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HAES: Where Effort Meets Excellence

Dear Harper-Archer Families,

Welcome to a new school year at Harper-Archer Elementary School **Where Effort Meets Excellence** because we proudly live out The Blue Standard: **Distinguished Staff and Distinguished Scholars**. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your principal.

At Harper-Archer, we believe every child deserves an environment that inspires learning, nurtures belonging, and expands opportunity. We believe every scholar can learn; every scholar can lead; every scholar deserves to learn with purpose and boldly pursue a future full of choice and opportunity.

We understand that in spite of any challenges beyond the classroom, our scholars are resilient, talented, creative, and capable of extraordinary growth and achievement. Therefore, we refuse to allow circumstance to determine destiny. We will expand opportunities through STEM, robotics, art, music, dance, Spanish, computer science, and scholar leadership programs as we commit ourselves to creating a joyful, safe, rigorous, and supportive learning environment where every child is known, valued, challenged, and empowered.

This year, our focus remains clear:

- Shared beliefs and responsibility (Consistent, high-quality learning experiences in every classroom)
- Attendance (belonging, learning, leadership, and agency)
- Partnerships (Family and community)

Important Dates and Times

Open House: Please join us for Open House Friday, July 31, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. to meet your child's teacher, receive important school information, and learn about the exciting opportunities available this school year.

Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT): Save the dates and join us on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, Wednesday, January 13, 2027 and Wednesday, April 14, 2027. These meetings provide families with valuable information about their child's academic progress, and they provide opportunities to celebrate and showcase student success while learning what's next.

First Day of School: Monday, August 3, 2026, at 7:45 AM. Scholars should enter the school at 7:15 A.M. Dismissal time is at 2:15 P.M. Please note that all early dismissals conclude at 1:30 PM.

Morning Arrival and Transportation Arrival: Scholars should enter at 7:15 A.M. **Tardy Time and Process:** Due to a late arrival, students arrive after 7:45 A.M. are considered tardy, and they must be escorted into the building by a parent/guardian and signed in for school.

Carpool Location: Please use the bottom(next to the track) lot for carpool drop-off and pick-up.

Buses: Bus schedules will be provided at the Open House and are available on the school website.

Parent Park/Walk: Parents who park and walk their children to the building should do so in designated areas for safety. (Fairburn Road near Jackson Memorial Church)

Additional Information

School Calendar:

The 2026–2027 school calendar, including important dates and events, is available on our school website.

Parent Portal:

Families are encouraged to access the **APS Infinite Campus Parent Portal** regularly to monitor grades, attendance, assignments, and school announcements.

Stay Connected:

Stay informed by joining our school's **Remind @harperarc** join class and **YouTube @haestrailblazers** channels for important announcements, school events, celebrations, and updates. Information on how to join will be shared during Open House and on our school website.

School Uniforms:

Scholars are expected to follow the Harper-Archer Elementary School uniform policy each day. School uniform colors are **shirts:** navy blue, light blue, or white, **bottoms:** navy blue, or khaki. Additional uniform information is available in the main office.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Parent conferences may be scheduled through your child's teacher or the school counselor on **Tuesdays or Wednesdays beginning at 2:45 P.M.**, or during the teacher's planning period on **Fridays**.

Classroom Visits:

To ensure a safe and productive learning environment, classroom visits must be scheduled in advance through one of our Assistant Principals.

Birthday Celebrations:

We love celebrating our scholars! Birthday celebrations may take place during your child's lunch period or at the end of the school day with the teacher's approval. To ensure the safety of all scholars:

- Parents and family members may not attend classroom birthday celebrations.
- Balloons are not permitted.
- All treats must be **individually wrapped, store-bought, and nut-free**.
- Please coordinate all birthday celebrations with your child's teacher in advance.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We welcome and encourage family involvement! If you are interested in volunteering at Harper-Archer Elementary this school year, please complete the volunteer interest form available during Open House or contact the main office.

After-School All-Stars (ASAS):

Harper-Archer Elementary proudly offers **After-School All-Stars (ASAS)**, a free after-school program that provides academic support, enrichment activities, homework help, clubs, family engagement opportunities, and more.

Registration information will be available during Open House.

At Harper-Archer, we believe schools are strongest when families, educators, scholars, and community partners work together. Our responsibility is shared, and our strength is our team.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We do not take that responsibility lightly. Every decision we make is guided by one question:

“Will this help guarantee that ALL scholars learn, grow, and succeed?”

Together, we will continue building a school where effort meets effort for all of our staff and scholars.

Welcome to another year of learning, leadership, and success.

With Commitment to Excellence,

Dr. Crystal January

Principal

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