

# HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

## GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

### November 16, 2020



**“Excellence is not a Skill. It is an Attitude.”**

Estill Elementary School – Mrs. Julia Lee, Principal

[SC Ready and SC PASS sample questions:](https://ed.sc.gov/tests/assessment-information/quick-links-for-teachers)  
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**The questions are from 2018, but keep in mind, we did not test in 2019, so it will still be good practice.**

Week of November 9, 2020 - Question and Answer: Science Grade 4: What is an example of an inherited characteristic in an animal?

- A. using a tool      B. hunting for food      C. having brown fur      D. having a large territory

Week of November 16, 2020 - Question and Choices: ELA Grade 5: Read the sentence from the passage. Without a second thought, she asked to see the general. How does the author’s use of the phrase “without a second thought” best help to shape the meaning of the sentence?

- A. It helps the reader understand that Emily felt angry at the British army.  
 B. It helps the reader understand that Emily had a great deal of courage.  
 C. It helps the reader understand that Emily knew General Greene well.  
 D. It helps the reader understand that Emily looked forward to an adventure

### ***Accelerated Readers Champions***

### ***Parents’ and Students’ Reading Strategies***



Alicea Gant – Kindergarten  
 Ayden Robinson – 1st Grade  
 Konnor Thomas – 1st Grade  
 Jermain Deloach – 3rd Grade

Deon Dobson – 1st Grade  
 Skylar Taylor – 1st Grade  
 Carlie Johnson – 2nd Grade  
 Ja’Kavis McPherson – 4th Grade

#### ***Week Nine: Parents***

Parents, Encourage a variety of writing activities. Encourage students to keep a daily journal describing their day or recording notes from family trips.

#### ***Week Nine: Students***

Try spending a few days reading about your favorite subject. Next, write a letter to a pen pal, sharing the information you have learned and encourage them to try it out.



**Hybrid Students only: Dress down every Wednesday and Thursday - \$2.00.**



***Theme for the Week***

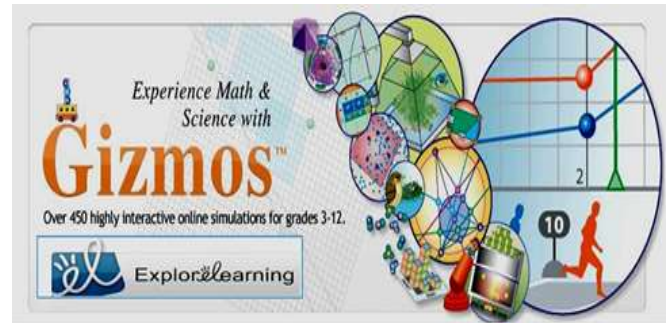


Tuesday, November 17, 2020	SIC/Technology Night Meeting –Online Textbook Focus @ 6:00 pm
Thursday, November 19, 2020	Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm/Club Day (Dress Down) -Parent/Teacher Conference – 1:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Friday, November 20, 2020	Parent/Teacher Conference Continue – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday, November 23, 2020 - Friday, November 27, 2020	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 30, 2020	Virtual Awards Day Program (Times will vary) - Please send in the requested picture.



**Estill Middle School – Mrs. Shrona Taylor, Principal**

Our science and math classes will continue to use Gizmos this year. Gizmos help students develop a deep understanding of challenging concepts through inquiry and exploration. Students use Gizmos to interact with and explore hundreds of math and science topics ranging from heredity to trigonometry. Teachers use Gizmos as dynamic "what-if" tools to help students move beyond memorizing to true understanding. Each simulation is ideal for small group work, individual exploration, or whole class instruction using an LCD projector or interactive whiteboard.



## First Nine Weeks Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, November 19, 2020**

Report cards can be picked up from the main office on Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Report cards that are not picked up will be mailed out.

<b>Option 1:</b> Face-to-Face or Virtual Conferences	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<b>Option 2:</b> Virtual Conferences	4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 20, 2020**

Virtual Conferences	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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Conference appointments can be scheduled through Parent Square.

## November EVENTS

<b>Instructional Packets</b>	Due Each Friday. *Students that have access to a device and Wi-Fi do not need a packet. *Completed packets can be left in the drop box at the school.
<b>Virtual SIC Meeting-District Wide</b>	Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5 p.m.
<b>Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>	Thursday, November 19, 2020 and Friday, November 20, 2020



## National Diabetes Month 2020



November is National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the country team up to bring attention to diabetes. This year's focus is on taking care of youth who have diabetes. Diabetes is one of the most common chronic conditions in school-age youth in the United States, affecting about 193,000 youth under 20 years old. Regardless of their age, sometimes youth who have diabetes need support with their diabetes care. That's why it's important to help your child or teen develop a plan to manage diabetes, and work with their health care team to adjust the diabetes self-care plan as needed. So here at Estill High School, we want to highlight this issue for our parents and our students so that they are informed with some tips that will help them to maintain their self-care.

### Here are some tips to consider for your youth's diabetes self-care plan:

1. Manage blood glucose levels. Make sure your child or teen takes their medicines as prescribed, at the right time, and the right dose—even when they feel good or have reached their blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol goals.
2. Encourage healthy habits. Follow a healthy eating plan (especially if your youth is taking insulin), get enough sleep, and aim for regular physical activity. Youth with type 1 diabetes should also check their blood glucose levels before, during, or after physical activity.
3. Stay prepared for emergencies. A basic “go-kit” could include medical supplies and equipment (at least a week's worth) emergency and health care professional contact lists a medication list, including doses and dosing schedules, and an allergy list. Face coverings, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes may also be added to your “go-kit” during a pandemic.

Monitor for diabetes complications. Early diagnosis and treatment can help reduce risk for heart disease, vision loss, nerve damage, and other related health problems.

Seek mental health support. Encourage them to connect with other youth who have diabetes. Youth may not be used to talking about feeling anxious or alone about their diabetes. Speak with your health care team for help.



**November 16-20, 2020**

Monday- **Jersey Day**: Wear your favorite team jersey or t-shirt.

Tuesday- **Mask Day**: Wear a costume mask to support the movement of wearing a mask to prevent the spread of COVID

Wednesday- **Pink Out Day**: Wear pink in support of Breast Cancer survivors and show condolences to those that lost the battle.

Thursday- **Spirit Day**: Wear your Gator gear or colors to show your team spirit.

Friday - Virtual Homecoming Celebration



November 16-20, 2020	Spirit Week
November 19, 2020	Report Cards/Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences (Appointments will be virtual. Sign-ups will be through our Parent Square and Facebook platforms. This is a half day for our students.)
November 20, 2020	Virtual Homecoming/Parent Conference with Teachers
November 23-27, 2020	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1-15, 2020	Star 360 Winter Testing
December 21, 2020 - January 4, 2021	Winter Break