



Hedgie Herald Principal Message August 15, 2025

We are officially in the full swing of things as all of our beginning of the year activities are complete. I want to thank everyone for such a great start to the year and look forward to your continued support!

If you need anything, please feel free to call the school or reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns, bcline@wcpss.net.

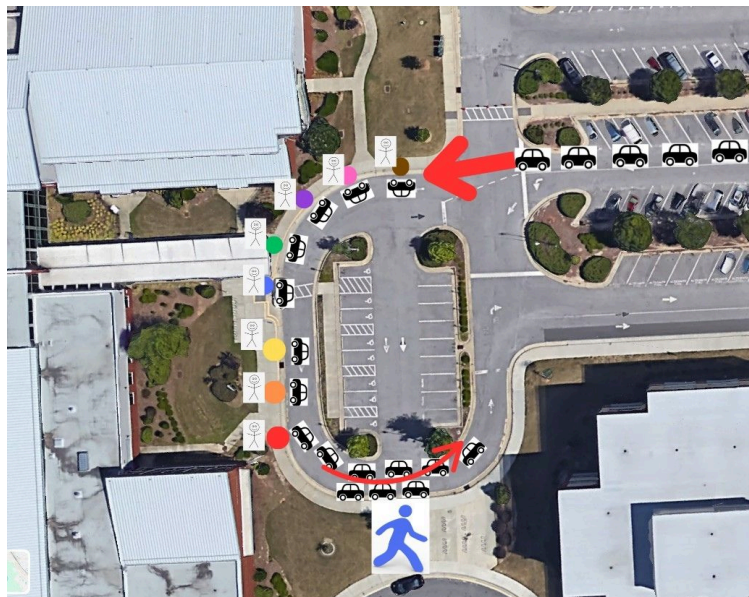
Afternoon Carpool Reminders and Processes - Please Read

We continue to have a lot of confusion in the afternoon with carpool and traffic. To help, below is a diagram to show the process, as well as a few reminders. Please watch the staff as they direct you where to go- not your children. Staff know if cars get “out of order” and know how to keep the line in order and moving efficiently.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to make the process safe for everyone.

Process:

- Students line up at one of the 8 spots in the carpool loop (See Below).



- Car Drivers/Parents pull up in line order- which actually corresponds to the color your carpool number is entered on our display screen (See below for example of what is seen in the classroom). This order is established by the staff that collects the carpool numbers outside.

CAR POOL	Hedgie 1-Red	Hedgie 2-Orange	Hedgie 3-Yellow	Hedgie 4-Green	Hedgie 5-Blue	Hedgie 6-Purple	Hedgie 7-Pink	Hedgie 8-Brown
A	111	555	20	651	11	4	19	100
B	86	42	58	241	96	498	365	10
C								
D								
E								

- Staff members and safety patrol will help direct you to where you need to stop. Do not just stop where your child is, as they may be at the wrong spot. If you pull up to the next available spot, staff will assist them. Staff will wave you up so please follow their directions.
- If your child is not out there, please pull around to the bike racks/tree and we will call your child to meet you there.
- HGES issued carpool tag must be displayed at all times.

In order to assure the safety of all, the following are things you are **NOT** to do in the Carpool line:

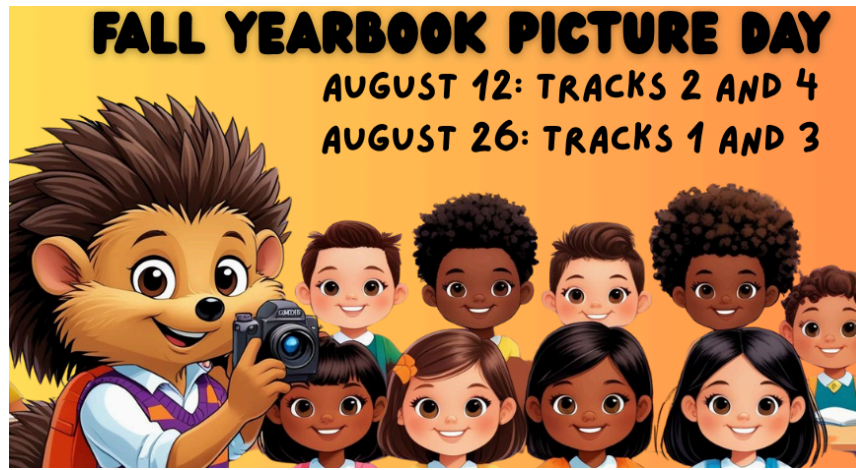
- Do NOT get out of your car.
- Do NOT stop in the middle of the line.
- Do NOT buckle your child into their seat while in the line.
 - If a student needs help with their seat belt, please continue through the carpool and park in the parking lot to fasten their seat belts - do not do this in the carpool line. Staff will not buckle in any students.
- Do NOT have your child enter from driver side
 - Students will ALWAYS enter the car from the passenger/right side (school side.) Please install carseats accordingly.
- DO NOT pass cars either in line or at the loading station.
- DO NOT pick up carpool students anywhere other than the carpool loop (parking lot, bus loop, etc.)

Your help with these procedures will help to assure all students/staff are safe. Please follow staff guidelines and this will help for a smooth process. Thank you!

Parent/Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 School Year

[Click here](#) to read the updated handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. The WCPSS handbook is also available at this link. The last page of the handbook was due SIGNED to your child's homeroom teacher the FIRST week of school. If you have not sent your form in, please do so.

Fall Picture Days



Mark your calendars! Fall pictures will be taken on the following dates:

📷 Tuesday, August 26 – Tracks 1 & 3

Ordering information is available below:

👉 [Track 1 & 3 Ordering Info](#)

Even if you do not plan to purchase photos, these pictures will be used in the school yearbook, so be sure your child is present and picture-ready!

Bus Departure Time Information

To help you know when your child has left campus, we have a link to a live document that we update at the end of the day. It notes when a bus is loading and when it leaves campus. [Click here to view](#). This in conjunction with '[Here Comes the Bus](#)' App should help you keep track of your child's departure from HGES.

Volunteering for 2025-2026

A simple volunteer renewal process opened July 1st!

Families who were approved to volunteer in the 2024-25 school year should have received an email on July 1st outlining the simple volunteer renewal process for the 2025-26 school year. **We encourage families to renew their volunteer status as soon as possible during the renewal window, July 1-Oct. 1.** Review details at wcpss.net/volunteers.

HGES Administration (Mr. Cline and Ms. Fricke) and our PTA are hoping for a lot of help this year with volunteers so that we have the manpower to hopefully start new programs and events. Please help by completing the volunteer registrations to be available to assist and volunteer. **WE NEED YOU!**

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Menus are available on our interactive [Meal Viewer](#) website, which gives you the flexibility to:

- View menus in PDF and print if desired
- [View 5 weeks of menus for breakfast and lunch in real time as necessary changes are made](#)
- Set up multiple profiles at the schools of your choice
- See any menu changes posted by the manager at each site
- Choose menu items based on allergens
- View nutrients and carbohydrate count for each menu item
- Print menus with carb counts per item and items with allergens designated
- Add nutrients for meals eaten, even partial meals
- Submit ratings on your favorite items
- *Free and reduced lunch applications are also available at the school, please stop by the front desk for an application.*

Follow HGES on SOCIAL MEDIA and via our SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

See what's happening at our school, and follow us on [Facebook](#) and the main [Website](#)

Upcoming Events:

[Holly Grove Elementary Calendar of Events](#)



[Click here to view the most recent PTA Newsletter](#)

No Frills Fundraising

Hi Hedgie families! Want to help us earn money for HGES at no cost to you? We would be so grateful! Here is how: 💜💛

Link your Harris Teeter VIC card: <https://tie.harristeeter.com/tie/login>

Link your Lowes Foods card: <https://rewards.lowesfoods.com/Account/SelectCard...>

Download the Box Tops App and use code G2EF717G: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/>

Sign up for Shop to Give at Givebacks: <https://supporters.givebacks.com/how-it-works>

HGES Spirit Wear

Kick off the school year with some new HGES spirit wear featuring TWO student designs and two of our classics! Our store is currently taking PREORDERS until September 4th and orders will be

delivered to the school in mid to late September. The new student designs are super cute, and spirit wear comes in all different styles and colors! Order now to show your Hedgie Pride!

[Holly Grove Elementary Spirit Wear 2025/26 - SpiritHero.com](https://www.spirithero.com)

ACT FAST!
ORDER NOW TO SAVE!
SALE ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 4 AT MIDNIGHT!

SPIRITHERO

SHOW YOUR HEDGEHOG PRIDE!!
ORDERS ARE SHIPPED TO THE SCHOOL

SHOP NOW

ORDER HERE

SCAN ME

Visit Our Website
www.spirithero.com

Fall Carpool Raffle

Who wants to wait in long carpool lines? Not you! One lucky Hedgie parent will be able to skip those carpool lines for the fall semester. Enter our fall carpool raffle to earn this VIP spot. The raffle begins on August 11th, and the winner will be announced on August 22nd.

<https://app.givebacks.gives/hgse fall carpool raffle 2025>

HGES PTA PRESENTS



**CARPOOL
RAFFLE**


AUGUST 11TH - 22ND

**\$5 FOR 10 ENTRIES
1 HEDGIE VIP CARPOOL SPOT**

[HTTPS://APP.GIVEBACKS.GIVES/HGESFALLCARPOOLRAFFLE2025](https://app.givebacks.gives/hgesfallcarpoolraffle2025)

Papa John's Spirit Night!

Help us earn money for HGES by ordering Papa John's pizza on August 19th! 30% of proceeds will be donated to the HGES PTA. Thank you for your support!



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Support Your
SCHOOL

Order from Papa Johns on

Tuesday, August 19th | **30% of sales price will be donated to your school for all sales for this event.**

Holly Grove Elementary

YOUR SCHOOL'S PROMO CODE
RSH005

MUST USE SCHOOL PROMO CODE
when ordering on the app, by phone, or online for school to receive credit.

Fundraiser valid at the below participating locations:
130 W Holly Springs Rd 919-762-3747

ORDER ON APP OR ONLINE AT PAPAJOHNS.COM
Great Specials and New Menu Items Available Online and on the Mobile App

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bcline@wcpss.net or call the front desk at (919-577-1700)

Mr. Cline, HGES Principal

Mrs. Fricke, HGES Assistant Principal

Reminders:

August 15 - No School - Teacher Workday

August 26 - Fall Pictures - Tracks 1 and 3

September 1 - No School - Labor Day

October 17 - LAPS for Holly Grove Tracks 1 & 3

November 4 - No School - Teacher Workday

November 7 - LAPS for Holly Grove Tracks 2 & 4

November 11 - No School - Veteran's Day