Dear Families of Hartley,

Our 2017-2018 school year has gotten off to a magnificent start as a result of our students’ efforts, your assistance, and the dedication of our entire staff. The first few weeks have been all about establishing effective routines, communicating our expectations and assessing our students to determine how to best meet their individual needs.

Current research indicates that one of the leading factors contributing to the success of children in school is parental involvement and awareness. Please make sure you take a few moments every day to check your child’s backpack, their planner or their take home folder if he/she has one. Some teachers also use Class Dojo, newsletters, and web pages to keep you informed. Our children need you to take an interest in their education and these are just a few ways you can show that you care about their progress in school.

I hope you are finding useful the various school messages I have sent out to you via email to keep you better informed. Thank you to those parents who have provided positive feedback about our efforts to improve communication between school and home.

For the increased safety of everyone, I am respectfully asking that you put away your cell phones while in the parent pickup line and drop-off circle. There have been serious accidents in the past at our school resulting from inattentive drivers. We want our children to be safe when they are moving among cars for loading, and your undivided attention will help keep them that way. Also, please continue to stay in your vehicles and let our staff and safety patrols assist your child in order to keep the line moving.

We will confirm in the next week a date for our Annual Volunteer Breakfast that will more than likely take place the second week of September. We will enjoy Danish and coffee, conduct a brief volunteer training on this day and ask volunteers to sign up for activities they’re interested in. We hope to see you there!

In the meantime, let’s all keep partnering together for the success of our children. They are watching us and will follow our example. We can do it!
Hartley Parents & Visitors: **You must be an approved volunteer to come into school.** You can no longer sign-in as a visitor if you are not an approved volunteer or vendor.

If you would like to visit your child at school during lunch, attend a field trip, and/or volunteer at school, please fill out the volunteer application on the following website: [http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/)

Once your application has been cleared through the school district and the St. Johns County Sherriff’s office, it will be valid for three years. You will not need to fill out another application in the future, just let us know you need to be renewed. Your volunteer status, once cleared, will allow you to sign in at all St. Johns County Schools.

Please make every effort to not check your child out early from school, or call after 2:00 PM (1:00 p.m. on Wednesday) to change the way your child goes home (EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY).

Thank you very much for your cooperation!

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**Character Counts Sponsors Needed**

Each year, we have six Character Counts Assemblies to recognize students who exemplify the six pillars of character. The students have their photos displayed in the front office hallway and they receive a ribbon, certificate, pencil and a character counts wristband. We also serve refreshments at these events.

The total cost for these celebrations averages close to $1,000 each year. With shrinking school budgets, we ask that businesses or parents consider sponsoring this important program. We acknowledge and thank all donors on each program throughout the year.

If you are interested in donating funds or resources towards this important program, please contact the school counselor, Brigid Garbini at 8904-547-8387 or Brigid.Garbini@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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**FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

If your child needs school supplies, please send them to **Ms. Garbini in the Guidance Office.** I have backpacks, paper, pencils, folders, notebooks and much more! A huge thank you to **Awaken City Church, Crossings Church, and the St. Augustine Swashbucklers** for their generous donations of school supplies!
Note from Ms. Miki Betrone, Cafeteria Manager

Hartley Café serves breakfast each school day. Please encourage your student to eat a healthy balanced breakfast whether at home or here with us. We serve from 8:00-8:30 a.m. and offer a variety of hot entrees, cereals, fresh fruit, juice and milk.

Parents will need to apply and/or reapply every year for free/reduced meals. It is much quicker if you submit on line; just follow the links on HES or the SJCSD website. We do have paper applications in the office and the cafeteria as well. If you have any questions regarding our breakfast and lunch program please contact me directly at (904)-547-8396.

Thank you, Ms. Miki
Calendar of Events

8/29 - PTO Meeting 3:15 pm
8/31 - Kindergarten Parent Meeting- 6:00-7:00
9/4 - Labor Day/NO SCHOOL
9/5 - SAC Meeting 3:15 pm
9/7 - OPEN HOUSE
   4:30 – 6:00 pm
   Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades
   6:00 – 7:00 pm
   3rd – 5th Grades
9/8 - Fall Photos
9/12 - Interims
9/TBD Volunteer Breakfast
9/26 - PTO 3:15 pm

Hartley Volunteers
WE LOVE YOU!!

Just a SMALL reminder

Save your BOX TOPS!

Literary News

Getting started

When your child gets home from school or after-school care, he or she might want to relax for a little while or may want to jump right in and work. Have them try each method for one week and keep track of how it goes. They could write notes in each day’s calendar square. (“Went great!” or “Hard time getting started.”) After two weeks, you can review the notes to see which routine works best.

Welcome back!!!

As a new school year gets underway, please take a moment to check your child(ren) for head lice. Summer is the busiest time for lice, and sometimes it takes up to 10 days before you know your child has them. If you do find that your child has lice, please inform the school so their classmates can be checked also.

Thank you so much, Nurse Rosemary
904-547-8389
SAC Meeting Dates for 2017/2018

SAC meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month in the media center. Childcare will be provided for anyone attending the meetings. Meetings are open to the public and we would love for parents to attend the meetings and get involved with our School Advisory Council! Please feel free to contact Amber Kerly, SAC Chair, to join SAC or with any questions at: Amber.Kerly@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Meeting dates are as follows:

- September 5th
- October 3rd
- November 7th
- December 5th
- February 6th
- March 6th
- April 3rd
- May 1st (*at the Southeast Branch Library)

To promote high expectations and the success of all who make up our community every day during our morning announcements we recite our school pledge.

The Hartley Way

I give my word that every day I’ll do my best to live the Hartley way.

Caring and responsible I will be,

respectful and trustworthy for all to see.