



HARTSFIELD ELEMENTARY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How can I get to know my child’s special area teachers better?

A: Email them or call. If they are unable to take your call, they will return your message as soon as possible. All of our teachers would love to get to know our students’ parents better!

Q: What is DEAR night?

A: April 12th is the National Drop Everything and Read Day. It is recognized as a time when families drop everything they are doing and read for 30 minutes. Parents, teachers, National Education Association and the American Association of Journalists recognized the need for families to come together for quality time so they started D.E.A.R. It is recognized on April 12th because that is the birthday of one of our famous children’s authors, Beverly Cleary.

Q: Can siblings of students attend the special events at the school?

A: Siblings may attend events at the school as long as a parent is here.

Q: Why do we collect Box Tops for Education? Where do we turn in the box tops?

A: The school receives 10 cents for each box top. Take all box tops to the main office.

Q: Why do we collect Campbell’s Labels for Education? Where do we turn in the labels?

A: The labels can be redeemed for products. Take all labels to the main office.

Q: What is the school’s Raptor System?

A: The Leon County School District uses a program by Raptor Technologies to check whether visitors to schools are sexual predators/offenders. The Raptor program checks a database of 48 states to determine whether a visitor is a sexual predator/offender. A visitor submits his/her driver’s license or Florida ID card at the school site and it is then scanned. The scanner reads the first name, last name, date of birth and drivers license number. This information is then encrypted and sent through the Raptor Server where it is checked against the Raptor sexual predator/offender database. Raptor Technologies retains this information on a secure server so the next time the information is scanned by a school, the system does a “Quick Find” to shorten the processing time. The school may run a report to determine who has visited the school site. The report will only list First Name, Last Name and Date of Birth. It doesn’t list any child’s information or whether the person is a parent, volunteer, mentor, vendor or general visitor.

Q: What is the Hawks Club?

A: The purpose of the Hawks Club (Healthy Attitudes Working for Knowledge and Success) is to provide student members with enriching activities to improve their academic performance and social skills. Members participate in service projects and attend educational field trips. The mission of the Hawks Club is: To teach children about self-awareness, how to manage their emotions, motivating themselves, and to handle relationships in order to improve academic achievement and school performance.

Q: What is a Lead Classroom Parent?

A: The Lead Classroom Parent assists his or her child’s teacher, recruits field trip chaperones and volunteers for PTO events, and works to increase communication among the parents regarding school events and activities.

Q: Other than helping with PTO events, what are the other ways to volunteer at Hartsfield?

A: There are many ways to volunteer at Hartsfield. You can be a volunteer in your child's classroom, help in the Media Center, work with our art and music teachers, mentor a student, or be a Lunch Bud (eating with a 4th or 5th grade classroom). Your business can become one of our Partners in Excellence. You can contact Ms. McDowell at 488-7322 or mcdowellj@leonschools.net for further information.

Q: What is Donuts for Dads?

A: Twice a year, in October and February, dads and granddads are invited to attend a continental breakfast from 7:30 to 8:00 AM, hear about the news of the school, and chat with other parents. At 8:00 AM they are encouraged to go to their child's classroom to assist the teacher.

Q: What is Muffins for Moms?

A: Twice a year, in September and January, moms and grandmothers are invited to attend a continental breakfast from 7:30 to 8:00 AM, hear about the news of the school, and chat with other parents. At 8:00 AM they are encouraged to go to their child's classroom to assist the teacher.

Q: Who is our school's Parent Liaison?

A: Ms. Judi McDowell is. She is our partner, mentor, and volunteer coordinator. Helps staff with projects and award assemblies to name just a few. She is the school's news advocate helping to disseminate news of our school events in the Hawk Talk and to various outside news outlets. Also she works closely with PTO and SAC. Please don't hesitate to contact her, at 488-7322 or mcdowellj@leonschools.net if you can help in any way.