

HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 GATOR HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

September 30, 2019

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.

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



Julia Lee, Principal

Accelerated Reader



Accelerated Reader is an online program in which students can take tests on books they have read. All Estill Elementary students have log-in information (a User Name and Password) that was sent home in August and distributed during Technology Night, September 24, 2019. If you need this information or troubleshooting assistance, please see Ms. B. Cohen (Reading Coach) or your child's ELA: Reading teacher. Students are able to access Accelerated Reader at home and school. Our goal is for students to read books on a daily basis (20 minutes at school plus 20 minutes at home), then to take tests AND pass them! So before taking a test at home, please ensure that your child: reads the book more than once, draws/writes a response about what they have read, and answers questions orally about the story. If you do not have online computer access at home, you may send the book to school with your child for them to take an AR test. Children are encouraged to refer back to the text while answering test questions.



Serenity Carter, a 3rd grader, won 1st place in the Down Syndrome Buddy Walk T-shirt design contest and her design will be entered in the nationals.

SEPTEMBER



Certified Staff of the Month: Ms. Jullian Bartley
Classified Staff of the Month: Mrs. Eugenia Gordon



Pre – K – Kameron Blake	K – McKinley Gadson
1 st – Jazelle Bryant	2 nd – Jaida Jones
3 rd – Kyle Carter	4 th – Kendall Williams
5 th – Cherish Clark	

Kudos Goes To:

Alisha Russell, a Kindergarten Teacher, for regrouping her students according to progress monitoring based on Early Literacy with minimum time lost.

Patrice Barrett, our Reading Interventionist, for relationship building with students, students look forward to working with her.



Batman Upcoming Events

Beginning in October, we will have dress down every Friday for \$1.00, unless otherwise specified.

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

- Custodians' Appreciation Day
- Waterford Parent Orientation (All Pre-K parents need to attend) – **Treat for attending**
– Wright's Class 9:30 am – Hill's Class 11:00 am

Thursday, October 3rd – Friday, October 4th

- Make-up Days for Hurricane Dorian

Friday, October 11, 2019

- PBIS Celebration

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

- Boss' Day

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

- SIC Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 23rd – Wednesday, October 30th

- Red Ribbon Week

Friday, October 25, 2019

- 1/2 Day – Dismissal: 12:30 pm (Club Day) Free Dress Down

Thursday, October 31, 2019 (Free Dress down on Friday for all Attendees to the Parent/Teacher Conference)

- 1/2 Day Dismissal @ 12:30 pm
- Parent/Teacher Conference – 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm (3rd – 5th graders will conduct their conferences)

Activities on Early Release Days

Social Emotional Health

Social-emotional learning is one of our year-long priorities. In addition to classroom guidance and counseling sessions, each early release day, teachers in collaboration with our Guidance Department engages students in social-emotional learning activities. Social-emotional learning is defined as the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Social-emotional learning can lead to fewer behavior problems, stronger social-emotional health, and higher academic motivation and achievement. Our September word of the month is **empathy**. Next week we will celebrate how our students have shown empathy to others.

Club Day

Club Day was a success. Each of our students chose two clubs for further inquiry, fun, and creativity. Throughout the year, students will share their learning with our learning community.



Celebrations

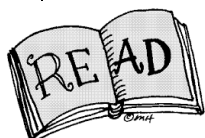
September
Student of the Month
 Kaden Gilliard
 6th Grade Student

Staff Member of the Month
 Karine Rhule
 6th Grade Math Teacher

First Nine Weeks Reading Challenge

The homeroom on each grade level
 with the most AR points will earn a

Pizza Party



Events

Homecoming Spirit Week Activities	September 30 – Oct. 4, 2019
Monday: Jersey Day	
Tuesday: Twin Day	
Wednesday: Blackout Day	
Thursday: Hobo/Wacky Tacky Day	
Friday: Class Shirt Day	
Estill vs Hardeeville (in Hardeeville) at 6 p.m.	Wednesday, October 2, 2019
SIC/PTO	Monday, October 21, 2019 *revised date
1st Nine Weeks Exams	October 14-18, 2019
Early Release Day/Club Day	Friday, October 25, 2019
1st Nine Weeks PBIS Celebration/AR Reading Challenge Celebration	Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019
1st Nine Weeks Parent Teacher Conference- Report Cards	Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019
Professional Learning/No School for Students	Friday, November 1, 2019

Estill High School – Synetria Hawkins, Principal



This past week we conducted our first club/advisory day. Our students and staff were very excited about the activities they participated in, and were found to be engaged in the first Life Skills lesson for the year.

Our first life skills lesson was on Drug Abuse: Causes and Effects. Teachers and students role played scenarios and discussed how detrimental drug abuse could be to anyone. What are the benefits of teaching life skills? Teaching them can prepare students for success by giving them the skills they need to become

productive adults. For example, they can point out the need for good time management and help students find tools for making it a habit.



In our clubs, officers were selected, introductory procedures and routines were taught, and a few hands on activities were in motion. Clubs offer many benefits to our students: it help develop their social skills, fine-tune their interactions with their peers and faculty members, and it encourages the opportunity to connect with other students who share similar interests.

Pictured left: The Sports Club preparing to nominate club officers.

Parade time change:

- **Parade October 4, 2019 beginning at 5:30 p.m., combined with the Estill Fall Festival Kiddie Parade**
- Tailgating 2019!! Inside slots will be \$70.00 which includes two game entry tickets. (Actual slot cost is \$56.00)
- Outside slots will be \$50.00.
- Game entry for all spectators will be \$7.00
- The parade route will change this year!!!
- Alumni classes and former homecoming queens are welcome to participate in the homecoming parade.
- Line-up will begin at the old Tison Ford Motor Company and travel down Hwy. 321 to the traffic light, and then proceed to the nature trail.

Homecoming 2019 will be held October 4, 2019. In conjunction with the festivities that will be taking place for the Estill Fall Festival, we are looking for Alumni Classes to sign up to play kickball. Please contact the Estill Town Hall to sign your team up for \$5.00.



October 1, 2019	Volleyball Game vs. Wagener (Home)
October 2, 2019	Custodian Appreciation Day
October 2, 2019	Volleyball Game vs. Ridgeland (Away)
October 4, 2019	Homecoming: Football Game vs. North (Home)
October 7, 2019	Volleyball Game vs. Hampton (Away)
October 8, 2019	Volleyball Game vs. Blackville (Away)
October 10, 2019	College Application Day
October 11, 2019	Football Game vs. Denmark (Away)
October 14-21, 2019	Exams
October 16, 2019	Boss's Appreciation Day
October 16, 2019	PSAT
October 21, 2019	SIC Meeting 6:00 p.m. Media Center
October 23, 2019	1 st Nine Week Ends
October 23, 2019	Red Ribbon Week Begins
October 24, 2019	2 nd Nine Weeks Begins
October 25, 2019	Early Release/Club Day
October 25, 2019	Football Game vs. Ridge-Spring (Away)
October 31, 2019	PTC: Report Card Pick Up
October 31, 2019	Early Release
October 31, 2019	FAFSA Night

- **Volleyball Games begin at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Football Games begin at 7:30 p.m.**