



Hagood Highlights Newsletter

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From the Desk of Mrs. Alexander:

Parents,


Thank you so much for your involvement in your child's education. Involvement makes a huge difference.

One thing you can do is ask your child how his/her day was. Ask them some open-ended questions so their response isn't, "Nothing." For example; the best part of my day was...? In math we did...? The funniest thing that happened was...?

We appreciate your support!

PTO News

Hagood Elementary PTO is currently holding a fundraising campaign. With the Regal Eagle Fun Run, there is no selling or delivering products, and it reinforces the value of fitness. Family and friends anywhere in the world can support our school by giving pledges toward the number of laps your student will run on the day of [the Fun Run on November 12, 2015.](#)

To make our fundraising significantly easier, more profitable, and more fun, PTO has partnered with  Boosterthon. Funds raised will go toward student technology and playground equipment.

Powered by Boosterthon, this year's character is BIG WORLD RECESS, a global sports theme all about playing with character. Our students will travel the world and learn 6 Character Plays from REAL kid- athletes who play a sport and show REAL character.

Students will receive all their information on November 3, including their fundraising packet.

RadKIDS Comes to Hagood Elementary

RadKIDS (Resisting Aggression Defensively) is an educational program recently adopted by SDPC. During classes your child will be provided with a realistic education that enhances their ability to protect themselves from violence and harm. The curriculum topics covered during this program will be Home/School/Out and About Safety, Bullying Prevention, Realistic Defense Against Abduction, and Good/Bad/Uncomfortable Touch. Be sure to be on the lookout for more information on radKIDS coming home with your child in the near future.

School Improvement Council

Thank you all for sending in your elections ballots. Our two newly elected representatives are Rebecca Newman and Angie Smith.

Save the Date

Our first family night event will be Thursday, November 19. We will have a "Camping Under the Stars" night. Students will have the opportunity to participate in different activities. At the *Science Camper*, students will work in groups to create a catapult using popsicle sticks, and modify it to produce the best distance for their marshmallow launch. At the *Marvelous Math Camper*, students will use estimation, measurement, and symmetry to fling their plastic frogs the farthest distance. When students visit the *Vocabulary Camper*, they will play animal adaptation bingo using vocabulary from SC State science standards. At the *Earthly Engineer Camper*, students will use various materials to build a durable tent able to withstand wind. At the *Amazing Artist camper*, students will design a floor plan for a camper that their families could live in. At the *Brook of Books*, students will fish for a free informational book dealing with nature and camping. We will serve a hot dog supper around a Sterno rock campfire for families to enjoy together. Students will receive a flashlight to use at stations as a spotlight on learning. They will bring their flashlights to school every Friday after for Flashlight Fridays (self-selected reading time).

You don't want to miss this! Look for the RSVP!

Dates to Remember

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| November | |
| 2 | Student Council Meeting, 2:30-3:30 |
| 4 | Honors Chorus Begins |
| 12 | Regal Eagle Fun Run |
| 19 | Fun Run Pledges Due |
| | Camping Under the Stars Night, 5:30-7:00 |
| 23-27 | Thanksgiving Holidays |
| December | |
| 1 | Progress Reports Go Home |
| 7 | Student Council Meeting, 2:30-3:30 |
| 9 | 3-5 Grade Christmas Program, 6:00, PHS |
| 18 | Half Day for Students; Dismiss at 11:00 |
| 21-1/1 | Winter Break |