



## **HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER**

**August 10, 2020**

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**

#### **LEAP WEEK – August 24-28, 2020**

Hampton County School District 2 will be conducting a week-long face-to-face before school instruction for all students grades PreK- 8 called LEAP. LEAP will be held the week of August 24 -28, 2020, and will be used to prepare students for a successful return to learning. During LEAP week, students will participate in district formative assessment, social-emotional learning, health and safety protocols, ritual and routines, and a review of previously taught standards to further ready students for a new safe school year. Teachers will utilize the district formative assessment results to determine where students are as a result of school closure in the spring of 2020. Additionally, teachers will use the results of the district's formative assessments to prepare lessons to start the 2020-2021 school year.

All PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> graders need to participate in LEAP week learning activities regardless of the learning model you as parents selected for the 2020-2021 school year that begins September 8, 2020.

Please visit our district webpage and complete the survey allowing your child to participate in the in-person LEAP week learning for the purpose of having them assessed so teachers are able to plan for their beginning of school year learning.

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**



Superintendent Wright will be hosting a virtual "town hall" meeting from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 13, 2020, to engage and keep parents informed about the district's plans for the reopening of school. The meeting is designed to address topics and questions about the district's reopening guidance.

We acknowledge that the parents of Hampton County School

District 2 may have many questions regarding health and safety protocols, delivery of instruction, and transportation, to name a few.

The survey link will be available for parents to register for the virtual "town hall" meeting. Registration is required for participation as an email will be sent to all participants with a meeting link and code. Hampton County School District 2 will be utilizing Microsoft Teams as the organization's virtual platform. Microsoft Teams is a free virtual tool that parents can download on desktop computers. Additionally, both the apple and google play stores have the app available for free download. A question and answer session will take place during the virtual meeting for parents. However, all questions must be submitted using the "town hall" registration link on the district's web page. We will do our very best to address as many questions and topics as possible.

We look forward to your participation via registration of the superintendent's virtual "town hall meeting.

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### Student Online Registration

The district is implementing a new registration format for the 2020-2021 school year. All students currently enrolled and new enrollees are required to complete the online student registration form. Parents will be asked to select the preferred learning model for their child in preparation for the new school year. The online student registration form is conveniently located on the district website. Parents who do not have internet access can complete the online registration at the district office by scheduling an appointment with Jloundia Johnson, Coordinator of Student Services. Ms. Johnson can be reached by voice at 803.625.5024 or by email at [JohnJlo@hampton2.k12.sc.us](mailto:JohnJlo@hampton2.k12.sc.us) to schedule an appointment. It is imperative that all parents register their child(ren) for return to school.



### Battling Back to School Butterflies

As with any new or unsettling situation — like starting school for the first time or entering a new grade or new school — give kids time to adjust. Remind them that everyone feels a little nervous about the first day of school and that it will be an everyday routine in no time.

It's important to talk to kids about what worries them and offer support: Are they afraid of figuring things out with the hybrid or virtual educational model? Is the thought of schoolwork stressing them out? To help ease back-to-school butterflies, try to ease kids into a consistent school-night routine a few weeks before school starts. Also make sure that they:

- get enough sleep (set a reasonable bedtime so that they'll be rested and ready to learn in the morning)
- eat a healthy breakfast (they're more alert and do better in school if they eat a good breakfast every day)
- write down the need-to-know info to help them remember details such as what time classes and lunch start and end, their homeroom and classroom numbers, teachers' and/or bus drivers' names, etc.
- use a wall calendar or personal planner to record when assignments are due, tests will be given
- have them organize and set out what they need the night before (homework and books should be put in their backpacks by the door and clothes should be laid out in their bedrooms)

It's normal to be anxious in any new situation. But a few kids develop real physical symptoms, such as headaches or stomachaches, at the start of school. If you're concerned that your child's worries go beyond the normal back-to-school jitters, speak with your child's doctor, teacher, or school counselor.

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### *Free Internet Access*



Digital technologies can be an essential part of your child's world, used to connect with others, learn new skills and pursue their interests further than has ever been possible. Hampton County School District 2 now has mobile hotspots available for checkout. Given the lack of internet connectivity in our rural area some students are at a disadvantage compared to those who have internet at their disposal. The availability of the wireless Mifi devices will allow the students opportunities to engage in the new learning virtual environment.

In order to qualify for free internet services you must meet the following guidelines listed below. Please be aware that the provisions of the law limit the households eligible for free internet to:

- Households with a student;
- Households with an income at or below 250 percent of federal poverty
- Households that currently do not have internet access
- Internet that is needed because of the pandemic and for educational purposes.

A survey link has been provided below for parents to complete so that the guidelines listed above can be verified as required

Link to survey:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QLJYVxzZ30yurs22sY\\_65tTYxCBEYpIDnnj\\_I5TSj7IUNEM4NzIVMFBONkRWRDZEVFIwUVFZTU4wQi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QLJYVxzZ30yurs22sY_65tTYxCBEYpIDnnj_I5TSj7IUNEM4NzIVMFBONkRWRDZEVFIwUVFZTU4wQi4u)



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