

Welcome back to Hill City Elementary School

Hill City Elementary School

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Welcome Back from your 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 be

watching for information about It's Learning, our new learning management system. Be sure to also check your child's weekly folder.

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.

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.

Smiling New Faces at Hill City

Hill City is proud to welcome Allison Jenkins as a new Pre-K teacher. She will make a wonderful addition to our teaching staff at Hill City!

Before School Care

Parents who wish for their students to participate in before school care must walk their student into the front lobby to sign them in. Students must be signed-in by an adult. Children will go to the media center for before-school care. Before School Care will begin at 7:30 a.m. each day.

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 will 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.

For safety reasons, Only Pre-K and Kindergarten parents may walk their child to class on the first day. After

that, all students must ride the bus or be dropped in car line. We will have multiple staff members available on the sidewalk and inside the building to ensure children get to their classrooms.

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 right lane. 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.

Our Theme for 2020-21

READ, READ, READ – Reading is FUNDamental! The adventure continues.

Before-School Morning Care is free. You must walk into the lobby 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.

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 hillcityhawksppto@gmail.com or on our Facebook page. Our students and teachers are counting on you! Get involved and help make a difference!

Let's Connect!

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

Welcome back to Harmony Elementary School

Harmony Elementary School

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 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Principal – Mrs. Marla Callahan
Assistant Principal – Mrs. Kim Lunn
Counselor – Ms. Kelsey Hughes
Academic Coach – Mrs. Chelli Youngblood

Welcome Back from your Principal!

Welcome to a new year at Harmony Elementary School, one that promises to be the best yet! I hope you all have enjoyed a restful summer and are eager to come back, ready to learn and grow.

Our goal is to make sure our HES students feel loved, safe, and successful each day, our faculty and staff feel appreciated and supported, and our parents and families feel welcome. By collaborating with all of these important groups of people, including community members, we hope to provide a quality education and a safe, nurturing environment for all of our children.

What we want our Parents to know

The start of a new school year is exciting as we look forward to seeing our new Eagles and welcoming back those returning.

We want all of our families to know that their input and support are vital to making HES a successful and safe school. You are welcome to join us as we support our students in learning and growing. There are many opportunities to volunteer and get involved. At HES, you have a voice.

HES teachers and staff are among the very best! You will find them to be caring, creative, and inspiring. They love our children. Our doors are open to you whether you want to share something positive or whether you have a concern. We encourage you to stay connected through email, our webpage and/or social media accounts. Our web address is <http://harmonyele.pickens.k12.ga.us/>;



Facebook: @HarmonyElementaryJasper; Twitter: @HarmonyEagles.

What we want our Students to know

You are all important to our entire school community and us. You are the future of our world and the reason we are here.

We will strive to provide the following things to you:

- A smile every day
- A fresh start every day
- A high-quality education
- A safe environment

We expect our Eagles to SOAR each day:

- Strive to do your best
- Own your actions
- Attitudes will be positive
- Respect yourself and others

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Before-School Morning Care – Parents who wish for their students to participate in this offering must walk their student into the school gym. Students must be signed-in by an adult in the gym. Children will go to the gym for before-school care. Before-School Morning Care will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Regular Drop-off

– Doors open for regular morning drop-off at 7:55 a.m. and remain open until 8:30 a.m. Drop-off will take place under the awning beside the gym. School faculty will be on duty to assist and greet your students each morning.

Morning drop off will not be allowed at the front of the building.

Car Rider Dismissal – Car rider dismissal will begin at 3:30 p.m. from the awning beside the gym. To ensure the safety of our children, we will require each car to have

the rearview mirror hanger indicating the child or children they will be picking up. The rearview mirror hangers will be given out at morning car drop off on the first day of school. After this time, parents/guardians may pick up a hanger at the front office with proper identification.

If a hanger is not present, the parent/guardian will be asked to drive to the front office and show ID in order to pick up the student.

Both lanes of traffic will be utilized for drop off. Cones will be placed to indicate where cars should line up. School faculty members will call the name listed on the rearview mirror hanger and that child will be escorted to the appropriate vehicles.

What's New at HES This Year?

We are truly focused on the social and emotional support our students and families will need when we return to the school building this year.

We plan to offer a SEL curriculum to help our students learn to communicate and work together as well as support one another. This effort will include everyone but will be led by our counselor, Ms. Kelsey Hughes.

We will also continue our Harmony Heroes monthly program from last year but will include staff in this as well. To be a Harmony Hero, you must be kind, be a good friend, and help each other and our school. One student from each grade level who exemplifies citizenship and is a great model for others will be chosen every month. The award honors any student, and now staff, who has shown by their words and actions that they possess the qualities and characteristics we hope to instill in everyone.

There will be some new faces at HES this year. We are excited to welcome Ms. Grace Hensley – 4th grade teacher; Ms. Caitlin Parks – 3rd grade teacher; Ms. Kayla

Culbreth – 1st grade teacher; Ms. Carolyn Townsend – ESOL Teacher; and Ms. Krissy Elrod will be our new Gifted Coordinator.

Our Theme for 2020-21

Simply put... We are Harmony Strong! Since last year, our students, staff and families have continually worked to show we don't just show up at school, but we show up, we learn, we grow and we support each other no matter what. We talk about being strong for each other every morning and what it means to make the right choices and help each other. Each staff member and student make a difference every day at HES, whether it's a staff member helping a student with a problem, a student helping out a friend, someone becoming a leader, or just being the first person to say "Good morning, how is your day going?". We all work together to be proud of our school and be Harmony Strong!

2020 Pickens High School Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Varsity	JV	C-Team	Dismiss	Bus
Thursday, August 6	Fannin (Scrimmage 3 of 5)	HOME	5:00	—	—	—	—
Monday, August 10	Mountain Madness Opener - Pickens, Fannin, Gilmer, Dawson	Fannin	5:00/6:00/7:00	—	—	—	—
Tuesday, August 11	North Forsyth, Flowery Branch, Lumpkin	North Forsyth	5:00/6:00/7:00	—	—	—	—
Saturday, August 15	Welcome to the Jungle Tournament	Adairsville	TBD	—	—	—	—
Monday, August 17	Cherokee Bluff/Cherokee	HOME	—	—	5:00/7:00	—	—
Wednesday, August 19	Paulding/North Paulding	Paulding County	—	—	5:00/6:00	—	—
Thursday, August 20	Adairsville/Cherokee	HOME	5:00/7:00	5:00/7:00	—	—	—
Saturday, August 22	Rally on the Ridge	Fannin	TBD	—	—	—	—
Monday, August 24	LFO/??	LFO	—	—	???	—	—
Tuesday, August 25	Chatooga/Southeast***	HOME	5:00/7:00	5:00/7:00	—	—	—
Wednesday, August 26	Cherokee/Paulding	Cherokee	—	—	5:00/6:00	—	—
Thursday, August 27	Gilmer/Cass	HOME	5:00/7:00	5:00/7:00	—	—	—
Tuesday, September 1	Ridgeland/Heritage	Ridgeland	5:00/6:00	5:00/6:00	—	—	—
Wednesday, September 2	Dawson/Paulding	HOME	—	—	5:00/7:00	—	—
Thursday, September 3	Fannin/Gilmer	Fannin	5:00/6:00	5:00/6:00	—	—	—
Thursday, September 10	Lafayette/Sonoraville	Sonoraville	6:00/7:00	6:00/7:00	—	—	—
Saturday, September 12	White Co Tournament	White	—	TBD	TBD	—	—
Monday, September 14	LFO/Cherokee	HOME	—	—	5:00/7:00	—	—
Tuesday, September 15	Cedartown***/Northwest***	Northwest Whitfield	6:00/7:00	6:00/7:00	—	—	—
Wednesday, September 16	Cherokee Bluff/Stephens	Cherokee Bluff	—	—	5:00/6:00	—	—
Thursday, September 17	Murray/Gilmer	Murray	???	???	—	—	—
Tuesday, September 22	Ridgeland***/Northwest***	HOME	5:00/7:00	5:00/7:00	—	—	—
Wednesday, September 23	Calhoun/Coosa/Gordon Lee	Calhoun	—	—	5:00/6:00/7:00	—	—
Thursday, September 24	White/Fannin	HOME	5:00/7:00	7:00	6:00	—	—
Tuesday, September 29	Cedartown***/Heritage***	Heritage	6:00/7:00	6:00/7:00	—	—	2:15
Thursday, October 1	Fannin/Gilmer	Gilmer	6:00/7:00	—	—	—	2:45
Tuesday, October 6	Dade/Southeast***	Southeast Whitfield	6:00/7:00	6:00/7:00	—	—	—
Thursday, Oct 8	Coahuilla Creek/Gordon Central (Senior Night)	HOME	5:00/7:00	—	—	—	—
Thursday, October 15	REGION TOURNAMENT	At Higher Seed	TBD	—	—	TBD	TBD
Saturday, October 17	REGION TOURNAMENT	HOME	TBD	—	—	—	—
		Days TOTAL:	18	13	9		
		Matches TOTAL:					

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