



Holly Springs Elementary School

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Please visit the school website: hses.dcssga.org

Why Holly Springs Elementary?

“Holly Springs Elementary has been a blessing for our family! One of my most memorable visits to school is walking down the hallway with my son and seeing all the kids who were walking around, just reading! It was such a pleasant sight to see literacy held in such a high regard. The teachers, faculty and staff all sincerely care about our kids and it shows in everything they say and do. I couldn't be more proud to be a part of this awesome Hawk family. Thank you, Holly Springs!”

—Holly Springs Parent

Achievements

- ◇ Nine time Beating the Odds School
- ◇ 2019 1st place Chess Competition Winners individual and team
- ◇ 2020 Congressional District Winner of the Stock Market Game
- ◇ Gold Level School - State of Georgia



Inside the Classroom

Holly Springs believes that it is the cumulative efforts of the community, staff, students, parents and teachers that define it as a 2017 Georgia Gold and 2016 Georgia Platinum school. The school's district high College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score is a result of the innovative and student-centered, differentiated instruction necessary for the unique and diverse learners at Holly Springs, nearly a quarter of whom are eligible for the gifted program. In addition, 74% of our general education teachers have their gifted endorsement. Holly Hawks currently outperforms 95% of the state on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) in grades three, four, and five.

Reading goals are routinely met by the majority of our students and in many cases, 100% of grade levels attend our quarterly reading celebrations. Targeted after-school tutoring, at no cost to the student, continues throughout the year to refine and rebuild the necessary skills for academic success. Decisions based on past performance on the GMAS, Common District Assessments, universal screeners like AIMSweb and Response to Intervention (RTI) data, drive our instruction and interventions.

Instructional time is precious at Holly Springs! Limited interruptions occur so that our Hawks are able to experience bell-to-bell instruction each and every day. We value our academic successes and celebrate accordingly during our annual CCRPI block party in April!

Our Vision

The vision of Holly Springs Elementary is to empower and encourage children in mind, body, and spirit to be successful, productive citizens while inspiring them to be lifelong learners.

Principal's Message

As Principal of Holly Springs, I am proud to say HSES continues to strive to provide the best education and maintain high expectations for our students. We are a U.S. News & World Report Best Elementary School, ranking at #104 out of 1245 elementary schools in the state of GA. It is a pleasure to serve a diverse population of learners and parents within the Holly Springs community who partner together in education. For instance, most uniquely, we house the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program (DHH) for Douglas County School System, with interpreters accompanying students to general education classes for an inclusive experience. Holly Hawks not only soar, but do so together as one big family!

-Principal Minda Trexler

Student Enrollment: 550

Total Staff: 90

Certified Staff: 40

Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees: 70%

Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10/21

To access state-mandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.

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Beyond the Classroom

At Holly Springs Elementary, teachers and staff focus not only on academic accomplishments, but also believe the needs of the whole child must be met. Students harness lifelong friendships with other Hawks during camps and form relationships with all teachers in the building, strengthening the bond as a family. Holly Springs is proud to offer band at the 4th and 5th grade level.

Holly Springs Hawks work hard and play hard! The Chess Team took home 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at the last county competition. Holly Springs' Dance Club practices weekly to provide entertainment at the Veteran's Day, Holiday, and Black History Month programs, just to name a few. The Math Team and Tome Society meet weekly to sharpen their saws! The After School Program offers French and Spanish enrichment for grades K-5 in addition to baking, STEM activities, and good, old-fashioned play!

Extracurricular clubs and week-long camps include: Soccer Camp, Basketball Camp, STEM Camp, Golf Camp, Hip-Hop Camp, American Sign Language Camp, Cheer Camp, Tennis Camp, Character Counts Christian Club, Dance Club, Math Competition Team, Dance Club, Tome Society, Art Club, Chorus, Band, Percussion, Spanish Club, Chess Club, and Yearbook Team, with more added each year!

Reach. Surpass. Soar.