

Upcoming Events

- 11/5 Fall Festival!!!
 - 11/6 Daylight Savings ! Fall Back 1 hour
 - 11/8 Chick-Fil-A Family Night
 - 11/11 Healthy Snack Sale!
 - 11/16 Thanksgiving Luncheon
 - 11/18 Math + Science Day
Tiger House T-Shirts!
 - 11/21 Thanksgiving Break - No School
this week
 - 12/7 Holiday luncheon - grades 3-5
 - 12/9 Healthy Snack Sale!
 - 12/13 Chick-Fil-A Family Night
 - 12/14 Staff luncheon
 - 12/15 PTA Holiday Musical
 - 12/16 End of Semester! Winter Break
- 1/4/2012 - Start of Spring Semester!



Happy Fall, Huntley Hills Family!

It is hard to believe that we are now turning from the summer heat to the beauty of fall! We have had a great opening to our school year. Thanks, parents, for your overwhelming support of the school uniforms. We are in the midst of testing season- we just completed CogAT and moving into ITBS for our first, third, and fifth graders. The fall is always a busy time for us – and this year is no exception. A sampling of our many activities includes: Mathematics University 10/27, PTA Fall Festival 11/05, and Thanksgiving Luncheon 11/16 (for guests of Grades 1 and 2).

We have our work “cut out” for us this year as we move towards meeting the AYP goals in place for the state. We must have 86.7% of our “Full Academic Year Students” demonstrate mastery in Reading/ELA and 83.8% in Mathematics. So- please do your part to make sure your child is completing homework, participating in Accelerated Reader, demonstrating exemplary attendance (including being on time for school), etc. I encourage you to confer with your child’s teachers to find out where you can provide additional support at home.

We are well on our way to “Grrrravitating toward Greatness”! With your support, that will be much easier to accomplish!

My best to you and yours,

Angela C. Leissa, Ph.D.
Principal

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!

To share photos or news
in *Tiger Tracks*,
please contact: Korinna Hirsch
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Hi Huntley Hills Family!



I can't believe fall is already here. It seems like just yesterday I was preparing for back to school and the start of the school year as PTA President. Well, thanks to the parents, students and

Huntley Hills community, we are off to a grrreat start!

We kicked off the year with news that our new playground extension will soon be under way thanks to your support of previous fundraisers. And with November right around the corner comes two of our big-

gest fundraisers, the Fall Festival and the Catalog fundraiser. Hopefully, you have paid attention to the courier notices about one or both of them. We look forward to your support in every way possible from volunteering to attendance to purchasing silent auction items.

On another note, I love seeing the students in their uniforms. Parents you have been great at making the transition seamless. Keep up the good work.

Each week I know there is enough going on in the classroom and around the halls of Huntley Hills to keep us all busy. And let's not get started on our work outside the

school. But no matter how full the plate of to-do's, we are able to get it all done thanks to each parent giving in the way that they can, from an hour serving pizza to reading to students or sharing culture in the classroom. All of the small and big things you do are examples of community. So thank you for being the best around.

And, let's keep up our work for every student in our school.

Your PTA President,
Rochelle Valsaint (Jonathan's mom)

PTA Board Spotlight on...



My name is Katie Buck and I am your PTA Board Corresponding Secretary. As corresponding secretary, my hope is to keep you informed about events and opportunities at Huntley Hills Elementary. My background includes growing up in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and being a special education teacher for 14 years.

I am married to Braden Buck, and am blessed with our children, Addison and Houston. Addison is in kindergarten, and Houston will be a Tiger next year. I am excited about serving the Huntley Hills family and look forward to a great school year.

Congrats to our new school council:

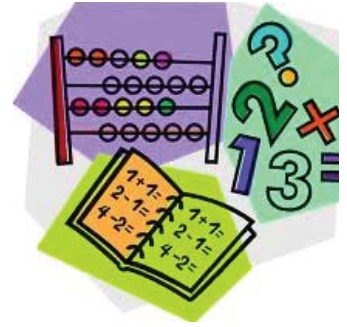
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Math Stars are Shining at Huntley Hills

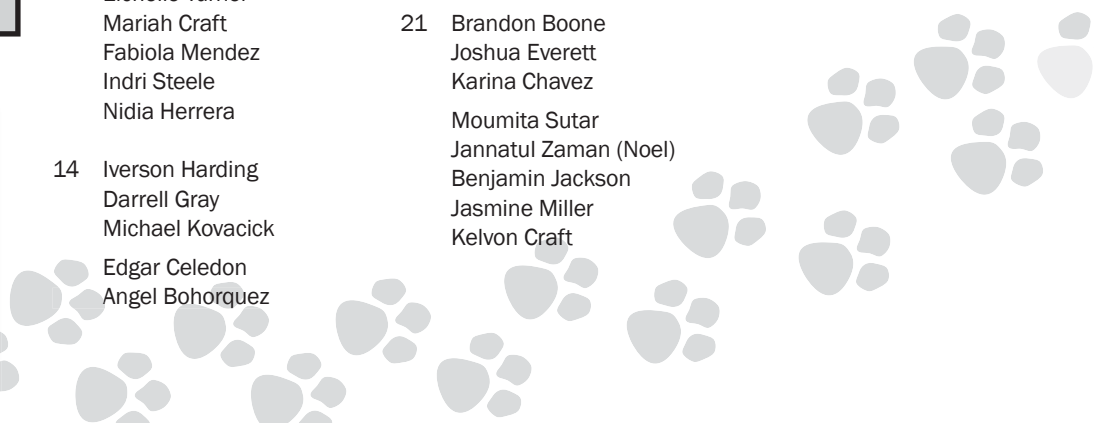
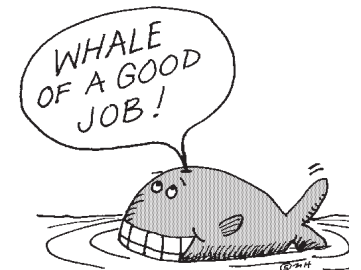
This year, our school has found a new way to honor those shining moments of math effort. This program, called Math Stars, is a way to recognize students for effort and achievement in mathematics. All students in the school are eligible to receive the award, and the award can be earned multiple times. Every day on the morning announcements, Suzette Powell, EIP math teacher, announces the math stars of the day along with the reason for their recognition. Students are awarded a Star Student pencil and a sash that reads "Math Star". Math Stars get to wear their sash all day to recognize their achievement. So far, Math Stars have been recognized for mastering math facts, achieving high scores in math, giving high levels of effort, and working diligently in problem solving.



Students never know who will be chosen so effort remains at a high level.

The following students have received the award in September.

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| 7 Marie Eisland
Fatou Ndiaye
John Lopez-Corona
Tawhida Haque
Aiden Lee | 15 Madelayne Arita
Edgar Garcia
Navila Akter
Trenton Williams
Corey Jolivette
Mahir Rahman
Ainslee Armstrong
Matthew Cheri | 22 Roier Roblero
Matthew Nguyen
Charli Brooks
Dayal Bravo
Hector Villafana
Maria Gomez-Gonzalez
Arshanti Christmas |
| 7 Carly Aitken
Amri Noel
Barbara Gomez
Eric Patlan | 16 Jenifer Gomez
Simren Bhati
Douglas Drummond
Thomas Henderson
Isaac Harkins
Elizabeth Aguilar | 23 Chloe Carroll
Brian Fadjariza-Dumais
Analia Guevara
Jahmani Gelin-Connought
Monico Hernandez
Jesus Bermudez
Martin Crespo |
| 8 Nicholas Hirsch-Santagata
Estefania Perez
Jhordyn Hill
Isabella Brown | 19 Khloe Prince
Jorge Robles
Uttsha Das
Kristopher Sykes
Carter Difonzo | |
| 9 Chase Pellitieri
Danny Au
Jyles Trinidad
Pamela Diaz
Dylan Lee
Karina Chavez | 20 Nadia Surges
Enisha Saha
Nicolas Yen
Gloria Lee
John Lopez Corona
William Gao
Miguel Gonzalez
Faiyaz Huda | |
| 12 De'Monta Thomas
Angel Nieves
Faiyez Huda
Darius Williams
Marshall Freyman | 21 Brandon Boone
Joshua Everett
Karina Chavez
Moumita Sutar
Jannatul Zaman (Noel)
Benjamin Jackson
Jasmine Miller
Kelvon Craft | |
| 13 Connor Martin
Omar Cruz
Eichelle Turner
Mariah Craft
Fabiola Mendez
Indri Steele
Nidia Herrera | | |
| 14 Iverson Harding
Darrell Gray
Michael Kovacick
Edgar Celedon
Angel Bohorquez | | |





Atlanta Braves All Star Achievers

Grey Kenna represented Huntley Hills Elementary and Montessori School at the Braves game recently. She was randomly selected along with four other metro Atlanta students to receive the All Star Achievers Award.

The children were recognized individually on the field (and the big screen!) before the Braves Game. She enjoyed the event and the game following the presentation.

Special Thanks to...

Chad Henderson for the research and work he did in chairing the PTA Playground Committee. The playground has been approved and work should begin soon!

Rochelle Valsaint and her PTA board for a job well done in Open House and getting our year started!

Jim Aitken for serving as our marquee dad! Through the rain, sleet, snow, and sun – he does a great job!



Susanne Howard, Turtle Mom Extraordinaire! Our turtles are enjoyed by all and this wouldn't be possible without her ongoing care!

Dunwoody First United Methodist Church for the donation of 50 book bags filled with school supplies!

David Santagata for his countless hours spent on our school courtyard during the summer and this fall! His "prework" made our first campus workday much easier and his continued efforts are keeping our garden in the best shape ever!

From the new DeKalb County Superintendent

In accordance with the Superintendent's 90-Day Entry Plan, all residents were invited to participate in the Parent Roundtable discussions that were held throughout the school district.

We hope you found the time in your busy schedule to attend one of these important meetings. By listening and learning from each of you, the objectives of the 90-Day Entry Plan can be met, and we can make certain that we are putting our students first.

Respectfully,
Dr. Cheryl L. H. Atkinson
Superintendent, DCSS

The overall objective of Dr. Atkinson, our new Superintendent's, 90-Day Entry Plan is to listen, learn, and lead. A critical element of this process will be several Parent Roundtable discussions held across the district. These meetings are organized by region, and the schedule has been added to the district's website.

Fourth Grade

At Huntley Hills, 4th grade Tigers are on the hunt for great grades. Fourth grade students have just completed several exciting projects. In Social Studies, we are moving forward towards accomplishing the mission of learning about all 50 states. Students have just completed a State Facts project; in Science, students have just finished a weather project. Exciting upcoming assignments include a Science Ecosystem project and a Math Flipbook project about multiplication facts.



Tutorial

Title I After-School Tutorial, which began on October 11, 2011, will run through March 26, 2012 for Huntley Hills 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:40 p.m. Students will receive instruction in Reading and Math. Students in grades 1st and 2nd will be added in January.

Nurse Price is in the house!

The clinic has been a busy place this year. Please keep children with fevers, vomiting, or diarrhea home for 24 hours unmedicated before returning to school. This will everyone stay well.

We need donations to the clinic of pants tops, underwear, and socks of all sizes for kids who need a change. Pants must be dress code compliant. Thank you!

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¡Feliz temporada de otoño para las familias de Huntley Hills!

¡Nos cuesta trabajo creer que estamos pasando del calor veraniego a la belleza del otoño! Tuvimos un gran comienzo del año escolar. Gracias a los padres por su tremendo apoyo con los uniformes escolares. Estamos en medio de la temporada de exámenes: acabamos de completar los CogAt y estamos empezando los ITBS para los alumnos de primero, tercero y quinto grados. El otoño es una época en la que estamos muy ocupados y este año no es una excepción. Una muestra de las muchas actividades que tenemos son la Universidad de Matemáticas el 27 de octubre, el Festival de Otoño del PTA el 5 de noviembre y el almuerzo de Acción de Gracias el 16 de noviembre para los invitados de los estudiantes de primer y segundo grado.

Enfrentamos la difícil tarea de cumplir con los objetivos del progreso anual adecuados establecidos por el estado. De nuestros alumnos que asisten al año académico completo, un 86.7% deben demostrar dominio en Lectura y Lenguaje y un 83.8% en Matemáticas. Así que por favor asegúrese de que su hijo completa su tarea, participa en el programa de Lectura Acelerada (*Accelerated Reader*), asiste a la escuela todos los días (llegando a tiempo, también), etc.

¡Estamos “Acerrrándonos a la Grrrandenza”! Con su respaldo, va a ser mucho más fácil lograrlo. `-

Deseándoles lo mejor, Dr. Angela C. Leissa, Directora

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

- 11/5 Festival del otoño
- 11/6 Los relojes se atrasan una hora por el horario invernal
- 11/8 Noche familiar en Chik-Fil-A
- 11/11 Venta de meriendas saludables
- 11/16 Almuerzo del Día de Acción de Gracias
- 11/18 El Día de las Ciencias y las Matemáticas/Camisetas de las casas de los tigres
- 11/21 Vacaciones del Día de Acción de Gracias
No hay escuela esta semana
- 12/7 Almuerzo navideño – Grados 3 – 5
- 12/9 Venta de meriendas saludables
- 12/13 Noche familiar en Chik-Fil-A
- 12/14 Almuerzo del personal escolar
- 12/15 Musical festivo del PTA
- 12/16 Fin de semestre- Vacaciones de invierno
- 1/4/12 Comienzo del segundo semestre.



¡ESTE ES SU BOLETÍN DE NOTICIAS!

Para compartir fotos o noticias, póngase en contacto con Korinna Hirsch: 770-451-0252 o korinna@bellsouth.net

LA JUNTA DEL PTA DESTACA A:

Katie Buck, Secretaria de correspondencia. “Espero mantenerlos informados sobre eventos y oportunidades en Huntley Hills”

¡VISÍTENOS EN FACEBOOK Y DÍGANOS QUE LE GUSTAMOS!

Huntley Hills E.S PTA Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/223492837681166/>

EL ALMUERZO DE LOS ABUELOS

Vinieron los abuelos a almorzar con los niños. ¡Hasta una bisabuela vino! Los alumnos de PreK y Kindergarten tuvieron la oportunidad de demostrar sus buenos modales en la mesa.

FESTIVAL DEL OTOÑO DE HUNTLEY HILLS

El sábado, 5 de noviembre – 10:00 – 3:00 PM

Juegos, diversiones, arte, subasta silenciosa

TUTORIAL (INSTRUCCIÓN SUPLEMENTARIA)

Del 11 de octubre, 2011 al 26 de marzo, 2012
Martes y jueves 2:30 – 4:40 PM

LA SEÑORA PRICE ES NUESTRA NUEVA ENFERMERA

Por favor, mantenga los niños con fiebre, vómitos, diarrea en la casa durante 24 horas sin medicamentos antes de regresar a la escuela. Necesitamos donaciones de ropa para la clínica: pantalones, camisas, blusas y medias de todas las tallas. Los pantalones deben seguir el código de uniformes de la escuela.

NOTICIAS DE LA BIBLIOTECA

Nuestra primera celebración de Lectura Acelerada fue el 6 de octubre y la segunda es el 5 de enero. Los niños se sienten muy orgullosos cuando cumplen sus metas de lectura y se les invita a las celebraciones. Si le gustaría servir como voluntario, llame a la señora Kuutti al 678-676-7420, o escríbale a Dian_kuutti@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us.

LOS ALUMNOS DE QUINTO GRADO

Accelerated Math (Programa de matemáticas acelerada) está en marcha y se han enviado cartas a la casa con respecto al acceso del programa desde la casa.

COMITÉ DE LA FERIA DE ESTUDIOS SOCIALES

Tendrá lugar a finales de noviembre. Los alumnos han recibido sus paquetes, completado el primer entrenamiento sobre el plagio, están seleccionando sus tópicos y empezando sus investigaciones.

LA NOCHE DE LA HERENCIA

Celebramos este año nuestra Noche de la Herencia con un “Desfile de las Naciones”. Los estudiantes desfilaron vestidos en trajes típicos de sus culturas y los padres trajeron platos típicos para compartir.

Grandparents Luncheon

Grandparents came from near and far to have a delicious lunch with their grandchildren. We even had a great grandmother come. For the Prek and Kindergarten students this was a chance to show off the manners they have been using at lunch.



Fifth Grade:

Our fifth graders have already been on their first field trip. They went to Fernbank in September.

Accelerated Math is up and running, and letters have been sent home regarding home access to the program. Students have enjoyed exploring kingdoms, and are currently comparing/contrasting animal and plants cells. They have analyzed reasons why pioneers would brave the journey west, and are currently understanding what events helped to cultivate the tension between the North and South which resulted in our Civil War.

In reading, our students have completed the first unit of five stories and have had some fun playing charades with their vocabulary words.

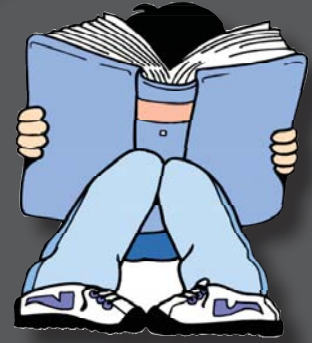
Social Studies Fair Committee:

Our Huntley Hills Social Studies Fair will be at the end of November. Students have received their fair packets. They have completed the first training in the Media Center regarding plagiarism, and will be continuing with more training in the future. They are now determining their topics and beginning their research.

Curriculum Night Fun and Learning



THE COZY CORNER



Library News

Mrs. Dian Kuutti, Teacher-Librarian

How can students soar in reading? When children read what interests them, especially within their comfortable reading zone, it really makes a difference! Many children like science, sports, fantasy, history, fairytales, mysteries, how-to books, magic tricks, cars, art, graphic novels/comics, classics, and much more. Our Accelerated Reader (AR) program gives children the opportunity to select books they like on their individual reading levels, read them, take comprehension quizzes online, and earn points toward personal reading goals. The children are so proud to achieve their goals and get invited to the AR Celebration! Our first AR Celebration is October 6, 2011. (The second one is January 5, 2012.) If you would like volunteer to help with any of our AR celebrations, please call Mrs. Kuutti at 678-676-7420, or email at Dian_Kuutti@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us. We would love to have you join us!

Everyone should have received two letters in courier during September from the library. One was about AR's Home Connect program by Renaissance Place, and how to view your child's progress in real time. The second was about Destiny, the school's library catalog available online 24/7. Please let me know if you still need this information. We want all our families to be a part of the reading community at Huntley Hills!

Montessori Grades 1-2

On Monday, September 26 Ms. Bales' class celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day. Students brought in apples to taste test. We graphed the results. The winner was the Granny Smith with 11 votes followed by the Macintosh with 5 votes. We used our graph to answer math questions such as how many more people liked Granny Smith than Macintosh. We also talked about folktales and read Steven Kellogg's version of Johnny Appleseed. The room smelled like apples all day.

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Our group is titled: Huntley Hills E.S. PTA

New Team @ HH!

Moiya Nsele, 3rd Grade Chair:

I am very excited to be a Huntley Hills Tiger... again! I am Moiya Nsele, a returning teacher to our school. In 2002, I came to Huntley Hills as a fifth grade teacher and worked in many other capacities until moving to the US Virgin Islands in 2007. There, I taught at an Independent School which helped me shape my philosophy of teaching in new and innovative ways. I returned this year and I must say that our school is a great place to be! Moreover, I work with a dynamic team of teachers and support staff. I look forward to a successful year!

Jane Alexander:

I come from Medlock Elementary and still live in the Medlock area of Decatur. There, I was an Early Intervention Math teacher from 1997-2008, then switched to first grade for three years. I am so glad to find the great community of Huntley Hills to join! Watch out...you may see me wearing Carolina blue as often as possible during the football and basketball seasons...Go Heels!

Dr. Knowles

My name is Dr. Katrina McDaniel - Knowles. Although I am new to the Huntley Hills family, I've been teaching for 17 years. I am happily married and have two children. I love to travel, shop, and watch suspense movies on my free time.

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Salzillo's Class

This year is flying by and we cannot believe that fall is here. We have an equal split of PreK and Kindergarten students this year with eleven of each. Our Kindergarten students have been a big help to the new students by showing them the right way to do things. It is fun to see new leaders emerge.

We had a wonderful turnout for our Grandparents' luncheon - eighteen guests! The children were thrilled. It was a great chance for us to talk about grace and courtesy. We practiced what to say when you meet someone for the first time and discussed table manners.

We have had several parents come in to help us in various ways. The children always enjoy hearing a story or having someone else to help them with what they are doing. We had a real treat when Mr. George, Kemia's dad made waffles for all of us. They were yummy and the room smelled so good!

As we enter into fall the children are learning to be more observant of the world around them. We have been talking about the changes we see and we are decorating our room with fall pictures. In our courtyard we had planted mums last year. The mums have grown so big now and look like they are getting ready to bloom. We can't wait and hope you all can come by the courtyard sometime and see them.

News from the GYM

We are moving and grooving in the GYM! September is Let's Move, Georgia Schools Challenge! September is Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, and Huntley Hills is participating by learning the Beyonce' "Move Your Body" dance. Go to <http://www.livehealthygeorgia.org/schools.shtml> for more information about the Let's Move, Georgia Schools Challenge! Ask your child to teach you the dance!

The students are also busy learning important nutritional & physical activity lessons from the OrganWise Guys, thanks to HealthMPowers! We are in our third year of a grant with HealthMPowers and can't wait to see what exciting new things await us from them this year.

Be on the lookout for information coming home soon on Jump Rope for Heart. The event will be November 7th - 11th during students PE classes.

And finally, parents please don't forget to send your child to school in tennis shoes on the days they have PE class.

See you around the gym!
Coach Spaulding

Heritage Night

Huntley Hills celebrated Heritage Night this year with "A Parade of Nations" Students dressed in clothing from their cultures and participated in a parade around the cafeteria. Parents brought dishes from various cultures to share.



Huntley Hills Fall Festival 2011 !!

The annual Fall Festival is just around the corner: Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 -3:00. We plan on ushering in a fantastic fall with lots of fun, games and some awesome art as well.

Each year, teachers and students of Huntley Hills work their creative magic together for the festival's silent auction. It is our school's biggest fundraiser and we can't wait to see you there!