Dear Families of Hartley,

I want to thank all of those who have been able to carve out the time to meet and or have phone conferences with your child’s teacher this school year. This is such an important way to collaborate for the success of our children. As the year progresses, please continue to maintain communication with your child’s teachers, so they indeed have the best year possible!

Were you able to attend the annual Kids’ Clothes Closet? Boy did folks have a great time! A special hawk call to Ms. Garbini, our school counselor for all of her efforts to coordinate this event. We also appreciate the many volunteers who helped in the preparation. Of course, we could not have done it without the countless clothing donations you sent in to support this event. A special hawk call also to Mrs. Santana who is this year’s student council sponsor with the assistance of Ms. Roquett. Our student council has wasted no time in organizing our annual food drive. The amount of food already donated, again, speaks to the kindness and generosity of our community.

The PTO is preparing for another fun family event, a winter dance. We are still working on determining the exact date. It will be on a Friday evening, either in January or the beginning of February. It is sure to be a chance to dance the night away and win some great prizes. Hope to see you there.

Living in Florida, it’s easy to feel spoiled having warm weather all year round. However, we do have some chilly days ahead. If your child wears layers they can take off, please make sure you label their clothes, so we can reunite lost items with their owners!

It seems like more than ever, there has been a measure of uncertainty among many communities. Regardless of one’s political, religious or personal beliefs, this uncertainty is real for many. I am grateful that our community continues to be one where we regularly recognize the importance of monitoring our own habits and attitude. Many of you have heard me say that our children look to us to lead the way. They are keen observers of how we navigate our emotions and the emotions of others. I cannot thank you enough for the quality of respect the teachers and I consistently receive from you. We all want the same thing, which is for every child to be safe and successful each day!

Hartley Elementary opened in 1982 and the following year Mrs. Helen Hagan joined the team as the front office clerk. Over the years, “Ms. Helen” has contributed to the success and joy of countless individuals. As much as we value her, we are excited to share with you that she has announced her official retirement after more than three decades of faithful service. After the winter break, we will bid farewell to her daily presence. Although she has assured me, she will not be far away. Please join me in congratulating and thanking her at every opportunity in the remaining days of 2017. Lastly, many of you will travel in the coming days while others will stay local to engage in traditions with family and friends. Enjoy this quality time together as you reflect on what is important to you. All the best to each of you and your families!
Hartley Parents & Visitors: You must be an approved volunteer to come into school. You can no longer sign-in as a visitor. You must be an approved volunteer or an approved 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:

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 do not check your child out early from school, or call after 2:00 PM (1:00 PM Wednesday) to change the way your child goes home (EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY).
Thank you very much for your cooperation.

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

We know that in these difficult economic times, some of our Hartley families can use help with the approaching holidays with food and gifts. Firefighters for Families and the YMCA want to adopt families to buy holiday gifts for children. Additionally, we have some organizations that would like to help families with holiday meals.

Half of the proceeds from the Kids’ Closet goes to our Hartley Giving Tree. If you would like some assistance this year, please contact Ms. Garbini at 547-8387 or email Brigid.Garbini@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Congratulations to the winners of the FREE Gymnastics and Dance Classes.

Dance classes: Leah and Rebekah Braxton
Gymnastics: Aaliyah Pearson

A BIG THANK YOU to our Business Partners!!

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Earth, Wind and Fire Restoration
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Calendar of Events

November 2017
11/21 - Kindergarten Feast
11/21 - 4th Gr. Pie Eating Contest
11/22 to 11/4 - Thanksgiving Break
11/30 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
5:30 – 7:30

December
12/5 - Spelling Bee 5th Grade SAC
12/8 - Character Counts
12/4-12/8 - THE GIVING TREE
12/11-12/15 - Book Fair
12/15 - Kinder Holiday Program
12/19 - Tropicana Speeches 5th Gr.
12/20 – Chipotle Spirit Night
5:30 – 7:30 pm
12/22-1/07 - Winter Break
1/8/2018 - Classes Resume
Do you have any concerns about your child’s

- Speaking
- Understanding
- Moving or Playing
- Seeing or Hearing

* Getting Along with other Children
* Learning and Paying Attention
* Self-help Skills including:
  Feeding, Dressing or Toileting

FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND PROVIDES:

- Information about community programs for children with special needs
- Professional consultation for parents
- Screening in the areas of communication, motor development, vision, hearing and preschool readiness skills
- Assistance in connection children with special or unique needs to appropriate early intervention or exceptional student education services

If you have questions or concerns about a child
Birth – 5 years of age, contact:

FDLRS/NEFEC CHILD FIND
(386) 329-3811 or Toll Free 1-800-227-6036
Email: Childfind@nefec.org
Website: www.nefec.org/fdlrs

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The Florida School for the Deaf and Blind

Hartley Volunteers
are the BEST!!
We appreciate everything you do for our
Hartley Hawks!!

Cold and Flu season is coming upon us. Parents, if your
child has a fever of 100.0 or greater, please keep them home. They may return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of medication such as Tylenol or Advil.

Also, as a reminder, please check your child regularly for head lice. If you find your child to have lice, please inform the school so we may check all the children in class and treat the room.

Thank you so much,
Nurse Rosemary  904-547-8389
Hartley Elementary School
Spirit Night

Thursday

Nov. 30, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Show your Hartley Spirit!!!!
Come for a great night of food and fellowship
Help us earn 10% of the total sales,
including drive thru purchases.