

HILL CITY ELEMENTARY - HOME OF THE HAWKS

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WELCOME BACK HAWKS



Jennifer Halko
Principal

Hill City Elementary is looking forward to a wonderful school year and on behalf of our fantastic faculty and staff, I welcome you.

As your principal, I look forward to working alongside you to make this the best year possible. Having your child at school each day is important unless they are sick. I encourage you to communicate openly with your child's teacher, as this is the key to building great relationships. If you ever have a question, the teacher should be your first contact, and together, we will work through any issue that might arise. I encourage you as parents and guardians to share positive things with your child's teacher as well.

Let's all put forth an extra effort to not only celebrate the achievements of our children, but to also celebrate their growth!

What we want our Parents to know

There are many things that you can do to help encourage your child and lead them to success. The two most important things are to read with your child and stay involved. In order to stay connected and up-to-date on what your child is learning and what is going on with school events, please join Class Dojo and check your child's weekly

folder.

One BIG deal at Hill City Elementary is our Parent Academy nights! We will have a session in the fall and again in the spring. Make plans now to be available! These opportunities are the best way to know and experience what is happening in your child's class. Your attendance also shows your children that you value what they do every day at school.

We value your children for their unique personalities, gifts, interests, and talents. We strive to educate our students in a kind, safe environment. We also teach rigorous academic standard that require regular attendance and student effort.

What we want our Students to know

At Hill City, we think our students are simply A-M-A-Z-I-N-G! We have missed you and hope you have had a great summer. We cannot wait to see you again at Open House.

Before we begin school, we want to share three important thoughts:

- We respect you and care about each of you, and your future;
- We expect you to be responsible for choosing to be active in your learning and to put forth your best effort each day; and,
- We expect you to model good citizenship and to develop positive relationships with other students.

Before School Care

Parents who wish for their students to participate in before school care must walk their student into the school from 7:15 - 7:55 a.m. Students must be signed-in by an adult. Children will go to the media center for before-school care.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Regular Drop-off: Doors will open at 7:55 for students and will remain open until 8:30. Your child may unload in the car line anywhere along our front sidewalk between the gym and the main front doors. Staff will be on duty to supervise car line drop-off. **Walk-in:** If you wish to walk your child into the building between 7:55 and 8:30 and say goodbye at the classroom door, you must park at the far end of the building and walk up the sidewalk, entering the building at the front doorway. Please do not park in the front parking spaces and walk across the lanes of traffic where drop-off is happening.

Afternoon Pick-up: Pre-K and Kindergarten parents will load cars at the end of the building next to the gym. Pre-K students will load in the lane that proceeds under the awning. Kindergarten parents will load in the left, outside lane. If you have older siblings, they will load with younger siblings so parents only have one pick-up location. **Grades 1-4:** These students will load in the front of the building using both lanes. Grades 1 and 2 will load in the right-hand lane next to the building between the gym and front office. Grades 3 and 4 parents will need to be in the left-hand lane and will load next to the building past the front office. All older siblings will load with younger siblings.

What's new at HCES this year?

Hill City is extremely excited to offer Elementary Agriculture as one of our CAMP classes this year! Hill City was one of only 20 schools in the state of Georgia to be selected to participate in the three-year pilot program.

Our Theme for 2019-20

READ, READ, READ – Reading is FUNdamental!

Parent – Teacher Organization

If you are looking for a way to get involved at Hill City, please join our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). You can contact Natasha Johnson by emailing her at hillcityhawkspto@gmail.com or on our Facebook page. Our students and teachers are counting on you! Get involved and help make a difference!

Before-School Morning Care is free and will run from 7:15 a.m. until 7:55 a.m. You must walk into the building and sign your child in each day if your child is attending before school care.

After-School Program is \$7 if paid in advance or \$9 if paid on the day care is provided. After-School runs from 3:30 until 6:00 daily. We do provide a snack to students who participate. Stop by the front office to register or sign-up at Open House.

Let's Connect!

Our website is <http://hillcityele.pickens.k12.ga.us/>
Find us on Facebook: Hill City Elementary

Did you know?

Children have long been drawn to expressing themselves through art. According to developmental experts, coloring stimulates creativity, contributes to better handwriting, teaches color recognition, and can promote hand-eye coordination. Coloring books can help children learn to recognize boundaries and structure and develop spatial awareness. Adults, too, have recognized the benefits that coloring can bring, which includes stress reduction and improved focus. Crayons have long been a favorite tool for coloring, and over the years certain colors have emerged as fan favorites. Crayola® conducted polls in 1993 and 2000 to find out the most popular colors of crayons in America. Blue was voted the favorite both times. Six other shades of blue, including cerulean, midnight blue, aquamarine, periwinkle, denim and blizzard blue, finished among the top 10. Purple heart, caribbean green and cerise rounded out the top 10.