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A Message from our Principal

Parents,

September has been a great month at Sugar Hill! We have a lot to celebrate. I'd like to congratulate Ms. Tontillo, 4th grade teacher, for being named The Sugar Hill Elementary Teacher of the Year. Ms. Tontillo was nominated by her colleagues and eventually won after being voted on by the staff at Sugar Hill. For those of you that know her, you know how much she cares for each and every child in her classroom. We are proud of Ms. Tontillo for this well-deserved recognition!

Part of Sugar Hill's mission statement is to develop the whole child. This month, you may have heard your child mention self-awareness. We talked a lot about being positive about yourself and understanding your emotions. Our hope is that these conversations will contribute to the last part of our mission - our students becoming compassionate global citizens.

This year we identified five big buckets that guide our work. One of the buckets was technology. We're utilizing two personalized learning programs that your children may access at home - iReady (Math) and Amplify (Reading). These standards-based programs assess and re-teach students. While nothing replaces face-to-face instruction, they are a helpful supplement to your child's education. We recommend that children in the lower grades access these 30-45 minutes per week and the upper grades 45-60 minutes per week. Students have access at school and home. If you see your students on these programs at home, please resist the urge to help or answer for them as the pathway changes based on the students' level of mastery.

Next month, we have early release conferences on October 20-21. All conferences will be held via Zoom. Your child's teacher will send more information in the coming weeks.
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It was neat to see many of you at our PTO Family Fun Night at Culvers and we’ve had a great response to the PTO Read-A-Thon Fundraiser so far. Thank you for the continual support of Sugar Hill Elementary.

Sincerely,

Dr. Boyers
Principal

Sugar Hill’s Teacher of the Year for 2021-2022

@Your Longhorn Library

What an incredible start to the school year it has been! We have loved watching our students get excited about being back in the media center! Since school has begun, we have checked out more than 8,000 books! Our theme is “Be more Than Kind.” The Media Center has several activities lined up to help students discover ways to be kind through the books they read this year! We have already received our first shipment of more than 150 new titles (nonfiction, chapter books, and picture books) to add to our collection for students to checkout this year.
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Scholastic Book Fair
The BOOK FAIR is coming! Our theme this year is "Books Bring Us Together!" which is so timely considering our media center theme this year. Our Book Fair will run from Wednesday, October 13 to Tuesday, October 19 from 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. Our online book fair will open October 12 and run through October 25. Click on Sugar Hill Online Book Fair to learn more about ordering books online through Scholastic Book Fair and/or to set up your eWallet. Conveniently, the eWallet offers a digital payment option for students to use if you do not prefer sending cash or checks to school. Our Scholastic homepage is a great place to preview book fair titles, search for specific titles, and order titles that aren’t available at our in-school fair. Books are delivered straight to your home. Thanks in advance to all the volunteers who will help with our fair. Volunteers make it possible for us to have the Book Fair and continue library check out, too!

Summer Reading at GCPL
Congratulations to our 50+ summer readers who took part in the "Tails & Tales" Summer Reading Program with Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL). Each student was rewarded with tokens, badges, and prizes from the public library throughout the summer. They also received a microwaveable bag of popcorn from our Media Center for "popping" into the public library to continue their reading during summer vacation.

Homework Help with GCPL
Speaking of partnering with the public library, every GCPS student is automatically enrolled and has access to the public library’s print and digital resources through a Branch Out account. We encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available at their physical locations, as well as through their website at gwinnetpl.org. Using the public library’s online resources is easy. Students simply log in using their student number, and the password is their birthdate (MMDD). The public library also offers tutoring and homework help for all ages. At the Buford-Sugar Hill Branch, homework help is offered every Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 PM.

I’m looking forward to building lifelong readers and helping your children discover new books, peak their curiosity, and grow their love of reading. Encourage your child to read nightly and visit us in the media center!
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If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at carrie.doker@gcpsk12.org. Until next month, keep reading!

Follow us on Twitter @sugarhillmedia

Sugar Hill PTO Updates

Read-A-Thon

Our first-ever Read-A-Thon has been going on all week! Thank you to all who signed up on the Get Movin’ site and raised money through reading! We hope you all had fun! Stay tuned to see how much we raised for the recess project and classroom needs!

PTO Membership

You are invited to join the Sugar Hill Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)! Membership dues are $10 per family. Each membership you will receive a FREE discount card to multiple businesses in our area! Not only are we helping you save money you are helping to make our school better!

Scan QR code to JOIN!

Social Media

PTO Facebook Group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/SugarHillLonghornsPTO/

**You DO NOT need to be a PTO member to join the group!

Website

Sugar Hill Elementary
https://www.sugarhillpto.com/

Yearbook

Use the Yearbook QR code below to purchase the 2020-2021 YEARBOOK!

5th Grade Ads!
*1 ad per 5th grader
*all photos must follow GCPS and SHES guidelines

Spiritwear

If you signed up to get the spiritwear that has sold out, it has been ordered! Stay tuned to our Facebook page to see when it arrives. In the mean time, you can still order at:
sugar-hill-spiritwear.square.site
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Free & Reduced Lunch
Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are now available. Click HERE to access the online application. Also, check out the flyers below about why this application is important.

2nd Annual Homecoming Parade

Click HERE for the parade route. Hope to see you there!