

ASHFORD PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to Ashford Park School (APS)! APS is a thriving, loving environment full of wonderful teachers, staff and students. To help navigate our school, School Administration, School Council, the APS Education Foundation (APSEF), and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) have collaborated to create this packet of information. We hope that it answers your questions, informs you about terminology, events, and activities within our school and ways in which your family can be involved. Please take time to familiarize yourself with what is happening in your child's education and daily routine. The school's leader, Dr. LaShawn McMillan, has been with APS since the summer of 2012 and has brought to the school a broad knowledge of what it takes to have a successful learning environment where teachers feel empowered to push their students to do their best. Dr. McMillan and the entire administrative staff are always available to teachers, parents and staff.

Please stop by the front office and introduce yourself at any time.

Information for events and activities for the school year will come through fliers, email, text updates, the APS website, and the APS Facebook page. In addition, **please visit www.ashfordparkschool.com/pta-parent-resources for important policies and procedures.**

Remember, **APS needs your energy and input.** There are numerous ways to get involved and every effort, large or small, makes a difference in the lives of our children and the future of our community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the contacts listed for clarification or further information. We look forward to a GREAT year with your student and family.

Kind Regards,

LaShawn McMillan, PhD

Ashford Park School Council

Ashford Park PTA

Ashford Park School Education Foundation (APSEF)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT APS

- Increased test scores on the 2016 Georgia Milestones assessment! 3rd Grade made percent gains across the board, 4th grade made percent gains in Science and Social Studies and for the first time in three years, 5th grade made percent gains across the board. They had almost a 20% gain in Science and nearly a 15% gain in Math.
- Odyssey of the Mind teams continue to soar! Five teams competed in the 2015-2016 competition and two teams advanced to the state competition.
- Lego League – Our Students did an awesome job and brought home the award for best research presentation!
- Reading Bowl CHAMPIONS! 1st Place in the local, regional, and divisional competitions and 2nd place in the state competition.
- 5th Grade students participated in the Science Fair. Three students advanced to the district competition.
- Gifted Highlights:
 - Over 80 students are in the program.
 - APS has several 4th and 5th graders who are now a part of the prestigious Duke TIP program.
 - Gifted students have participated in Scratch Computer classes, GA State Saturday School for gifted learners, and SEMMA courses at Fernbank Science Center.
- STEM Days/Nights took place each semester to engage parents in the learning that takes place daily at APS.
- Math Compacting in 3rd – 5th grades.
- Writing across all Curriculum - Teachers utilize Writers Workshop in the classroom to raise test scores in all content areas.
- ActivBoards in all classrooms.
- Wireless access in all classrooms.
- APSEF funded mobile technology classroom that includes 30 iPad minis, Mac Pro and Apple TV for streaming to each classroom's ActivBoard.
- Member of the STEM cohort; a cluster of schools working to become STEM certified. APS has received an additional \$20,000 in funding to purchase STEM core aligned curriculum, including an Active Table.
- Approximately 95% of teachers received Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) training to raise student achievement with all students, specifically our English Language Learners population.
- APS teachers conduct student led conferences for students to fully discuss their learning and progress with parents.
- After School @ Ashford Park - (ASAP) serves 100 kids each day of the week. Students receive homework support and enrichment activities in German, Computers, Arts and Crafts, Gardening, Physical Education, Science, and Cooking. This is the largest program in the district.
- Ashford Park Run Club reaches capacity every semester and is a completely volunteer run afterschool activity that supports the wellness of our students.

- APSEF supported over \$31,000 in Curriculum Enhancements and \$8000 in Professional Development during the 2015 – 2016 school year through the use of Brookhaven Bolt Funds and Eagle Fund donations.
- PTA provided over \$22,000 in classroom materials to support our students and teachers.
- German Immersion grant received for books to be housed in Immersion classrooms and the media center.

WHO IS THE SCHOOL’S ADMINISTRATION AND HOW DO I REACH THEM?

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Counselor:	Ms. Marilyn Hamilton Marilyn_B_Hamilton@dekalbschoolsga.org

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?

At APS, we ask that you follow our uniform policy. The uniform dress policy includes white, navy, or light blue tops and navy or khaki bottoms, with brown, black or navy closed-toe shoes (or school appropriate tennis shoes). Dresses may also be worn in navy or light blue. We observe the DeKalb County School System dress code, which can be found at <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us>. Details are also in the Student Handbook. Spirit wear can be worn each Friday; along with dress code approved bottoms or denim bottoms (pants, full-length shorts, capris, skorts or skirts, all of the appropriate length). Spirit Wear can be purchased online (ashfordparkschool.com or <http://ashfordpark.3dcartstores.com>). It will also be sold at various school functions, such as Open House, PTA Meetings, and STEM nights.

WHAT SUPPLIES DOES MY CHILD NEED?

A supply list can be found on the school website at <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/ashfordpark/>. Paper copies can also be obtained in the front office or from your child's teacher. Please label all supplies and turn them into your child's teacher at Open House or during the first week of school. At the end of the school year, school supply packs are available to order for the upcoming school year and are delivered just prior to Open House for the new school year.

WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL START AND END?

Breakfast eaters may enter the building at 7:00AM. Classrooms open at 7:25 and announcements begin at 7:40. Teachers encourage students to be in their classroom at 7:30. The tardy bell rings at 7:45AM. All students entering the building after 7:45 are counted as late and must have their parent check in at the front office and obtain a tardy slip. All grades dismiss at 2:15pm. For special education classroom times, please check with the school office.

WHAT IS THE STUDENT ID NUMBER

The Student ID number is a 7-digit unique number assigned by DeKalb County to your student. It can be obtained from your child's teacher and is also found on progress reports. The last 5-digits are used for student meal accounts.

HOW DOES SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WORK?

Breakfast is served between 7:00 and 7:25AM. Pre-K and some Special Education classes eat breakfast with their teachers between 7:45 and 8:30. Each class is designated a specific lunch time. This time is communicated via each individual teacher to their class parents. Please consider having lunch with your child during the school year. We love for parents to come visit their children and your child will love it too! We do ask all parents/lunch guests to wait until after Labor Day before making a lunch visit. This allows students to get adjusted to the first few weeks of school without the temptation of wanting to go home with Mom, Dad, etc. You don't need to make a reservation, just check in at the front office and wait in the lobby or cafeteria to meet your child's class.

Breakfast and lunch menus, as well as prices, can be found on the county website (<http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/school-nutrition>). Students may also bring their lunch. Parents can set-up a pre-paid meal account associated to a student's ID number. Funds can be placed into this account via credit or debit card, phone or fax – go to [Meal Payments](http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/school-nutrition/online-payments) at <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/school-nutrition/online-payments> for details on how to sign up with MySchoolBucks.com (formerly MyLunchMoney.com). Your student's seven-digit student ID number is required for set-up. Automatic recurring payments and low balance alerts can also be set-up through this service. Some transactions include a service charge. Parents who do not have access to the Internet may pay by phone or fax. The sign-up form will be available during Open House from the school's food service manager and should be returned to the address listed on the top of the form. Money can also be deposited to your child's account by sending in checks or cash with your child to give to the Food Service Manager. Please work with your child so they know the last 5 digits of their student ID number, as this will be their meal account.

Free and reduced lunch applications are also available at Open House.

WHAT IS THE FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM?

Our Farm to School program is geared at improving health and nutrition knowledge within our school community through exposure to local and healthy food. We accomplish this goal through supporting and promoting DeKalb County's Produce of the Month program, which brings a locally grown fruit or vegetable into the school cafeteria each month, and through our school garden, which offers curriculum related opportunities.

HOW DO I TAKE AND PICK UP MY CHILD FROM SCHOOL?

There are three transportation categories: Car-rider, Walker and Bus-rider.

During the first couple of weeks of school, you may see parent and teacher volunteers in safety vests helping direct traffic. Please be mindful of their safety and cooperate with their instructions. Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of our students and improve the efficiency of our carpool procedures

Morning Carpool, Walker & Bus Riders Procedures

We request ALL PARENTS observe the following procedures to ensure the SAFETY of our children and keep traffic moving for the benefit of our neighbors

7:00-7:20AM – Breakfast Eaters (Dropped off before carpool begins)

- Students enter the main entrance on Cravenridge Dr. by 7:15.
- Please park in designated areas to let them out of your car.
- Do not idle in the street.
- A staff member will be at the door to greet your child.

7:20-7:40AM – Car Riders and Walkers

CAR RIDERS, STUDENTS ARRIVING TO THE SCHOOL BY CAR, MUST BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CARPOOL LOCATION AT CYNTHIA DR. AND TRYON RD. An APS teacher, APS staff member, or a member of the PTA Carpool Safety Team will be on hand to assist children.

- To get in carpool line, do one of the following:
 - From Cravenridge Dr., continue down Cravenridge Dr. past Pamela Dr. Please DO NOT turn down Pamela Dr. as this is closed to all carpool traffic for the safety of students. At the first stop sign, make a right turn onto Tryon Rd. and enter the carpool line; or
 - Enter Tryon Rd. from any street except Cynthia Dr. (which is one-way during carpool times) or Pamela Dr., then come straight into the carpool line
- Do not park on Tryon Rd, Cynthia Dr., Cravenridge Dr. before Pamela Dr. or on Pamela Dr. to let your child out.
- Please do not stop and drop your child off in front of the school between 7:20 and 7:45.
- Carpool assistance ends at 7:40am, and the carpool doors at Tryon and Cynthia are locked at 7:45am.

WALKERS PLEASE ENTER THE MAIN ENTRANCE ON CRAVENRIDGE. There will be a crossing guard on Cravenridge Dr. at Tryon Rd. to assist walkers.

- Please note, based on the multiple routes *neighboring students to the school* may walk to school it is understood that some students may come in the carpool door as a walker. Our goal is to minimize the number of students crossing in the path of carpool. Walking this route is particularly hazardous and slows down the carpool line.
- If you arrive by car, your child is **NOT** a walker; he/she is a car rider and you must go through carpool.
- If you need to walk your child into the school, please see section 'Can I Walk My Child into the School', below.

After 7:45AM – Tardy Arrivals

- An adult **must** accompany students into the building.
- Please park on Caldwell, enter the main entrance on Cravenridge Dr. , and go to the office to fill out a Tardy Slip. All tardy slips must be signed by a member of the office staff.
- Carpool assistance ends at 7:40am, and the doors at Tryon and Cynthia are locked at 7:40.

Can I Walk My Child Into the School?

We know it is important for many parents to walk their child to his or her classroom the first day or week of school. Please feel free to do so! However, after the first few days, please say goodbye to your child in carpool line or the front door, if you are a walker. Teachers and student patrols will assist them to their classrooms, if needed. Separation anxiety can actually escalate when parents linger inside classrooms. Your child will develop a sense of independence that increases their confidence. In addition, during carpool time (7:20 - 7:40AM), please park along Caldwell Rd and walk down Cravenridge Dr. to the crossing guard to walk your child into school. Please do not walk down Cynthia Dr, as this route crosses in front of carpool. Cars are not allowed to park alongside the street by the school or park in the parking spots in front of the school. Doing so can disrupt carpool traffic, block neighbors from being able to get in/out of their driveways and cause a safety issue for our students. The areas available for parking are shown on the carpool map that is being distributed at Open House, and online <http://www.ashfordparkschool.com/carpool/4578241027>.

If you need to help your child carry a heavy load or large project, please arrive before 7:20AM. Park in an approved parking area and enter through the main entrance on Cravenridge Dr. Backing in and out of the spots in the front of the school will not be allowed during carpool time (7:20 – 7:40AM) and is often patrolled by City of Brookhaven Police. 'No Parking' areas are clearly marked by yellow curbs, orange cones or 'No Parking' & 'No Stopping' signs installed by the City of Brookhaven. Please adhere to these rules or you risk being ticketed by the police.

Afternoon Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal is facilitated by the Family ID Number, Family Hang Tag, and APS ID Cards.

APS ID Cards

All students at APS receive a lanyard with an ID card attached. Each ID card has the student's name, grade, teacher, and their primary method of afternoon transportation (bus rider, carpool or walker). The family ID number is also printed on the ID card for use for car riders and walkers. The ID card is attached to a lanyard and remains at APS. The ID card is collected at the door where the student leaves the building for dismissal.

Family ID Number:

Each new family receives a Family Identification number at the beginning of the school year. Returning families use the same number year to year. The Family ID number is issued during registration of new students. The Family ID number applies to all students in a family and remains with the family throughout their enrollment at APS.

Family Hang Tag

Each family receives one family hangtag that is to be displayed on the rearview mirror for carpool pick-up. This hang tag is also used for walker pick-up in the front hall. The family ID number is printed on the hang tag and that number corresponds to the family number on your student's APS lanyard. As a courtesy, APS and the PTA have purchased one family hang tag for each family. If you need additional family hangtags, these can be purchased at Open House or through the front office once the school year has begun.

Dismissal Process

At the end of each school day, the teachers distribute the appropriate ID card to each student. Students then proceed to their primary afternoon dismissal point. As your child leaves campus, no matter the method, APS staff or teachers collect the ID card. The ID cards are returned to the classrooms for the next school day. The student's ID card specifies the primary method of transportation.

Walkers

Walkers are sent to the front hallway for dismissal. The parent or guardian meeting the child at the front door **MUST** have the rearview mirror hangtag with the corresponding family ID number in hand or the child is not released. If you have forgotten your hang tag, you may go to the front office where they will check your ID for pick-up purposes. The student's ID lanyards are collected as they are dismissed to the parent/guardian.

Bus Riders

If your student is a bus rider, or is a part of the Wieuca Baptist or Boys and Girls Club Afterschool Programs, they are sent to the bus area as the appropriate bus arrives. The student's lanyard has a color code for their assigned bus and during the first few weeks of school staff members verify the students are boarding the appropriate bus based on their lanyard ID. If a bus departs the school late, school administration sends

a text indicated the late departure of the specific bus. If a bus is not set to arrive to the school for dismissal, those students may be placed on another bus or one bus will complete their normal route and then return to pick-up the second route. These students will arrive home late and again a text is sent out to notify parents of the late arrival. Student's lanyard IDs are collected as they board their bus.

There must be a parent/guardian at the bus stop to meet the student. If a parent/guardian is not there or if a student has boarded the wrong bus, the student is returned to APS at the end of the route and the parent/guardian is contacted.

Carpool Riders

Carpool Riders are dismissed to the carpool door. Carpool drivers must prominently display their Family Hang Tag with their Family ID Number. Carpool staff match the ID number on the hang tag to the Family ID number on the student's lanyard ID. Student ID lanyards are collected as students leave the carpool door. If you do not have a hang tag you will need to proceed to the front office to show your ID to pick-up your child. Once the last car has come through afternoon carpool, students not yet picked up are taken to the front office.

After School @ Ashford Park (ASAP)

ASAP students remain in their classroom until walkers, carpool riders and bus riders have been dismissed. At that time, they are released to ASAP staff and their ID lanyards are turned in for attendance purposes.

HOW DO I CHANGE MY STUDENT'S AFTERNOON TRANSPORTATION?

In the event that a change needs to be made to a student's primary mode of transportation, contact must be made with the student's teacher and Mrs. Sharpe, Venecia_Sharpe@dekalbschoolsga.org, by 10:00 AM. The request for such a change must be made in writing or e-mail to the teacher and Mrs. Sharpe. Mrs. Sharpe will contact you to verify the request.

HOW DO I DISMISS MY STUDENT EARLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT OR FAMILY NEED?

If your student needs to leave school early, please come to the front office prior to 1:45PM. Early dismissals are not allowed after 1:45PM as it hinders the regular dismissal procedures of all other students.

WHAT IS THE INFINITE CAMPUS PORTAL AND HOW DO I USE IT?

Infinite Campus is a secure, web-based application that allows parents, guardians, students, and staff real-time access to student's assignments, grades, and attendance. It provides easier monitoring and parents' participation in the education process. For additional information and to sign onto Infinite Campus please visit the DCSD website <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/www/infinite-campus/>.

WHAT IS THE CURRICULUM BASED UPON?

The curriculum is based upon the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE). The ELA and Mathematics standards were implemented at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. The Science and Social Studies Georgia Standards of Excellence were adopted at the state level in the spring/summer of 2016 and will be implemented at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

For more information visit the Georgia Department of Education website at <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/default.aspx>.

WHAT IS SHELTERED INSTRUCTION OBSERVATION PROTOCOL (SIOP) TRAINING FOR TEACHERS?

SIOP is a research based model that has been proven to increase the level of academic achievement among English Language Learner (ELL) students. It has also been proven to be beneficial to ALL students because of its use of best practices in the classroom. There are ten recommended SIOP strategies that high performance schools use to help all students master academic content and increase their knowledge base.

WHAT IS ACCELERATED READER (AR)?

Accelerated Reader is a subscription program used to track students' reading progress and to motivate students to read. A student's reading level is assessed, then the student is assigned an AR level. Books are also assigned an AR level. Students are given a recommended range of AR levels to select books from. The books in the school media center are color coded based upon their assigned AR level. Once a student has completed reading a book they may take the AR quiz specific to that book. They earn points based on the number of correctly answered questions and the difficulty level of the book. You may track your student's AR progress through the following website. <https://hosted51.renlearn.com/48836/homeconnect/>. The User Name is your student's 7-digit student ID number and the password is your student's birthday in the format MMDD. This site also provides search mechanisms to determine the AR level of a specific book or to search for books at a specific level.

WHAT IS CURRICULUM NIGHT?

Curriculum Night is held within the first 6 weeks of school and provides a time for parents to visit their student's classroom to receive an overview of class rules/expectations, review syllabus, homework/classwork policy, grading system, classroom management, and parent-teacher conference dates. Dr. McMillan also provides a detailed summary of the prior school year's standardized test results.

WHAT ARE SUBJECT SUPPLEMENTAL NIGHTS?

Math Night, STEM Night and Social Studies/ELA Nights are evenings for parents to explore how teachers use fun, hands-on activities to teach these subjects. Parents learn websites that can be used at home and useful techniques and strategies (make and take items) that can also be used at home to assist their child with homework.

HOW IS APS GOING GREEN?

Our school community is committed to reducing its environmental impact and educating students on environmental and sustainability issues. Throughout the year, we recycle many different items including, cardboard, mixed paper and aluminum cans. We also partner with third parties, like the EPA, to bring environmental awareness programs to the school. Please see the PTA tab on ashfordparkschool.com for information about our Green Committee, or email ashfordparkpta@gmail.com to volunteer.

CAN I VOLUNTEER IN MY CHILD'S CLASSROOM?

In most cases, yes! Please speak with your student's teacher about the ways in which you can help. It might be reading to the class once a week, assisting with special projects and holiday celebrations, putting together flyers or handouts that go home in backpacks, eating lunch with the class, or some other activity. You may also contact your room parent for ways to volunteer, or email AshfordParkPTA@gmail.com and we can put you in touch with the Room Parent Coordinator.

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED AT APS?

- **PTA** - The PTA has many fun and helpful activities you can support during school hours, including Teacher Appreciation Luncheons (monthly), Teacher Appreciation Week, Carpool Safety, Fall and Spring Book Fairs, Picture Day, Year Book, and Field Day. Please go to the PTA website at www.ashfordparkschool.com for volunteer opportunities.
- **APSEF** - The Ashford Park School Education Foundation (APSEF) is another way to be involved in the improvement of your child's educational facility. Please visit www.ashfordparkschool.com/aps-foundation for more information.
- **BOLT** - The Brookhaven Bolt, www.brookhavenbolt.com, is a foundation that gifts 100% of their proceeds to the improvement of Ashford Park School. This 5K race takes place through the neighboring streets of Ashford Park each May.
- **IN THE CLASSROOM** - Also, ask your child's teacher how you can get involved in his or her classroom.

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

The A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 established school councils in Georgia to bring communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve difficult education problems, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers and administrators, and bring parents into the school-based decision-making process. School Councils provide advice, recommendations, and assistance to principals and local Boards of Education. The law details the composition of the Council, its responsibilities, and its procedures for conducting business.

For more information regarding School Council's in Georgia please visit

<http://georgiaeducation.org/councils/councils.html>

2015-2016 School Council

Natalie Albert	Parent
Matthew Blackmon	Parent
Allison Entrekin	Parent
Lisa Obser	Parent
Heather Meissen	Parent
Abigail Pecoroni	Parent
Dr. LaShawn McMillan	Principal
Sarah Cawley	Teacher Representative
Kerrie Jefferson	Teacher Representative
Amy Sturge	Teacher Representative
Kelly Marsh	Business Liaison
Stephen Adams	Business Liaison

WHAT IS PTA?

PTA is the nation’s original parent group in schools, influencing millions of parents, past and present, to get involved in their children’s education. It is a national, nonprofit organization; neither the organization nor its leaders receive any financial benefit from PTA activities. PTA is composed of more than 5 million volunteers in 25,000 local units. It is run by volunteers and led by volunteers, and is accountable to parents and schools. PTA strives to give parents what they want—a way to help their children succeed. Our PTA helps support a variety of programs within our school, our County School System, and our national PTA. Some of these programs are Academic Recognition, Classroom Support, Cultural Arts, Fall and Spring Book Fairs, Fall Fair, Field Day, Media Center Support, Outdoor Classroom, Counselor Support, Teacher Recognition, Family and Community Engagement and Safety/Carpool. For answers to questions and more information about the PTA, and details on how to get involved visit the PTA’s website at www.AshfordParkSchool.com .

2015 – 2016 PTA Executive Board

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WHAT IS THE PTA DOLLAR A DAY CAMPAIGN?

Tired of selling gift-wrap and magazine subscriptions to help supply our classrooms? Then sign up for our Dollar a Day Campaign! The PTA runs the Dollar a Day Fundraising Campaign all school year as our main fundraiser instead of asking parents and students to sell items to raise funds. For a \$1 per school day donation (which comes to \$180), you can help ensure our school stays current with materials, technology, and operational supplies – for the ENTIRE school year. 100% of funds raised go through the PTA to directly support classrooms and school operations – no vendor takes a cut! Although our campaign focuses on \$1 a Day, ANY AMOUNT you choose to donate is greatly appreciated. If necessary, please contact a PTA Officer about creating a payment plan. For more details, please visit <http://ashfordpark.3dcartstores.com> OR www.Ashfordparkschool.com .

WHAT IS THE ASHFORD PARK SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION?

The Ashford Park School Education Foundation (APSEF) is a 501c3 non-profit formed in 2011 with the mission of supporting curriculum enhancements, professional development and capital improvements at Ashford Park School. The APSEF works hand-in-hand with the PTA, School Council, and APS administration to implement this mission. APSEF, unlike the PTA, can raise and administer funds for large-scale projects which require funds to be carried over from school year to school year. APSEF is run by a board made up of parents, teachers, administrators and community members. An example capital improvement initiative is the Outdoor Amphitheater and carpool area completed in 2013-14. This is a great example of how the foundation can aid with large-scale, long-term, multi-stakeholder projects for our school. In addition, APSEF has funded a mobile computer lab, which includes 30 iPad minis for technology classes, ActivBoards for classrooms, and a new public address system for the cafeteria/auditorium.

Early in 2015-16 the APSEF used funds to outfit the new STEM lab with tables and stools to support the school’s drive towards STEM certification. The APSEF funds curriculum enhancements including a number of year-long initiatives like Science Weekly, First in Math, a Typing Pal school subscription, Social Studies Weekly and Jr. Books and Great Books for all students.

In 2016-2017 the APSEF will heavily promote the Eagle Fund, its annual fundraising campaign, and will look for 100% participation from the school families at any dollar amount. For more information about the

APSEF visit www.ashfordparkschool.com and visit the foundation page. Or email us at apseeducationfoundation@gmail.com

2016 – 2017 APSEF Board


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WHAT IS THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION?

The Board of Education is the official policy making body for the DeKalb County School District. It, along with the superintendent, sets the school system’s mission and goals. The Board of Education holds meetings throughout the year on a regular schedule. The nine board members are elected from individual districts. Ashford Park School is in District 2. For more information, visit the DeKalb Board of Education’s website at <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/board-of-education> .

HOW CAN I STAY CONNECTED WITH EVENTS AT THE SCHOOL?

The easiest way to get connected is to first visit www.ashfordparkschool.com/pta-parent-resources . It includes all of the below information with clickable links.

1. www.ashfordparkschool.com Includes tabs for the PTA, School Council, Foundation, and DeKalb site
2. **The Official DeKalb County - Ashford Park School Website:** <http://www.ashfordparkes.dekalb.k12.ga.us>
3. **Google Calendar:** Subscribe to the Ashford Park PTA Google Calendar by visiting www.ashfordparkschool.com. Locate the Google Calendar on the right side of the homepage and click the +Google Calendar button that looks like this: 
4. **Text Messages:** Simply text @ashford to 81010 to join the APS text group.
5. **E-blast:** Sign up to receive the latest PTA news via email by visiting http://eepurl.com/M_vVj
6. **School Store:** <http://ashfordpark.3dcartstores.com>

7. **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ashford.pta>
8. **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/ashfordparkedu>
9. **Infinite Campus information page** - How to Log in <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/www/infinite-campus/>
District Code (needed for first-time log in) - **FLZLHV**
10. **The official DeKalb County School System app:** <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/www/documents/news-and-info/app-launch.pdf>
11. **DeKalb County School District** <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/>
12. **Brookhaven Bolt** www.brookhavenbolt.com
13. **DCSD Lunch & nutrition information** <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/school-nutrition>
14. **DCSD Bus & School locator** www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/transportation
15. **DeKalb County Board of Education** <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/board-of-education>
16. **Georgia Dept of Education**
<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Standards/Pages/BrowseStandards/BrowseGPS.aspx>