

Huntley Hills Elementary School News

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Huntley Hills Elementary has accomplished some pretty amazing things!

Our spring Fueled by Fitness fun run raised \$12,000!! The money is designated for school improvements, teacher training and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) expenses. The school has been working towards STEM certification for two years, and the official certification will be applied for this fall. Some of the school improvements have been new pathways to the “learning cottages” (school-speak for trailers) and a complete redesign of the teacher’s lounge. Special thanks go to Katja Lauterbach for bringing her amazing design skills to the challenge! And thank you to all who donated!



The Special Needs Playground that so many of you donated to via Donors Choose was installed during the last few days of school and was a huge hit on the last day.



Due to the combined efforts of Ms. Crystal Lien and Ms. Toyin Fadina, the school won \$2,500 for our recycling program! Both Lien and Fadina also won a trip to Colorado to attend “Teacher Camp”. Thanks to Novelis and the Atlanta Falcons for sponsoring the contest and recognizing the awesomeness of our recycling efforts.

As members of the Huntley Hills community, we need your help to contribute to the continued success of our neighborhood school in the following ways:

◆ Save and Donate:

- ⇒ Box Tops for Education: Box tops contributed to Huntley Hills Elementary provide a major source of funding for books and other supplies in our school library. You can drop the box tops off at the school or contact me and we’ll arrange a pick-up/drop-off
- ⇒ Coke Rewards: These go to buy gym equipment
- ⇒ Labels for Education: We use these for a variety of things but mostly for gym equipment

◆ **Attend Spirit Nights:** Local restaurants host regular spirit nights, where a portion of sales go to the Huntley Hills PTA. Look out for announcements, and please join us on these nights.

◆ Volunteer:

- ⇒ If you have a career in science or technology, you may be able to help us with a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) day program. Please contact the PTA to find out how.
- ⇒ The library is always looking for regular volunteers to help shelve and check out books since there is only one staff person in the library.
- ⇒ Would you like to help a child read fluently? We are looking for a few volunteers to come and listen to kids read out loud and help them where needed. This sort of practice is essential to build fluency. The hours haven’t been set yet but would generally be in the afternoon.

Want to talk to someone about other ways that you can help? Contact me, Sheila Gillispie, at 678-547-1604.