections@hembreespringpta.org for more information.
- Early Release Day; Students Dismissed at 11:15 a.m.
Chuck -E- Cheese Family Night; 3 p.m. 9p.m.
BoxTops and Tyson Project A+ Contests ends. Please e-mail box-tops@hembreespringpta.org with any questions.
- Doughnuts for Dads – Kindergarten; 7:20a.m.
Macy's Shop for a Cause

Working together to learn and grow beyond our dreams!

PARENT INTEREST SURVEY

Parents, just a reminder to fill out the parent survey on our website by clicking this link:

<http://www.opinionpower.com/Surveys/613057875.html>. A hard copy will be sent home with students who receive a hard copy of the Hembree Highlights. If you receive a hard copy, please fill it out and send it to school with your child.

Once the survey results are tabulated, the topics with the most interest will become the focus of the workshops. By all means though, please feel free to contact us via e-mail or telephone if you would like to discuss any issue privately. All survey input is anonymous.

Thank you for your time and assistance. *Debbie Cagle and Maru Gonzalez, School Counselors.*

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to you, we delivered 387 bags of food to the NFCC Food Pantry. The first day we delivered food, their shelves desperately needed filling. Every day that we delivered our bags, we saw the volunteers filling orders for families, sometimes right out of our bags! The Food Pantry was very appreciative of not only the food that YOU donated but also for following the guidelines of what items they can really use. Thank you for making a difference in our community!

Thank you once again to Harry's Farmer Market for the donation of the bags that greatly support our food drive. Thank you also to Kristin and Yorick Andeweg for collecting 48 bags of food and \$20 from their neighborhood.

Please keep in mind that NFCC can always use donations of food and gently used clothing/ household goods. The need is year round, and it is a great way to show your kids how they can help those in need.

SALLY FOSTER ORDERS

Don't forget to place your order for Sally Foster products by Monday, October 5. We have extended the deadline for ordering to allow everyone the opportunity to participate in raising the necessary funds for the HSES PTA. You won't want to miss out on your opportunity to help raise money for assemblies, Science Days, agendas, magazine subscriptions, and other educational enhancements the HSES PTA provides for our school. There are also terrific choices available like bath and body products that are comparable to your favorites found in specialty stores; gift wrap that's of premium quality, with vibrant colors and exclusive designs; and the chocolates are so good, they've been served at the White House and Walt Disney World!

If you have already turned in your order form or have out of town friends and family, send them reminders they can order on line at (www.sallyfoster.com) and help out Hembree Springs.

Every order provides funds for Hembree Springs Elementary School PTA.

BOX TOP\$ CONTEST

Please continue to turn in your Box Top\$ and your Tyson A+ labels. So far we have earned \$280. Last fall we raised \$900! Let's try and earn \$1,000 this year.

There is a box in the lobby where you may place your labels. **All labels must be turned in by October 15.** Make sure you label your Box Top\$ and Project A+ labels to ensure that your class gets credit! Here are the results so far:

Loyd	269	Wainwright	153
Wilgus	144	Yoo	186

READY. SET. GO! Starting the school year off right!

Area 3: Teacher Conferences. When you need to schedule a teacher conference, keep these few things in mind. Whether you wait for the formal conference at the beginning of the year or want to meet at another time, it is always best to let your teacher know in advance what you want to discuss.

Schedule a date and time that works best for the teacher. They know what time works best in their busy schedule to give you the necessary time and attention you are requesting. Give them advance notice of what your concerns are, what specific questions you will be asking, and any other types of information you would like the teacher to have ready (i.e. work samples, test grades, observation notes, notes from another teacher). Doing this will give the teacher an idea of what your concerns are, provide structure to the meeting, and allow your child's teacher time to pull all the necessary information so you can sit down together and have a fruitful discussion.

It is everyone's goal to provide the best learning experience. Knowing this and working together to solve any situation that comes up will make for a successful school year.

For additional information on advance planning, organization strategies, communication tips, or other educational programs, please contact our Learning Center at 678-240-0936 or crabapple@knowledgepoints.com

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MACY'S SHOP for a CAUSE

For a \$5 donation, you will receive an all day shopping pass for 20% off fashions and 10% off home goods. Please call Dee at the front desk at 770-667-2902 or e-mail Dee at duzak@fultonschools.org for more details. Cash only. Proceeds benefit Hembree Springs.

ANNUAL RECYCLING CONTEST

The annual Recycling Contest runs from October 1 through October 30. For information, please contact Tia Bohannon at 770-754-5755 or by e-mail at environment@hembreespringspta.org.

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