



# Heards Ferry Hints

## **Heards Ferry Website:**

<http://www.fultonschools.org/school/heardsferry/index.html>

**School Phone Number:** (770) 933-6190

**Buddies** – We will be assigning you a buddy family that will contact you to help you with any questions you may have. We'll get these assignments made by late July. In the meantime, please feel free to email me with any question that you have.

**Chastain Park Play Date** – Informal Playdate on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 – Kids meet kids!

**Sneak Peek** -Friday August 7th - 8:30 to 10:00 M to Z, 10:30 to 12:00 A to L

Bring your children to the school to find out their classroom and teacher assignment, meet the teachers, sign up to volunteer in the classroom, sign up for the PTA, get signed up for the cafeteria, get your bus information, order your yearbook, sign up for after school programs and much more! Don't forget your check book!

**First Day of School** - Monday August 10th - 7:45am to 2:15pm

Using carpool drop-off or the bus in the best option for your child on the first day of school. There are a group of faculty and staff on the front steps of the school who greet the children, put on and check the children's wrists for wristbands with transportation information. Once inside, there is additional staff to assist getting the children to their hallway and classroom. It is amazing to see how quickly the children learn to get to their classrooms.

**Bus** – The bus route information is available at the Fulton County Website. Your child's specific bus information will be available at Sneak Peek. The first morning of school each child will get a label with their name and transportation information to ensure they get on the right bus and get to and from school safely. All the teachers will be given this information. The link to bus information is <http://www.fultonschools.org/addapage.asp?page=/dept/transport/index.asp>

**Cafeteria** – Your child may pack a lunch from home or purchase lunch in the cafeteria. You may also have your child purchase milk or water for the lunch brought from home. At Sneak Peek, you will be able to sign-up for a pre-paid account, which is debited when the students make cafeteria selections. A representative from the Cafeteria will be available at Sneak Peek to answer more specific questions.

**Carpool** - Carpool numbers and information are provided at Sneak Peek. Please be advised that for the first few weeks of school the carpool process can be slow.

**Celebrations** – You may celebrate your child's birthday by bringing a treat to school. Birthday celebrations are only to be held during your child's lunchtime

**Communication with the Teacher** – Email is the best way to communicate with your teacher. You can find your teacher's email on the HFE Website at the Teacher Web-pages Tab. You will be invited to a conference with your child's teacher in the fall. During the school year, depending on the grade, there is a folder that comes home each day with the child for your review. Your teacher will give specific information on communications on a daily/weekly basis.

**Dress Code** – the dress code information is included in the Student/Parent Handbook that is provided at Sneak Peek.

**Doctor and Dentist Appointments** – Please email your child's teacher to let him/her know that you will need to sign your child out during the day (or send in a note via the child's book bag). Please go to the Front Office to sign your child out. The child will meet you at the Front Office.

**Early Release Day's** – Students are released 3 hours early for these 5 days during the school year. The dates for the 2009/2010 school year are 9/16, 10/14, 11/18, 2/24 and 3/24.

**Questions for the School** – If you have general school questions, please contact the Ms. Ajit Johar at the Front Office at 770-933-6190. If your question is about your individual child, please start by emailing your classroom teacher. Each teacher has their own webpage set up (on the Teacher Web-pages Tab on the HFE Website).

**Sickness** – If possible, email your child's teacher to let them know that the child will not be at school if they are sick. When the child returns to school, send it a note letting the teacher know that the child was sick so that the absence will be excused.

**Transportation Changes** – Students can only be released to individuals that have been designated on his/her transportation card. If you anticipate a friend or neighbor will be picking up your child on a frequent basis, please add their name to the transportation card. If your child is going home by a means other than there standard way, please send in a written note. In the interest of safety, email and phone calls are not an allowed.

**School Supplies** -Supply lists will be available on the school's website and in the Sneak Peek packet. Supplies ordered in the Spring are available for pick up at Sneak Peak.

**Volunteering** - At Sneak Peek you will have a chance to sign up for the PTA and volunteer opportunities. There are sign-up sheets in each class at Sneak Peek. This is a great way to get involved in the school, meet other parents and have some fun too.

**First Friday** - Friday, August 14th - evening

On the Entertainment Lawn at Heritage Sandy Springs - A kick-off celebration for Heard's Ferry Families. Boxed Suppers available for sale and other fun things will be offered. This is a great time to gather to celebrate getting through that first week of school.

**PTA Meeting and Back to School Night** - Thursday August 27th - 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Come to the first PTA meeting and also go into the classroom to visit with the teachers and see your child's classroom. This is an event for parents only.

**Principal's Coffee and New Parent Workshop** - Thursday, September 3rd - 8:00 to 10:00 AM A chance to meet Ms. Dorenkamp and learn more about the school and ask questions in an informal setting.