



Hesse Herald

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Mission: To ignite a passion for learning and teaching at high levels.

Vision: From school to the world. All students prepared for productive futures.

In the Middle Grades:

Welcome to our new sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Taylor.

Girl's softball has been cancelled. Look for information about volleyball in the Spring.

Dance for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders will begin in January.

Dates to Remember:

October 16:	½ Day for students
November 4:	School closed; teacher furloughs
November 9:	Report cards issued
November 11:	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 20:	½ Day for students; Conferences
November 25-27:	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 9:	Progress Reports
December 21-	
January 1:	Holidays
January 4:	School Closed, teacher furloughs

Dismissal:

Please call before 2:30 with any changes in the way your child is to go home. We understand that emergencies occur, but send a note to the teacher or call before 2:30 when possible.

Cafeteria News:

New breakfast items are now available in the Hesse cafeteria, including cinnamon "tastry", egg and cheese, ham, and sausage biscuits, and cereal bars. The cafeteria staff would like to invite your child to eat breakfast with them some morning if not every morning!

Testing Update:

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills will be administered to 3rd and 5th graders on Tuesday, October 20 (Reading); Wednesday, October 21 (Language); Thursday, October 22 (Math); Monday, October 26 (Social Studies and Science); Tuesday, October 27 (Sources of Information). Make-up days are Friday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 28.

Attendance:

Thanks to all those students who have gotten to school on time. It is very important that students attend school and arrive on time. Students may be

FYI:

Hesse Elementary will be recognized at the Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance due to the outstanding efforts of our students with Jump Rope for Heart during 2008-2009. The award will be given on November 3rd in Atlanta. Hesse will receive a plaque and a \$250 check to be used on Physical Education equipment for the students. Thanks to all Hesse parents, students, and teachers for continuing to support the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Eagle Lady presented to the 3rd graders on October 9th.

Pre-K will have Prevent Blindness screenings on October 15. Please call the school if you can volunteer to help.

Third graders will soon be selling Butter Braid Bread to help finance their trip to the Okefenokee Swamp. Please support them in their endeavors! If you would like to order and don't know a third grader, please contact a third grade teacher. Thank you.

The following students won the Bus Safety Poster contest for Hesse: Danielle Wood (7th grade); Rebekah Watts (5th grade), and Madeline Burge (1st grade). Congratulations!

Please collect box tops for education and turn them in to Portable 6. We were able to furnish the planners for grades 3-7 with our collections from last year!

Picture make-up day is November 3.

Parents: You now have access to your child's teacher's grade book from your home computer with Power School. See Mrs. Brookshire, IS, about signing up for your username and password.

Reminder to parents: Children should not transport any prescription or over-the-counter medication to school. If a child needs any medication administered during the day, the parent must bring the medication in themselves and sign a medication permission form. This includes any over-the-counter remedy (pills, ointments, cough drops, etc). All medications from last year were discarded at the end of the year.

If you have any uniforms that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to the school. Uniforms may be brought to the nurse's office or to the counselor's office.

designated as truant or be in danger of retention due to absences. Plans are being completed to reward students with good attendance.

Reminder: School begins at 8:50 AM. Please have students at school and in class by 8:50. Any student arriving after the bell is considered tardy and must come to the office for a tardy slip. Parents bringing students after the bell should come to the office and sign the student in. Please help us by getting students to school on time. Students who are tardy miss valuable instruction time.

The Code of Conduct (pp. 24-25) explains the attendance policy for truancy and for academic credit. For truancy, which can result in a court appearance, a student can have only 5 unexcused absences a year. Doctor's notes, obituaries, or government notices should be sent for excused absences. Written parent notes may also be sent for up to 5 days and are subject to approval. Excused absences include illness, death in immediate family, religious holidays, military family leave, and court appearances.

For Academic Credit, students who accumulate more than 7 absences per semester or 15 for the year either excused and/or unexcused will not be promoted unless the site-based attendance committee excuses the absences.

Safety Reminders:

Students should be dropped off only at front drive.

Please do not drop off students in the back parking lot. Park and walk the student across the drive at the cross walk.

Students should be picked up in the carpool line in front unless instructed to do otherwise.

Please remain in your cars when picking up out front and remain in the designated lanes. Do not park by the street-side curb. Teachers will walk students to cars.

Students should not be dropped off in the morning before 8:20. Students eating breakfast should arrive by 8:35.

Helmets must be worn if students plan to ride bicycles back-and-forth to school. It's the law. We discourage the use of scooters, but helmets must be worn if riding a scooter. Bicycles should be chained during the day.

Please drive slowly and watch carefully at front drive and in the back parking lot.

Guidance Topic (Pre-K to 4th Grade):

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

Please help us recycle: Newspapers and phone books should be placed in the green bins in front or back of the school. Please do not put plastic bags in these containers.

A new phone system has been installed throughout the school system. The new numbers use the 395 prefix. The last four digits remain the same.

A new session of Parent University will be held on October 24 at Savannah High School from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Call (912) 507-8566 or (912) 201-5090 or (912) 201-2155 to register or for additional information.

PTA:

Please join PTA.

October 23 will be PTA BINGO Night. Second graders will also perform.

A new HESSE Grounds Committee has been formed by the PTA. Lisa Burch will be the chairperson. Contact Lei Carter, volunteer coordinator for PTA, or send a note with your child if you are interested in helping.

Look for information soon about the World's Finest Chocolate sales!

Go to the PTA website for information about all things PTA: www.hessepta.org.

Students, parents, and staff have access to BrainPOP, BrainPoP Jr. and BrainPOP Espanol thanks to the PTA for funding our subscription. Anyone may log in by going to www.brainpop.com. User name: hessebears and password: hessie123. Click "Go".

Speech Notes:

Enhancing Your Child's Communication Skills from the office of Dr. B. Wilson, Speech-Language Pathologist

Language is an organized set of symbols used to communicate thoughts and feelings. For example, the word "dog" is a symbol used to represent a specific kind of animal. Language is made up of socially shared rules that include what words mean (e.g., "star" can refer to a bright object in the night sky or a celebrity); how to make new words (e.g., friend, friendly, unfriendly); how to put words together (e.g., "Peg walked to the store" rather than "Peg store to the new"); and what word combinations are best in what situations ("Would you mind moving your foot?" could quickly change to "Get off my foot, please!" if the first request did not produce results).
Next month's topic: What is Speech?