



# Hagood Highlights Newsletter

Hagood Elementary School  
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## From the Desk of Mrs. Alexander:

We have had a wonderful beginning to this school year and are in a terrific routine after several weeks. We are thankful to all of our families who have been so helpful as we have gotten the 2015-16 school year underway.

## PTO News

Our officers for the 15-16 school year are co-presidents, Rebecca Newman and Tara Villano. Christine Esancy is serving as secretary and April Smith is holding the office of Treasurer. Stephanie Sampson is also serving on the leadership team. Thank you to these parents for offering their time and dedication to HES and our students!

The team has an exciting fundraiser planned in November. We will send details soon and the kids are going to love it!

## Early Release Day – September 29

Students will be dismissed at 12:00 on September 29. Your child will go home the normal way he or she goes home unless a parent or guardian writes a note to indicate otherwise. Please write a note in advance to change transportation and do not call the school unless it is an emergency.

## Attendance Reminders

Students are expected to attend school, except in cases of illness or when excused for emergencies. A student must bring an excuse within 3 days of returning to school explaining why he/she was absent.

A valid excuse must have the following:

- \* Be dated
- \* List the student's full name
- \* List the date(s) of absence(s)
- \* List the reason for the absence(s)
- \* List a telephone number of the parent
- \* Be signed by the parent/guardian or doctor

## HES Skate Night

We have a HES school party from 6pm-8pm at Easley Skate Center on Oct. 1. \$3.00 admission and \$2.00 skate rental. Concessions will be open for purchase of hot foods, drinks, snacks and novelties.

## School Improvement Council

The SIC is an advisory council to the principal that is focused on school improvement issues. We are currently taking nominations for SIC members. A nomination ballot was sent home on September 18. If you have a nomination, please turn those in by September 30 at the latest.

## Important October Dates

Oct. 1- 9	Primary MAP Testing (Grades 5K and 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Oct. 1	HES Spirit Night; Skate Night
Oct. 12	No School; Professional Learning Day
Oct. 21	End of First Nine Weeks
Oct. 28	Report Cards Go Home

## Keeping Up With Happenings at Hagood

There are a number of ways to keep up with what is going on at Hagood and/or to contact teachers and staff.

**Webpage** – Hagood's webpage can be found at [www.pickens.k12.sc.us/hes](http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us/hes).

**Schoology** - Schoology will be used in place of ParentLink for checking grades, assignments, and attendance information online. It will also contain links to instructional information posted for specific classes designed to reinforce information taught in the classroom. Parents should have received access codes. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

**Teacher E-Mail** - All teachers and staff have e-mail addresses available on Hagood's webpage.

**Classroom Telephones** - All teachers have phones in their classrooms that receive calls before and after school. During the school day, incoming calls go to voicemail. Messages for calls that teachers can return after school can be left on voicemail. **Classroom Newsletters and Hagood Highlights** - Teachers send newsletters and daily behavior charts. Hagood's school newsletter, Hagood Highlights, comes out monthly.

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