



## CALENDAR

**Monday, January 8**

- PTA BO/GO Coffee @ The Daily, 100 Hurt St

**Wednesday, January 10**

- 7:00 PM - PTA Meeting on Zoom

**Friday, January 12**

- 7:45 AM - Principal's Chat

**Monday, January 15**

- MLK, Jr Day - Students do not report

**Friday, January 19**

- 100th Day of School

**Wednesday, January 24**

- #LibraryShelfie Day

**Friday, January 26**

- 8:30 AM - HHE Foundation Prospective Parent Meet & Greet @ Condesa Coffee
- 5:30 PM - Winter Dance

**Monday, January 29**

- 1st Grade Field Trip to Chattahoochee Nature Center

**Tuesday, January 30**

- 5:00 PM - Midtown Cluster Night for parents of students with disabilities @ Midtown High School

## HOPE-HILL PTA

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be virtual (Zoom).



**The Daily** (100 Hurt St NE, Atlanta, GA 30307) will be hosting another Buy One/Get One coffee event for us this Monday, January 8th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parents of students with disabilities** - The APS Department of Special Ed will present **Midtown Cluster Night** for parents of students with disabilities on Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 5:00-6:30 PM at Midtown HS, 929 Charles Allen Drive NE.

**School-wide Class Dojo** - Have you joined your child's Class Dojo? If so, you are automatically included in our schoolwide Dojo. Don't miss important announcements! Check with your child's teacher for instructions on how to join.



Dear HHES Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. I am excited to share with you the latest updates and news from our school community. Here are some highlights for January:

**1. New Year's Resolutions:** As we kick off the new year, we encourage students to set goals and make resolutions for their academic and personal growth. Our teachers will be supporting students in setting realistic and achievable goals.

**2. Winter Break Recap:** We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break. Our students and staff returned to school energized and ready to dive back into their studies.

**3. Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parent-teacher conferences will be held during the month of January. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teachers and discuss their progress. Please be on the lookout for more information regarding sign-ups from your child(ren)'s teacher(s).

**4. School Events:** We have several exciting events coming up this semester, including a Winter Dance and school wide play. Stay tuned for more details and how you can get involved.

**5. Student Achievements:** We are proud to recognize the accomplishments of our students. This month, we celebrate the achievements of students who won science, social sciences and technology fairs and also our top spelling bee winners. Congratulations and job well done! Next stop is the district. Also MAP reports will be sent with report cards. Please start checking Thursday folders for this information.

**6. School Safety:** The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority. We continue to review and update our safety protocols to ensure a secure learning environment for all. Please speak to your child(ren) about what is acceptable to bring to school (only educational materials) AND if they see or know something they should say something to a school staff member.

**7. Communication update:** This semester, we will be launching our school wide Classroom Dojo. We will use Dojo to communicate school wide information via the Hope-Hill School Stories. The staff members who will send school-wide communication will be Ms. Kingston, Ms. McCrary and Ms. Gibbons.

**8. Reminders:** Please remember to send your child to school with appropriate winter attire, including coats, hats, and gloves. Also, don't forget to check our school website for important updates and announcements.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can make this a successful and memorable school year.

Kind regards,  
**Keisha Gibbons, Principal**

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**Pre-K**  
**Swan** - Talaya Morton  
**Trahan** - Levi Wade

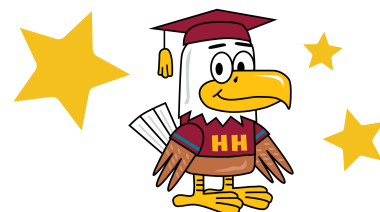
**Kindergarten**  
**Bennett** - Oliver Lord  
**Killebrew** - Maya Scott  
**Riley** - Legend Layne  
**Smith** - Allevan Griffin

**1st Grade**  
**Anderson** - Hannah Woodson  
**Dorsey** - Mason Finley  
**Turner** - Isaiah Lundi

**2nd Grade**  
**Fries** - Jeremy Maganda Ramirez  
**Harper** - Cayden Jones  
**Randall** - Yisabella Wright  
**Williams** - Nova Campbell

**3rd Grade**  
**Ellis** - Evie Pugh  
**Holmes** - Eden Golphin  
**Taylor** - Ella Brothers

**4th Grade**  
**Callender** - Camario Reed  
**Hamilton** - Ma'lani Lloyd  
**Ruggs** - Josiah Schloss



**5th Grade**  
**Campbell** - Treykwon Alston  
**Currie** - Zaniyah Pace  
**Spragin** - Isla Barnett  
**Walker** - Emanuel Adams





Welcome back! January brings a fresh start to a new year of literacy adventures! We're excited to dive into captivating stories and poems as we nurture a love for reading among our elementary learners. We are preparing for important reading and writing assessments and looking forward to #LibraryShelfie Day on Wednesday, January 24. Let's embark on this literary journey together, fostering a passion for words and creativity throughout 2024.

### Spelling Bee Winners (pictured on left)

We are delighted to announce the outstanding performance of our students in the December School-wide Spelling Bee! Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and dedication. Special recognition goes to our winner, fourth grader, **Kari Abram**, and our runner-up, fifth grader **Isla Barnett**. Kari will represent Hope-Hill at the District Spelling Bee on Jan. 20.

### Social Studies Fair Winners

Our One Fair showcased the incredible research and creativity of our students. Congratulations to all participants for their insightful Social Studies fair participants! Please join us in congratulating the 3 top presenters:

**First Place: Evelyn Pugh:** *Should We Compost at Hope-Hill?*

**Second Place: Valentina Nivar:** *What is Democracy and How is it Different from other Political Systems?*

**Third Place: Ashlin Bush:** *How Does the Presidential Election Narrow Down to Two Final Candidates?*

**Evelyn Pugh** will represent Hope-Hill at the District Social Studies Fair on January 24.

### Upcoming Assessments

**1. Opinion WriteScore Assessment (Grades 2-5) - Wednesday & Thursday, January 17 & 18**

This assessment provides valuable insights into students' opinion writing skills. Please ensure your child is well-rested and ready for this important evaluation.

**2. Acadience Testing (Kindergarten through 3rd grade) - January 22-31**

The Acadience testing focuses on assessing basic foundational reading skills. This individual assessment helps our teachers tailor instruction to meet the individual needs of each student.

### #LibraryShelfie Day, January 24

Occurring on the 4th Wednesday of January, this literary holiday encourages readers to take a selfie with their most beloved library shelf (public, home, or school) showcasing the books that stand out for them. Be sure to post your picture to our Instagram and use the hashtags **#LibraryShelfie** and **#HHRead**.

As always, your partnership in your child's education is invaluable. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office. Wishing everyone a successful and productive January!



Welcome to the New Year! As we step into January, it's an ideal moment to set the groundwork for a successful academic journey for your child. Motivate your child to establish achievable goals for the month, be it mastering multiplication tables, interpreting data, or tackling challenging story problems. Clear objectives can instill a sense of purpose and motivation.

Take a moment to reflect on your child's accomplishments, no matter how big or small. Celebrate their efforts, emphasizing the notion that hard work pays off. Positive reinforcement plays a crucial role in building confidence and nurturing a love for learning.

As always, here's a quick challenge for parents to engage in with their child:

### Math Journaling

**Goal:** Foster a love for math through journaling.

**Action:** Begin a math journal together. Encourage your child to write about their daily math experiences, challenges, or discoveries. Set a goal for the number of entries or specific topics to explore. This activity aims to make math an enjoyable and reflective part of your child's routine.

Although December was a short month for our Hope-Hill Eagles, we still had an eventful month. Our Eagles participated in their monthly engineering design challenge. We also had the pleasure of taking some of our gifted students to the Tellus Museum to learn about rocks. The students were able to make a necklace from the gems they mined. Lastly, we completed our school wide One Fair. Our students did an amazing job with their projects! Below are the winners for the science fair and technology fair.

## Science Fair Winners

**Kindergarten: Trinity Taylor**

**First Grade: Zeke Taylor**

**3rd Grade:**

- 3rd place: Fizzing Bath Bombs- **Anaya Alexander**
- 2nd place: How Do Drinks Affect Your Teeth?- **Brielle Lundi**
- 1st place: Pollution vs Plant- **Olivia Miller**



**4th Grade:**

- 3rd place: Submersible- **Waylon Fox**
- 2nd place: Wrap it! Don't Trash it!- **Lior Shacham**
- 1st place: How Dirty Can Your Life Be?- **Milan Magee**

**5th Grade:**

- 3rd place: Urban Forest- **Julian Rentas**
- 2nd place: Levees- **London Layne**
- 1st place: **Salvatore Nivar**

**Honorable Mention:**

- Most impactful: **Luna Speight-Fisher**
- Best Board Design: **ZaNiyah Pace**

**Kristen Lyle**



**STE(A)M Program Specialist**

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**Top Winners:**

**Advancing to the district science fair-**

**Lior Shacham**  
**Milan Magee**  
**Olivia Miller**  
**Waylon Fox**

**Technology Fair:**

**Also Advancing to the district Technology Fair-**  
**Neva Fierman**  
**Madeline Warner**  
**Moses Tolochko**

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**SEL - Social Emotional Learning:**

The month of January will focus on self-management and our theme of Courage. Self-management skills allow us to handle daily stresses, as well as more challenging situations, have courage to take risks with learning and advocate for ourselves.



**Counseling Classroom Lessons:**

Our classroom lessons will focus on classroom expectations: Be Respectful, Be Proud, Be Prepared, and Be Safe.

## HHE FOUNDATION

The Hope-Hill Foundation is sponsoring a Meet & Greet for **prospective** Hope-Hill parents, and they are asking you to spread the word to your neighbors.

**HOPE-HILL  
PARENT MEET  
AND GREET**

Considering sending your kids to Hope-Hill?

Want to talk to current Hope-Hill parents about their experience?

Upcoming parent meet and greets:

Jan 26 at 8:30am at Condesa Coffee

Feb 8 at 8:30am at Finca to Filter

Email

chair@hopehillfoundation.org to register

**TELL YOUR  
NEIGHBORS!**

