

# HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

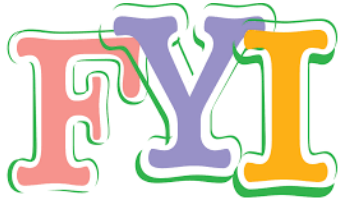
September 14, 2020



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

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

Julia Lee, Principal



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

If you have not received your username and password, please contact the Instructional Technology (IT) Department at 803-625-5025 or 803 625-5023 between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Please understand there is a nationwide shortage for computers, therefore; our devices are backordered. Thank you for your patience.

Virtual students, who did not receive a computer, will pick-up learning packets and textbooks on Monday, September 14 -Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Distribution times are 9:00 am - 11:00 am and 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in front of the cafeteria. Your child's instructional schedule is posted on Parent's Square or can be picked up in front of the cafeteria on the above dates and times.

If you are a Hybrid student and you did not receive a computer, you will receive assignments on the days you attend class. For example, if you are in Hybrid Group A, then on Monday before you leave school, you will receive your assignment for Tuesday and on Wednesday before you leave school, you will receive your assignment for Thursday. Likewise, if you are in Hybrid Group B, then on Tuesday before you leave school, you will receive your assignment for Wednesday and Thursday before you leave you will receive your assignment for Monday.

When returning student's work, please take a picture or scan it and then send it or email it to your child's teacher. Any other questions, you can reach us at 803- 625 - 5030.

Here we go EES Family, **Let's make it do, what it do!!!!**



Staff Members were surprise with a culmination LEAP week celebration, they were provided breakfast, a card, an EES water bottle, and a surprise guest, one of our former teachers, **Mrs. Mahalia Buckner.** Her motivational words inspired her former colleagues. She concluded her spiritual message with the playing of “HEROES” by Mariah Carey.

**Dynamic Duo:**

**Ms. Martinez, Super School Secretary and Mrs. Ruth, Super Data Specialist are Masked Up and Ready to Serve our Students and Staff.**



## Upcoming Events

September 18, 2020  
September 21, 2020

**Troubleshooting - Every Friday between the hours of 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**This time will be provided for any questions, concerns, or clarity during the learning process. You can submit or asked your questions via email, text, Parent Square, phone calls, etc. to administration or your child's teacher.**

## Social Emotional Learning Second Steps Curriculum

Second Steps Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum gives students the tools to excel in and out of the classroom. In classrooms, students learn invaluable skills that help them navigate their way through school as well as their community. Second Steps' age-appropriate **games, activities, and media** engage students and set children on a path to lifelong success.

Below is a list of topics that will be reviewed this year.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Mindsets & Goals	Recognizing Bullying & Harassment	Thoughts, Emotions, & Decisions	Managing Relationship & Social Conflict.

**Social Emotional Learning begins at 7:00 a.m. each morning. Please make sure your child is at school or logged in at this time.**



### Need school technology assistance?

Please call our Technology Department to schedule an appointment.

Ms. A'Kosha Hinkson  
Director of Technology  
(803) 625-5025

Mrs. Lashonda Mitchell  
Coordinator of Technology  
(803) 625-5023



<b>Virtual Math &amp; Science Night</b>	Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6 pm
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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) wants to assure that all children and teens have receive recommended vaccines to prevent disease. DHEC reminds parents and guardians that South Carolina law **requires that all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade receive one (1) dose of Tdap vaccine.** The Tdap vaccine protects preteens and teens from three serious diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).



**Celebration**  
**Ms. Ellen, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**  
**\$50 Bi-Lo Gift Card**



## Coronavirus (COVID-19): Calming Anxiety

If you feel stressed about coronavirus, you're not alone. Coronavirus (COVID-19) has had ripple effects into almost every aspect of our lives. It's natural to feel anxiety when we face a crisis, the unknown, or sudden change. It's a normal reaction to feel the need for safety, certainty, predictability, and control. Here are some tips that can help you cope with anxiety and give you a sense of control even during an uncertain time. Many are simple techniques with proven benefits.

**Follow the advice of experts.** First, know what to do to avoid the spread of germs. This not only helps keep you safer, it gives you and your kids a sense of control! Follow the expert guidelines for health and safety. Wash your hands well and often. Keep surfaces clean. Stay at home. Keep a safe distance from others. When you do these things, you protect yourself, your family, and your community.

**Notice, label, and accept your emotions.** When you feel anxious, quietly say to yourself, "OK, there's my anxiety again." Just putting a label on what we feel helps reduce our concern.

**Accept anxiety as one of your many emotions.** Don't ignore it, fight it, reject it, or be afraid of it. Don't judge yourself for feeling it. Be kind. Give yourself permission to be human.

## TEACHER OFFICE HOURS

Teachers will have office hours on Fridays during the morning hours from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Please email your child's teacher, if you have any questions concerning their work or their grades. If you need to setup an appointment with the teacher, please make sure that you email the teacher at least two to three days in advance, so they will have adequate time to respond and schedule an appointment. Appointments can be made via Parent Square or you may email the teacher directly.



Traditional attendance will be assessed daily when students attend in-person learning on campus. During virtual learning days, the teacher will utilize Microsoft Teams tracking tool. Additionally, students must respond to an assessment for learning question during the Closing meeting of the district's instructional framework. Attendance checks must be completed by 11:59 pm on Friday as a final deadline for the student to be marked present.