



# BACK TO SCHOOL!

Hutto Middle School  
Bainbridge, GA

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## Hutto Middle School News

### Welcome

Welcome to Hutto Middle School! Our faculty and staff are excited about your student being a part of our HMS family. It is our goal here at Hutto Middle School to prepare our students to be successful members of society. We will continue to implement the Common Core standards and the STEM initiatives that were put into place last year.

These newsletters will be a regular form of communication to inform you about what is happening at HMS this school year. In addition to these newsletters, we will be using our website (<http://huttomiddle.dcboe.com>) as a means to keep parents informed. Our website is an excellent way to keep up with latest at HMS. In addition, please make sure you are checking your student's agenda on a daily basis to make sure that he/she is completing their homework. This is also an effective communication tool for the teachers to communicate with the parents.

*"The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home."*

**William Temple**

### News from the Summer

Panther Team students participated in a "Project of Love" in May that allowed them to make a difference in children's lives in another part of the world. Students designed and made 26 t-shirt dresses, 21 t-shirts, and 50 school supply pouches that were personally delivered to orphans in Uganda in July. This is just one way our students are learning to take responsibility for making their world a better place.



This beautiful Ugandan orphan is wearing a dress made by a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Panther Team student.

## McKinney Vento Program

If your family lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and is forced to live in any of the following situations:

- ❑ Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (example: evicted from home, etc.).
- ❑ In a motel.
- ❑ In an emergency or transitional shelter.
- ❑ Have a primary nighttime residence that is not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans (car, park, or campsite).

**Then your children may have the right to:**

- ❑ Enroll in school without proof of residency, immunization, school records, or other documents.
- ❑ Choose between their school of origin or the school zoned for where you are currently living, when feasible.
- ❑ Receive transportation to school.
- ❑ Attend school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- ❑ Receive all the school services available to other students.

For more information you may contact Debbie Jones at:  
229-248-2200.

## Parent Involvement

Parent volunteers are needed to help with activities at the school. Please check with your student's team teachers to find out how you can get involved today. Parents are always welcome at Hutto Middle School. In addition, we ask that all parents continue saving the box tops on certain items to help earn money for the school.

We also encourage you to check out our parent resource room, where you can find the HMS School Improvement Plan, Parent Comment Forms, Parent Involvement Policy, workshop dates, 504 student information and computer access to "Plug In" to the district site.

## In the Know

Make sure you stay in the know about what is going at Hutto Middle School by subscribing to HMS text message/email alerts. Just click on the "Notify Me" icon on the HMS homepage to get signed up.

(Refer to picture below)

## Character Word

### Respectful

Respectful people show courtesy and consideration.

### Being Responsible means:

Doing what you say you will do, watching for tasks that need to be done and doing them, performing your chores and being ready for school without reminders, and taking care of things that belong to you.

## This Month's Spotlight

Panther Team students will participate in Market Day on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. As their culminating project for their Economics unit, these student entrepreneurs will set up storefronts in our lunchroom and "sell" products they have created to other students on the Panther Team to demonstrate their understanding of voluntary exchange, supply, demand, pricing, scarcity, specialization, profit, and labor. The Panther Team invites you to come visit our market and see creative entrepreneurs at work!



## Important Dates

- 8/26 21<sup>st</sup> Century Begins
- 9/2 Labor Day Holiday
- 9/4 4½ Week Progress Reports
- 9/10 Market Day (Panther's)
- 9/10 Understanding ADD/ADHD Parent Workshop
- 9/11 Zaxby's Fundraiser Night (5:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
- 9/16 District ESOL Parent Meeting
- 9/20 School Pictures
- 9/24 Chorus Concert
- 9/30 – 10/4 Benchmarks
- 10/4 End of 9 Weeks
- 10/7 – 8 Fall Break
- 10/9 Professional Development (Student Holiday)
- 10/15 Report Cards

