



Hagood Highlights Newsletter

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From the Desk of Mrs. Alexander:

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. HES's faculty and staff have excitedly anticipated the beginning of this school year. This year's theme is CAMP Hagood and have wonderful things planned around this theme for our students and families this year. Hagood has many new faces this year as you have noticed. We are lucky to have all these wonderful people as part of our faculty and staff this year. It promises to be an extraordinary year!

Guidance Focus for This Year

This year, Mrs. Trotter, our guidance counselor, will focus on *The Leader in Me* habits established by Franklin Covey. It teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. Below are the habits.

- Habit 1 - Be Proactive
- Habit 2 - Begin With the End in Mind
- Habit 3- Put First Things First
- Habit 4 – Think Win-Win
- Habit 5- Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
- Habit 6 – Synergize
- Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw

Car Rider Dismissal

Thank you for your patience with the car rider line the first week of school. It has become more efficient this week. I did want to just mention a few reminders. We are requiring car rider hangers to be displayed on the rearview mirror of your vehicle in the car rider line for Mrs. Alexander to see. If you do not have a car rider tag, you will be asked to show picture identification for verification. This way we know that the person picking up your child is the one authorized to do so. Also, if your child is not at his/her cone when you pull up, you will be asked to pull up passed the red cone in order for the line to keep moving smoothly. **Please be at the school no later than 2:40 to pick up your child.** Please encourage your child to memorize his/her

number to help this process go smoothly. Thank you again!



Don't forget to like our school Facebook page: Hagood Elementary School.

September Important Dates

8/31	First Day for 4K
9/3	Wendy's Night; 5:00-8:00
9/7	No School; Holiday
9/9-9/15	Book Fair
9/9-9/29	Fall MAP Testing (Grades 2-5)
9/9	Volunteer Training; 8:00 & 2:00
9/10	Volunteer Training: 5:15 Open House; 6:00-7:00 Book Fair open during Open House
9/17	Progress Reports Go Home
9/22	Fall Pictures

Home/School Connection

Try to read to your child every day. You may want to aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end of the day. You can even take turns choosing books. Your child may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety (nonfiction, poetry). You can ask your child to participate by turning the pages or he/she can finish sentences that rhyme or fill in the words he/she knows.

HES Friday Folders

In order to communicate your child's progress, this folder will be sent home each Friday. Please take time to review the papers with your child, and return the empty folder to school on each Monday.