



## Welcome to Hardaway, “Home of the Hawks”!

Hello, my name is Angela Fontain. It is my pleasure to work as your Family Services Coordinator. I will assist you and your child throughout the school year to reach their highest potential. As your coordinator, I will provide support for the family, student, faculty and staff to bridge the gap and strive for positive communication. Feel free to stop by the Family Resource Room. The Family Resource Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Throughout the school year, Parent and Family Engagement Programs will be scheduled to assist with educational resources for your child (ren) and enhance awareness of learning new technology. This is an opportunity, you will not want to miss. You will be able to access your child’s academic progress, attendance, behavior, assignments and much more through Clever. Clever navigates to Canvas to access Parent Portal. Authorization available through our clerk, Mrs. Harris in the front office. Please take advantage of the Clever’s new access tools on the school districts website. I encourage your participation in your child’s education and school activities. Your child has the latest technology in their classrooms and will be issued Chrome Notebook in September. There are plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer in various areas throughout the school. Here is my contact information (706) 748-2766/718-1840 or [fontain.angela.c@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:fontain.angela.c@muscogee.k12.ga.us).

### Services Available for Students

**Counseling** – Counselors can provide a school service where students can talk to a counselor one on one or in a small group setting. They can provide academic, social and personal counseling.



**Safety Net Programs**– Highly Qualified (HQ) teachers provide additional tutoring in common core areas.

A. **One on One and/or Group Tutoring**- provided by individual teacher.

B. **Loss of Credit** – Students can retrieve loss academic credit(s) in some core classes. See your child’s counselor for additional information.

C. **IB Student Council** – Students provide peer tutoring services to their peers once a month in the Media Center.

D. **GEAR UP Georgia** - All Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) Georgia students are provided with supportive services to help them receive their high school diploma, prepare for post-secondary education, prepare for careers and support through their first year of college. The grant is Georgia’s first established in October 2016. 7<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students attending Baker, Fort, Rothschild, Eddy or East Columbus receive these services, FREE.

**Students with Disabilities** – Various services are in place by our highly qualified Special Education Department, school psychologists, and teachers. In addition, a Special Education Parent Mentor program is underway to promote partnerships between parents and educators, and guide parents through the educational process from the district. Information on services, policies and procedures as well as community resources is available. Our district parent mentors are Lakisha Smith and Vernita Harris. Their office is in the main school board office.

**Community Service** – Students can give back to the community by gaining lifetime experiences, skills and training by helping others in various areas of our community.



**Homeless, Not Hopeless** – Homeless is identified by the federal government as a person who does not have a permanent address. If a student or family resides temporarily with others, live in a motel/hotel or even in a car, there is educational protection available. Services are available case by case. All information is confidential. McKinney-Vento is an educational act that will help provide some services and referrals.

**Meals – Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to our students. No application is required.** Under the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the implementation of Community Eligibility Option (CEO) to ensure that every student in low-income neighborhoods can participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). A school must have 53 percent or more of its students eligible for free meals based on direct certification in Muscogee County School District.

**Driver's Education Grant** - The Georgia Driver's Education Commission offers the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program to offer driver's education to Georgia students. The grant scholarship program is open to Georgia residents ages fifteen through seventeen who wish to satisfy the Joshua's Law driver's education requirement by completed thirty hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind the wheel driving instruction with an approved instructor. First priority will be given to grant scholarship applicants who are a child or dependent of a public safety professional or member of the United States military killed in the line of duty. Second priority will be given to scholarship applicants who can demonstrate a need based on family income. Third priority will be given to all applicants who do not meet the criteria set forth in the first priority and second priority outlined above. Grant scholarship allocations



are evenly distributed among Georgia's United States congressional districts. <https://georgiadrivers.ga.gov/gohs/gohshome.html>

### **Services Available for Parents**

**Parent Mentors** – Can help our school build bridges between the home and school. Parents can help with school workshops, school activities, volunteer at the school, serve on school committees, and be point of contact.

**Leadership Committee** – Parent representative is a shareholder along with (Title I, SIG, administrators, lead teachers and family services coordinator) being involved in meetings, surveys, data analysis and in making recommendations to improve student achievement.

**Parent Policy Committee** – Committee of parents who discuss, prepare and execute ways families, students, teachers, faculty and staff can be involvement to increase student achievement.

**Local School Council** – Council consists of administration, faculty, community representative, Family Services Coordinator, Partners In Education and parents. As full partners, input is given to assist each student by giving input for the educational experience to benefit each child. Council meets once a month for 1 hour.

**Sara Spano Clothing Bank (PTA)** – Volunteers are needed two times per year (Fall/Spring for 2 hours) to assist students in receiving clothing. The Clothing Bank designated for MCSD students only. **Contact PTO president at ptohardaway@gmail or find them on Facebook: PTO Hardaway Public.**



**Clerical** – Volunteers are needed to assist with answering telephones in the front office, making copies, creating newsletters, helping engage other parents to participate and/or assist Family Service Coordinator with daily tasks.

**Clever**– An integrated, web-based, user friendly information system, where parents and students can access student information through Canvas/Parent Portal: grades, discipline, assignments, additional resources and keep in contact with the teacher. The portals are available on the Muscogee County School District website home page under Families & Students. Clever designed to deliver student information, increase data driven decision capabilities, advance student achievement and facilitate communication and family engagement.

**Canvas** - Canvas is a cloud-based learning management system that makes teaching and learning easier. It's unique and customized by the teacher as a learning tool so parents can further keep tabs on child's progress through parent portal.

**Tutorial Links** – On the Muscogee County School District website ([www.muscogee.k12.ga.us](http://www.muscogee.k12.ga.us)), there are various links to assist you and your child free of charge. Click onto the parent & student link. Additional sites are available.

**Parent-Teacher Conference** – Conferences are encouraged throughout the year to make sure your child is on track with graduation and their requirements. They are also designed to keep a good working relationship with the teachers and to track attendance and discipline. School Counselors schedule parent/student meetings to develop a career goal. Each grade level is assigned a school counselor. Classroom visits are welcomed and encouraged. Appointments are scheduled by the Guidance secretary.



**Informational Series** – Various resources, community updates and legislation presented to families from administrators, teachers, counselors, facilitators locally or around the state or out of state. Examples of information presented are: graduation requirements, scholarships, college readiness, clothing and/or housing; job leads; technology, social networking, email-set-up; volunteering; what is Title I?

**Volunteers** are needed throughout the school year. Parents are also needed to serve on the **PTO, Leadership Team, Event Planning Team and Parent Policies Committees**. Please sign-up!! **Do you have talents or a hobby you can share with us? We are also looking for mentors from the community. Please contact me.**

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**TO CHECK OUT MATERIALS IN THE STUDENT RESOURCE BOOK,  
SEE MRS. FONTAIN IN THE FAMILY RESOURCE ROOM**