

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.

HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

January 25, 2021

“Where We Make It Do What It Do



Julia Lee, Principal

The questions are from 2018, but keep in mind, we did not test in 2019, so it will still be good practice.

Week of January 18th Question and Answer ELA Grade 5: Read the sentence from the passage. As Tim looked up, he thought the ladder seemed to stretch all the way to the sky! How does the author’s use of figurative language shape mean?

D. The language indicates that Tim feels nervous about climbing the ladder.

Week of January 25th Question and Choices Math Grade 3: Which number is equal to $\frac{8}{8}$? A. $\frac{1}{8}$ B. 1 C. 8 D. $\frac{8}{1}$



On January 19, 2021, we honored Ms. Mary Ann Atkins, Mr. Bruce Davis, Mrs. Mary Glenn, Mrs. Jacqueline Hopkins and Mrs. Daisy Orr with a Coronavirus Survival Kit.

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**Chucks and Pearls in honor of Madam Kamala Harris Vice President of the United States (Part I)**



Mrs. Lee



Mrs. Solomons



Ms. Cohen



Mrs. Ruth, Mrs. Stokes & Ms. Martinez



Mrs. Wright & Mrs. Garvin



Ms. M. Wright

## Parents' and Students'

**WEEK**

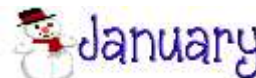
**Sixteen: Parents**

As your child listens to a narrative story, ask him/her to record the story elements like characters, settings, and story problems on a sticky note. Place the sticky notes from several stories in the child’s journal. Ask the student to combine the elements to create a new story.

**WEEK**

**Sixteen: Students**

Grab a book with your friend that has “dialogue”. Dialogue is when characters are talking in the story. Take turns reading the book with your friend and changing your voices to match the character’s tones.



**Hybrid Students: \$2.00 Dress Down (Wed. & Thurs.)**

**Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – STAR 360 Progress Monitoring**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – Virtual SIC Meeting @ 6:00 pm**

**Friday, January 29, 2021 – Early Dismissal**

**Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – School Counselor’s Week**

**Madam Kamala Harris**

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“The American dream belongs to all of us.”

**First female, African American, and Asian vice president, the highest-ranking female elected official in U.S. history.**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Online Student Registration

Registration is currently open for parents who desire to change their student’s learning model from hybrid to full virtual or from full virtual to hybrid. The registration link is placed on the district’s webpage and all school sites for your ease of access. We urge you to register your student as soon as possible so that the district can ensure continued effective health and safety protocols. **Registration will end on Friday, January 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

## Strategy of the Month - Reflective Writing

During the month of February our school-wide strategy of the month will be reflective writing. Reflective writing provides students with an opportunity to synthesize what they have learned by writing about it. Reflective writing is different from academic writing in which students write as an expert and the opinions they express are based on objective evidence. Reflective writing is subjective and provides an opportunity for students to reflect on their learning experiences. As students reflect on the learning experiences, they are able slow down their pace of thinking, process their learning and

- make links between concepts and skills;
- integrate new and prior knowledge;
- develop and deepen their understanding;
- explore their own feelings and thoughts, and
- self-reflect on their behaviors, thinking, and knowledge during the learning experience.

## READING CHALLENGE



Reflective writing provides an opportunity for students to self-assess. Students may identify the successes they had during a learning experience and consider how they might apply those principles to new situations or they may identify mistakes they made which can help them avoid repeating those same mistakes in the future.



ParentSquare is our school-to-home communication. This platform is used to communicate school-

wide news, two-way messaging, private conversation, district-wide alerts and notices to keep everyone connected. **To remain connected we need your updated contact information. To update your cell phone number and/or email address, please call the front office at 803-625-5200 or complete the Parent Square survey.**



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| <b>January 29, 2021</b>             | Early Release Day/Grade Level Town Hall Meetings                           |
| <b>January 18- January 29, 2021</b> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Open Enrollment Registration Dates              |
| <b>Feb. 1-5, 2021</b>               | Nine Week Exams                                                            |
| <b>Feb. 8, 2021</b>                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Ends/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> NW Reading Challenge Ends |
| <b>Feb. 9, 2021</b>                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Begins                                          |
| <b>Feb. 8-9, 2021</b>               | STAR 360 Progress Monitoring                                               |

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For the next several weeks, we will be highlighting our young writers. We want to encourage them to become authors and sell millions of books. This week's Spotlight Writer is Allison Rose. Here is her summary on the "I Have A Dream" Speech.

The Emancipation Proclamation was supposed to grant slaves their freedom, however, it took a toll on events from a different perspective. In the second paragraph of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream Speech," he explains that even years later, African Americans were treated separately from those who were Caucasian. African Americans were treated very unfairly and poorly. In the "I Have A Dream Speech," Dr. Martin Luther King wanted to express the emotions, in which, African Americans dealt with. African Americans had been down many racial injustice paths and were dealing with a lot of brutality. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wanted us to stand up for our "unalienable rights" in ways, in which, there were no violence. Dr. King wanted us to seek freedom but not from those who seek it with bitterness and repugnance. The overall goal of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream Speech," was to express emotions, in which, African Americans felt, and to persuade African Americans by presenting his vision on how one our sorrows of injustice will be gone.

Allison Rose, English I

### End of Course Tips:

End-of-Course Exams are approaching us. Here are some tips to help students be successful on the test.

Here are a few EOC Tips:

**Questions**

- Read the questions
- Reread the passage
- Underline info that relates to the questions
- Go back to the questions
- Read all answer choices
- Eliminate those that are obviously incorrect

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## **WEEKLY REMINDERS**

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| January 28, 2021     | PBL Night (Virtual) date has changed    |
| January 29, 2021     | Early Release                           |
| February 1 – 4, 2021 | Nine Week Exams                         |
| February 8, 2021     | End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks       |
| February 9, 2021     | Beginning of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks |
| February 12, 2021    | Report Cards Mailed/Emailed             |
| February 15, 2021    | President's Day, No school              |
| February 22, 2021    | SIC Meeting                             |
| February 24, 2021    | ASVAB Testing                           |



**Laptop Distribution will take place on Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 9-11 am and 5 -7 pm, please stop by and pick up your child's computer. Thank you.**

We will be LIVE on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm with our first virtual PBL. Please join us for this very special event. The link will be posted on Parent Square, the District Website, and the school's FACEBOOK page. We hope to see you there. Thank you for your continued support of our students.

**VIRTUAL PBL**