

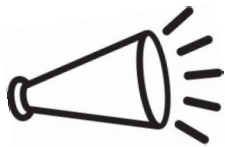


Hawk Talk

August 2017

Phenix City Elementary School

Calling all Gardeners!!



Help!

Our gardens have become more than we can handle. The PCES garden committee is looking for volunteers to help us weed and maintain our gardens. Any interested volunteers should contact Ms. Dress-Gunter at 334-732-1160.

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at Phenix City Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

Please consider joining our school volunteer program *GIVE ME 5* as our students can greatly benefit from five hours throughout the year of your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

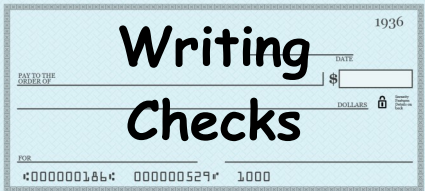
- 1) Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom
- 2) Reading with children who need extra help
- 3) School-wide events
- 4) Student recognition events
- 5) Outreach and recruitment of parent and community volunteers

The wonderful PCES staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to this school year.

P.E.

EVERY student is required to wear tennis shoes during their PE time. This is for their protection of muscles, ligaments, and tendons in the foot, ankle, and knee.

It is also to protect against sunburn, bugs, and injury from being stepped on. Your child's grade in PE is based on discipline, not performance. Being prepared, participating and showing respect are the criteria that the coaches use.



PCES appreciates your support, especially during fundraisers!

If you send a check to the school for any reason (lunch money, fundraiser, book fair, etc.), a valid driver's license number must be written on the check.

A check turned in to the office with no driver's license number will be returned to the parent.



Calendar of Events

August

24th: Family Night / Title I Meeting
6:00 - 7:00 pm



25th: ASPIRE Field Trip



September

7th: Parent's Empower Hour on Bullying

12th: Grandparents' Day

14th: School Pictures



11th - 15th: Book Fair



19th: Trendy Tiles



21st: Boy Scout Meeting 6:00pm



Remind101

PCES uses Remind 101 to enhance communication with families via email and cell phone or pager messaging. You can sign-up to receive free notifications from PCES, informing you of announcements about school events and groups. This service is free of charge and signing-up is fast and easy. You can enter cellular devices numbers. You choose which numbers receive only emergency or priority notifications and which addresses receive all notifications. There is no cost to sign-up for this service (your phone provider's normal text messaging charges will apply if you sign-up your cellular device). Your contact information will never be sold or distributed, and there is no advertising attached to this service. We encourage you to sign up for this service. We think that it will help us to communicate with you more effectively. Thank you for your participation!

To sign up for Mrs. Averett's Remind101, you can text the message **@6e6agc** to the number 81010.



Tardies at PCES



Our school bell system has been reinstated. The bell will ring at 8:00 in the morning to start off our school day. Students should be in their classrooms by 8:00. Any student arriving after the morning bell will be marked tardy and must be signed in at the office by a parent. Failure to sign your child in may result in him/her being marked absent.

Tardies impact your child's education in a tremendous way!

If your child is 15 minutes late, only once a week, he or she misses an hour of instruction a MONTH!

This year, excessive tardies will result in after school detention. Once a student reaches 10 tardies (per semester), they will have after school detention for 30 minutes

Visiting the School

School visits benefit both you and your student, and we encourage you to visit! Please help us make visits as positive as possible by following these procedures:

Make arrangements in advance with your child's teacher.

Check in at the office when you arrive to sign in and get a visitor's badge.

Sign out at the office before you leave school grounds.

Beginning August 28, all students are expected to walk into the building independently (without parents) prior to 8:00 am to ensure student safety.

After 8:30 am, with a visitor's pass, parents are welcome to visit the classroom.



Student Drop-Off

Students can be dropped off beginning at 7:15 am.

Please remember that if your student is late (after 8:00 am), he or she **MUST** be accompanied inside the building by an adult, if not they may be marked absent due to not having a verified check-in.

Please pay attention to the signs in front of the school.

Dismissal

Dismissal **BEGINS AT 3pm.**

The gate to the school will be locked until dismissal time, but the gate on the track will be opened at 2:15pm so that parents can line up around the track. Parents must have a yellow car rider sign in the windshield. Anyone picking up students must be prepared to show ID.

Please **WATCH** for children while on the track.

Money Owed to School

If your student owes money to the school:

- *lunch balance
 - *lost/damaged library book
 - *lost/damaged textbook
- your student will not be able to participate in "extra" activities. This includes, but is not limited to, field trips.

Box Tops for Education

As we begin the school year, remember to clip those Box Tops for Education. You can find them on many products you use every day and for those special holiday treats. Hanes underwear, Kleenex, Hefty trash bags, Ziploc bags, Land O'Lakes products, and Green Giant fresh produce are just a few of the brands that support Box Tops for Education.

Be a Box Top Hero

A continued thank you to all families, students, and staff who continue to bring in the Box Tops & Labels for Education. We are continuing to raise money for our school.



Earn Cash for Our School!



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Transportation Changes

Transportation changes **CAN NOT** be made over the phone for the safety of our students!!!



If you need for your student to ride a bus, please send a written note to the teacher. In the note, please include the address the student will be going to, how long the transportation change will be (just for the day, for the week, for the rest of the year), and a contact number for you.

If you need to change your student to a car rider, please send a note to your student's teacher; please include who will be picking your student up.

Thanks for your help in keeping our students safe!!

Checking Students In and Out

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Students who arrive late (**after 8:00 am**) are required to sign in on a computer, using the Ident-A-Kid software. For this reason, students **MUST** be accompanied into the school by an adult if they are late.

If a student is being checked out, they must also be signed out on the computer. A **Valid ID** must be presented to the secretary and the person must be on the student's STI profile.

The doors to the school will **remain closed** and locked after **2:30** as students move for dismissal.

**CHECK-OUTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AFTER 2:30,
NO EXCEPTIONS**

Visitors to the school, including volunteers, will also be required to sign in using this software. This computer is located in the front office.

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**