



# Hope-Hill Happenings

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## CALENDAR

### April 1-5

- Spring Break

### Thu, April 4

- School Library Day

### Mon, April 8

- Neuro-Diversity Monday: celebrate the beauty of the diverse spectrum--Wear tie-dye
- Solar Eclipse

### Tue, April 9

- T.E.A.M. Tuesday: together everyone achieves more--wear your favorite sports team
- 8:30 AM - Prospective Parent Tour

### Wed, April 10

- Light it Up Blue Wednesday: wear blue as APS celebrates autism awareness
- 7:00 PM - PTA Meeting on Zoom

### Thu, April 11

- Magnificent Mind Thursday: celebrate how amazing it is that all of our minds work differently--wear a fun hat

### Fri, April 12

- Sensory Friendly Friday: People with autism often have a variety of sensory sensitivities--wear your most comfy clothes
- 7:45 AM - Principal's Chat
- 7:30-9:30 PM - PTA Spring Screen on the Green @ Howard MS Field

### Mon, April 15

- Math Monday: Twin Day

### Wed, April 17

- 3rd Grade Field Trip to High Museum
- 6:00 PM - Aladdin & A Day in Agrabah @ Howard MS Auditorium (tickets required)

### Thu, April 18

- 6:00 PM - Aladdin & A Day in Agrabah @ Howard MS Auditorium (tickets required)

### Sat, April 20

- 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM - 5th Grade Car Wash @ Hope-Hill Parking Lot

### Mon, April 22

- Math Monday: Pattern Day
- Earth Day

### Tue, April 23

- School Bus Drivers' Day

### April 22-26

- Teacher Appreciation Week

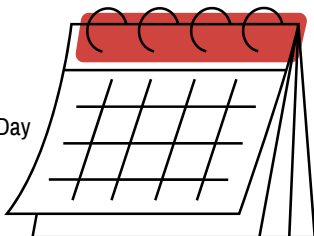
### Fri, April 26

- PTA Family Game Night

### Mon, April 29

- Math Monday: Wear a Number Day
- GMAS begins

**SAVE THE DATE**



Happy Spring!

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we move further into the spring season, I am delighted to share with you the latest updates and highlights from our school community. April brings with it a sense of renewal and growth, both academically and personally. It's a time when we reflect on our progress, celebrate our achievements, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as a school family.

**Academic Excellence:** I'm thrilled to report that our students continue to excel academically. As we approach the end of the school year, our educators are working diligently to ensure that every student reaches their full potential. From engaging classroom activities to personalized learning initiatives, we are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

**Upcoming Events:** Spring Musical-Aladdin: Our talented performers have been hard at work preparing for our annual Spring musical. Join us for an evening of music, dance, and celebration.

**Earth Day Celebration:** We believe in instilling a sense of environmental responsibility in our students. On Earth Day, we will be hosting various activities and initiatives to promote sustainability and conservation. Stay tuned for more details!

**Community Engagement:** Our school is more than just a place of learning; it's a vibrant community where students, parents, and educators come together to support one another. I encourage you to get involved in our PTA meetings, HHES Foundation, volunteer opportunities, and school events. Your participation strengthens our school community and enriches the educational experience for all.

**Celebrating Achievements:** I am incredibly proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff members. Whether it's winning academic competitions, showcasing artistic talents, or demonstrating acts of kindness and leadership, our school community continues to shine bright. Let's take a moment to celebrate these achievements and the hard work that goes into making them possible.

As always, my door is open to you. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out via email [kgibbons@apsk12.org](mailto:kgibbons@apsk12.org) or phone 404-771-8489. Together, we will continue to foster a nurturing learning environment where every student can thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school.

Kind regards,  
**Keisha Gibbons, Principal**

### Pre-K

**Swan** - Camille Seaborne  
**Trahan** - Gabby Rocha



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### Kindergarten

**Bennett** - Princeton Shannon  
**Killebrew** - Silas Baker  
**Kinder** - Esther Tolochko  
**Smith** - Hugo Fremont

### 2nd Grade

**Fries** - EJ Collins  
**Harper** - Emma Mostoller  
**Randall** - Bailey Clark  
**Williams** - Paris Henderson

### 4th Grade

**Callender** - Waylon Fox  
**Hamilton** - Milo Alter  
**Ruggs** - Rodriguez Sims



### 1st Grade

**Anderson** - Vanecia Maganda Garcia  
**Dorsey** - Zeus-Kenny Alexander  
**Turner** - London Ross



### 3rd Grade

**Ellis** - Chloe Styles  
**Holmes** - Jamia Allen  
**Taylor** - Ella Scott

### 5th Grade

**Campbell** - Zameriah Washington  
**Currie** - Rose Alexander  
**Spragin** - Jonas Shropshire  
**Walker** - Roderick White

Sign up for O4W5K! The race is on May 11, 2024. There is the traditional 5K, Kids Sprint, and virtual option. All proceeds go to the Hope-Hill Foundation.

Discount code: **HHFamily**

May 11, 2024

7:15 AM  
Kid's Sprint

8:00 AM  
O4W5K



## HHE FOUNDATION



As we bid farewell to March, a month filled with the joys of reading and honoring the incredible contributions of women in history, we eagerly welcome April with open arms. April is a month brimming with festivities that celebrate diversity, creativity, and intellectual curiosity.

### Poetry Month:

Let's dive into the world of poetic expression! Throughout April, we'll explore the beauty and power of words through various poetic forms and styles. Students will have the opportunity to express themselves through poetry writing activities.

### Mathematics Awareness Month:

Get ready to sharpen those math skills! April is dedicated to recognizing the importance of integrating literacy and mathematics in our lives.

### National Autism Month:

It's time to raise awareness and promote acceptance and inclusion for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Let's celebrate the unique talents and perspectives of every member of our community.

### Stress Awareness Month:

As the school year progresses, let's take a moment to focus on stress management techniques and self-care practices. Please keep this in mind as we continue to prepare for end of grade testing.

### Celebrate Diversity Month:

Diversity is our strength! Throughout April, we'll celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures, backgrounds, and identities that make our school community vibrant and unique. Let's embrace our differences and learn from one another.

### School Librarian Month:

Ma. Fowler, is our amazing Media Specialist. One of her responsibilities is to serve as our school librarian. April is the perfect time to express our gratitude for her tireless efforts in promoting literacy, fostering a love of reading, and providing invaluable resources to our students and staff.

As we embark on this month-long journey of celebration and learning, let's remember to embrace curiosity, kindness, and the spirit of togetherness. Together, we can make April a month to remember!

## HOPE-HILL PTA

We have a lot going on in April, and we are looking for volunteers for all of our events. Use the QR codes below to sign up. Be sure to look for flyers in Thursday folders and announcements on Class Dojo and social media.

PTA MEETING - April 10  
SPRING SCREEN ON THE GREEN - April 12  
5TH GRADE CAR WASH - April 20  
FAMILY GAME NIGHT - April 26  
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - April 22-26

Don't forget: Hope-Hill swag is available for sale at all PTA events.

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR  
SPRING SCREEN ON THE GREEN**



**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER OR  
DONATE SUPPLIES FOR 5TH  
GRADE CAR WASH**



## April is Math Month

We're excited to announce that April is Math Month at our school! While we celebrate math in the classroom, we also encourage you to join in the fun at home. Math Month is the perfect opportunity to engage your child in math activities beyond the school walls. Whether it's counting objects around the house, measuring ingredients while cooking, or playing math games together, there are endless ways to make math come alive in everyday life. Take this opportunity to explore the wonders of math with your child and watch as their love for numbers grows. Let's make Math Month a memorable and enriching experience for our young mathematicians!



**Monday- April 15**  
**Seeing Double (Twin Day)**  
How many doubles can you find?



**Monday-April 22**  
**Pattern Day**  
Wear stripes, shapes, etc., and identify the patterns that you can find with your classmates. Are they growing, repeating, or decreasing patterns?



**Monday April-29**  
**Wear a Number Day**  
Find the total number of your class. Write the largest number based on the number of your classmates.

## STE(A)M

**Kristen Lyle**  
STE(A)M Program Specialist

March has been busy with many different STEAM events. Our kindergarten team kicked off the month with their habitat project-based themed unit. Each Kindergarten class learned the differences between organisms and nonliving objects. The students also created a model to represent their habitats. They will showcase their habitats during our annual art show!

We also had 4th grade and 2nd grade attend their yearly STEAM field trip. 4th grade went to Camp Mikell in Toccoa, Georgia. During the adventure, the students and chaperones completed a 3-mile hike in the mountains to view a waterfall. Not only did everyone learn about perseverance and ecosystems but they also learned about food waste and data collection.

Moreover, our 2nd graders went to the Tellus Science Museum. They got to view the night sky in the planetarium as well as learn more about planets and stars. This was all made possible through our HHES Foundation with funds collected from our annual O4W5K and a generous donor. Please continue to support our biggest fundraiser! The next O4W5K will be held Saturday, May 11th.

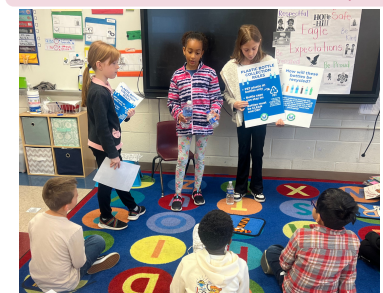
Lastly, we are gearing up to get ready for Earth Day. We started a recycling competition March 18th and it will end April 18th. We are collecting PET plastic. Please look on plastic for the chasing arrows and the number 1 in the middle. The school who collects the most plastic will win money!



**MS. SMITH'S KINDERS MADE A  
RAINFOREST IN A BOTTLE**



**4TH GRADERS TRAVELED TO TOCCOA, GA**



**WE ARE COLLECTING PET PLASTIC FOR  
THE RECYCLING COMPETITION**