



HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

January 11, 2021

The mission of Hampton County School District 2 is to provide a rigorous, personalized environment of academic excellence that prepares Each child, Each Day and in Every classroom to be college/career and citizen ready with no excuses.

Mr. Martin L. Wright, Superintendent

Hampton County School District 2 Celebrates School Board Recognition Month

Hampton County School District 2 will join school districts throughout the state and nation to celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January. More than 600 locally-elected and appointed school board members throughout the state will be recognized by schools and communities for their service and dedication to public education.



The theme "School Board Strong" highlights the fact that school board members are elected/appointed by the people in their local communities to represent their voice and to ensure the success of schools and students.

This month we honor the year-round commitment that school board members make to our district and the community. As a part of School Board Recognition Month, board members will sign the South Carolina School Board Member

Ethical Principles during their January school board meeting. By signing the principles, school board members publicly vow to uphold effective governance principles and pledge to improve public education in their community.

Please help us honor our Board Members for their commitment to our students and community.



Mrs. Jacqueline Hopkins



Mrs. Daisy Orr



(L to R) Mrs. Mary Ann Atkins, Mr. Bruce Davis and Mrs. Mary Glenn

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On Monday, December 21, 2020, Missy Santorum, the Public Relations Manager for Palmetto Electric Cooperative, presented our district with a Christmas donation (valued at \$150.00) for one of our McKinney Vento students. We extend our appreciation to Palmetto Electric Cooperation for their thoughtfulness during the holiday season.



Antioch Educational Center, located in Ridgeland, SC, donated book bags filled with school supplies to Estill Elementary School students.



Pictured: Ms. Jackie O'Bannon (Director) and Mr. James Dunbar (Asst. Principal)



Pictured: Mr. John Gadson (EES Head Custodians) and Ms. Jackie O'Bannon (Director)

Bojangles Book Donation

Mrs. Sara Gams, 2021 State Teacher of the Year, delivered books to Estill Middle School. The donated books range from Laura Ingalls Wilder's popular *Little House on the Prairie* series to J.K Rowling's *Harry Potter* books and Dr. Seuss' *Oh, the Places You'll Go to* S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. The books are comprised of some of the most popular titles for children of all reading levels. Thank you, Bojangles, Mrs. Gams, and Mr. Singleton for inspiring our students to become avid readers and writers.



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Law Enforcement Officers of every rank have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. They've answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated. From local, state, and federal, their duties command dedication. Rarely do they know what their days have in store for them.



Thank you (L to R) Officer Keisler, Officer Pontoon and Officer Troy for making our community and schools safer.



Donor's Choose Award

Please join us in giving Ms. Joanne Owens a high five! Her project "[This Is Us](#)" was recently funded. The titles she received include *Blended*, *One Crazy Summer*, *Finding Langston*, *The Invincible Summer of Juniper Jones*, *Bad Boy*, and other titles.



January EVENTS

Estill Elementary School	Estill Middle School	Estill High School
Hybrid Students: \$2.00 Dress Down (Wed. & Thurs.) January 18, 2021 —MLK Holiday— No School January 25, 2021 –February 5, 2021 – STAR 360 Progress Monitoring January 26, 2021 —Virtual SIC Meeting @ 6:00 pm January 29, 2021 – Early Release	January 18, 2021 - MLK Holiday – No School January 19, 2021 - Virtual SIC Meeting at 5 p.m. January 19, 2021 – Virtual BOE Meeting 6pm January 29, 2021 - Early Release	January 18, 2021 - MLK Holiday – No School January 19, 2021 – Virtual SIC Meeting 6pm January 19, 2021 – Virtual BOE Meeting 6pm January 21, 2021 – Virtual PBL Night January 29, 2021 - Early Release