



Heards Ferry Elementary School

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Dear Heards Ferry Families –

We did it! We made it through the first week of the 2024-2025 school year and had an awesome time doing it! I'm so proud of our students who quickly remembered (or learned for the first time) how to navigate hallways, the lunch line, lessons, recess, buses, carpool, and more. I hope your children have found joy in being back at school and are settling in as they build new relationships.

iReady Diagnostic Administration

iReady Math and Reading Diagnostic assessments must be administered to students the week of August 12th. On Monday and Tuesday, each student K-5 will take the math portion of the diagnostic. On Wednesday and Thursday, each student K-5 will take the ELA portion of the iReady diagnostic. Any student who misses a day of the iReady administration will participate in make-ups on Friday, August 16th. Please see the attached flyer to learn more about the iReady Diagnostic.

Participate Remote Days

Having our students in school each and every day is a priority for us here at HFE. Approved Remote Learning Days are a new addition to the Fulton County attendance policy as of last year. Each student is able to take 5 approved “participated remotely” learning days each semester. These can be used when you have a special family event, required travel, etc. These days must be requested at least 5 days in advance and require principal's approval. These days may not be used on testing days. Here is how the process works:

1. Parent notifies student's homeroom teacher of wanting to take participate remote learning days.
2. Use this link to inform our Data Clerk of the days you intend to use for Participate remote <https://forms.office.com/r/ED0Rgwaf6h>
3. Teachers will provide work that must be completed within 5 days of the absence

Please reach out to Heather Klinzing klinzingh@fultonschools.org with any questions.

Carpool Reminders

Thank you all for a smooth 1st week of carpool. Please let us know if you need a new number for carpool. A few reminders –

- wait until you pass the designated sign before your child exits the car.
- have your children exit from the right-hand side – do not get out of your car. We have adults to help open the doors if needed.
- if you need to buckle your child in after picking up in the afternoon, please go around the loop (where the turtle is) and park on the side to buckle your child.
- refrain from being on your cell phone during carpool.

Morning Dropoff

A reminder that our doors open to students for the school day at 7:10 am. We do not have the ability to supervise students before that time.

HFE Parent Handbook

Please find the HFE Parent Handbook [HERE](#). This handbook is provided as a resource to you for all things Heard's Ferry. Some special items to note are attendance policies, discipline cycle, lunch with your student and who to contact if you have questions.

Code of Conduct

Fulton County Schools' Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook is available online in PDF format [HERE](#). Once you have read the electronic version and reviewed the contents with your student(s), take a moment to complete the *Acknowledgement of Receipt Form* by following the attached directions. All parents and students (over 10 years old) MUST sign this form to be found within your INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL ACCOUNT. If you would like a paper copy of the Handbook, you or your child can pick up one from our front office.

Volunteer Training

ALL volunteers in the school must complete mandatory volunteer training before being allowed in the classroom. Upon entering the school to volunteer you will be asked to show your ID, sign in on our computer, and wear a name tag for the duration of your visit. Please make sure the name tag is clearly visible at all times.

Volunteer training must be completed every two years. Visit the [Fulton County Schools Volunteer site](#) for more information and to complete the training.

From our Eagle Alliance

See you this Saturday at the **Back to School Bash!** Stop by the HFE playground from 9:30-11:30 am and catch up with friends old and new. Click [HERE](#) for tickets or purchase one at the door.

The Room Parent volunteer sign is open now, sign up [HERE](#). We need two parents per classroom to work with the teacher throughout the year. The deadline is Wednesday, August 14th.

Your proud principal,

Karen

Attachments:

How to...Parent & Student Code of Conduct Receipt Acknowledgement
i-Ready Family Guide