

Parents/Guardians,

As a reminder, mid-winter break is next week. Students do not have school from February 16th-20th. Teachers will spend two days in professional learning during this break. There are several ways to get involved and support our school between now and mid-winter break! We hope to see many of you at our annual HH'art event, a silent art auction benefiting our PTA.

February 12th - 3rd Quarter Progress Reports Go Home - Please look for your child's progress report in their Dragon Folder this week.

February 13th - All Pro Dads 7:15-8:00 AM - Dads, join your students for breakfast and bonding! All Pro Dads provides you with helpful ways to strengthen the relationship with your children.

February 13th - HH'art 5:30-8:30 PM - This evening event at the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art is a fundraiser for parents only. Original pieces of artwork, created by local artists in collaboration with Hickory Hills students, will be auctioned off to benefit our PTA. Look for more information to come!

Friday, February 13th 7:00 PM; and **Saturday, February 14th** 2:00 PM - Join us in supporting MSGA's spring musical, *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* Tickets can be purchased for \$7.00 each online at mpac.marietta-city.org, or at the box office.

February 16th - February 18th - Mid-winter Break; **February 19th - February 20th** - Professional Learning Days (No school for students)

February 23rd - Yearbook Candid and Group Pictures - Photographers will be here in the morning to take candid of our students in the classroom, capturing the wonderful learning experiences occurring at Hickory Hills! Students involved in school sponsored extra-curricular activities will take group pictures during the school day.

February 25th K-2nd grade 10:30-11:30 AM; 3rd-5th grade 12:00-1:00 PM - Literacy Lunch and Learn for Parents - Hosted by our district Literacy Coaches, parents interested in learning more about how the Common Core State Standards have changed the rigor of reading in the classroom, or if you're looking for ways to help your child at home you should attend these sessions!

February 27th - Jump Rope for Heart - Students will participate in Jump Rope for Heart during their PE time, benefiting the American Heart Association.

We Need Your Help! - Before February 27, we ask that you take 5-10 minutes of your time to go online and take a brief survey. The Georgia Parent Survey has 24 questions. Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis. Survey results are used for us to evaluate our current practices. We need the majority of our parents and guardians to participate for the results to be helpful. The survey works with personal computers, smartphones, or iPads. After you click on the link, you will use

a drop-down menu to select Marietta City Schools and Hickory Hills Elementary School. Thank you for your participation!

Georgia Parent Survey: <http://apps.gadoe.org/schoolclimate/parents.nsf/Survey.xsp>

Register NOW! - Affordable After-School Dance Classes - Register now for affordable after-school dance classes at Hickory Hills Elementary! Spaces are available for students interested in hip-hop, jazz, choreography, improvisation and creative movement. All classes are from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Hickory Hills Elementary dance studio and the reduced tuition rate is only \$30 for 8 classes. Come out and explore new ways of moving! If you would like to register or have any questions, please contact Ms. Dunn at adunn@marietta-city.k12.ga.us.

4th & 5th Grades- Hip Hop with Patrice Bryant - 3:30-4:30 pm - Fridays- February 27, March 6, 20, 27, April 3, 17, 24, May 1

2nd & 3rd Grades- Choreography & Jazz with Christopher Hall - 3:30-4:30 pm - Wednesdays- February 25, March 4, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29

Kindergarten & 1st Grades- Creative Movement with Makeda Bryce - 3:30-4:30 pm - Thursdays- February 26, March 5, 19, 26, April 2, 16, 23, 30

Messages from our PTA...

Please remember to buy your 2014-2015 Yearbook! They are on sale either online at www.ybpay.lifetouch.com or you can request a form from the front office. The price is \$20 and all checks should be made out to Hickory Hills PTA. All students who pre-order their yearbook are invited to a signing party in May.

PTA is now selling Hickory Hills' Terrvis Tumblers! Support our school and purchase a HH Terrvis Tumbler for \$15.00. They are sold daily in the front office!

Vision: Inspire. Empower. Achieve.

Mission: To prepare students for life success through an academically rigorous environment enhanced with the arts.

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