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 4, 2021** 

## "Where We Make It Do What It Do!"



#### Julia Lee, Principal

SC Ready and SC PASS sample questions: https://ed.sc.gov/tests/assessment-information/guick-links-for-teachers

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

Week of December 14, 2020: Question and Answer: Science Grade 4: A student is designing a tool to allow a person to see around a corner. Which statement best describes what the tool must do in order to be used in this way? C. The tool must change the direction of light.

Week of January 4, 2021: Question and Choices: ELA Grade 3: Read the sentences. "I have a good idea!" Let's have ice cream after dinner, said Joey. Which revision corrects the punctuation mistake in the sentences?

- A. "I have a good idea! Let's have ice cream after dinner, said Joey."
- B. "I have a good idea! Let's have ice cream after dinner," said Joey.
- C. I have a good idea! "Let's have ice cream after dinner," said Joey.
- D. I have a good idea! Let's have ice cream after dinner, "said Joey."

#### Certified Staff for December

Dashawna Wright

## Classified Staff for December

## Lanamsha Newton



1<sup>st</sup> Grade **Paraprofessional** 

# Parents' and Students' Reading Strategies



Twelve: Parents & Students

Question-Answer Relationship strategy (QAR) It encourages students to learn how to answer questions better. Questions can be effective because they: Give students a purpose for reading, focus students' attention on what they are to learn, help students to think actively as they read, encourage students to monitor their comprehension, and help students to review content and relate what they have learned to what they already know.

#### **Pre-Kindergarten Teacher**



Picture Perfect



Mariah Housey

**Coloring Contest** Winner



K'lohr Dobson

#### **PBIS** Recipient



DeQuan Maxwell



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

Friday, January 8, 2021-Interim Reports will be mailed Monday, January 18, 2021—MLK Holiday— No School Tuesday, January 26, 2021—SIC Meeting - 6:00 pm





## Estill Middle School - Mrs. Shronda Taylor, Principal

# **STEM Class - Hand Sanitizer Experiment**



Students explored the benefits of hand sanitizer and how it is made through a simple experiment. Did you ever wonder what hand sanitizer is made of, or how you can efficiently disinfect your hands or other frequently touched surfaces like doorknobs? Handwashing is still the best way to keep your hands clean, but hand sanitizer is a great alternative for situations where clean water and soap are not available, and you can even use it to disinfect surfaces!







Staff Member of the Month Ms. Aris 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher



Student of the Month - December Malachi Solomon 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student

**Second Nine Weeks Reading Challenge** 

\$100 Gift Card Raffle

All students that meet their nine week reading goal will be included in the raffle.



| Monday, January 4, 2021   | Teacher Work Day/ No School      |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                           | for Students                     |
| Friday, January 8, 2021   | Interim Reports (will be mailed) |
| Monday, January 18, 2021  | Martin Luther King's Holiday     |
|                           | No School                        |
| Tuesday, January 19, 2021 | Virtual SIC Meeting at 6 p.m.    |

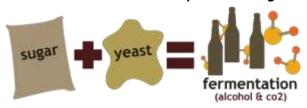
Please join us in welcoming Mr. Ryon Ford to our learning community. Mr. Ford will serve as the Physical Education Teacher for Estill Middle and High School.



#### Estill High School - Mrs. Synetria Hawkins, Principal



Regardless of the barriers set in place by COVID, we have made the effort to continue with hands on instruction in and out of the classroom. Mrs. Kodavalli's Biology class conducted an experiment on Fermentation of yeast and sugar.





## Congratulations to the following students for placing in the Regional DECA Competition:



Jayda Singleton- 2nd Alasia Smart- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lizabeth Gonzalez- 3rd Katelyn Rose-6<sup>th</sup>

Zyarie Gordon-4th Kiana Singleton-4th

#### **December Staff Members of the Month**

Mrs. Beaton is the Guidance Secretary for Estill High School. This is her first year as a Gator and she has demonstrated her BEST in more ways than one. Mrs. Beaton has risen to the challenge of entering the guidance department with an entirely new staff. Thanks Mrs. Beaton for joining our team and shining!



January 4, 2021 **Teacher Workday** January 5, 2021 Students Return January 8, 2021 National Law Enforcement Day (SRO) January 8, 2021 Interim Report January 18, 2021 MLK Holiday (No School) January 19, 2021 **SIC Meeting** January 29, 2021 Early Release

Ms. Cox has been with EHS for 3 years as the U.S. History teacher.



Ms. Cox is currently pursuing a degree in administration in order to move to the next level in education. Ms. Cox is passionate about nurturing the whole child. As a yearly dedication, Ms. Cox collects goods and necessities for families in her home country Jamaica. She is a true visionary and teacher leader.

#### **December Student of the Month**

Jayda Singleton is a current Junior at Estill High School. She participates in Cheerleading, DECA, and JROTC. She is a top student in her class. Jayda operates her own mask and apparel business as co-owner to "Royal Dynasty". Jayda aspires to be a Forensic Scientist or an Orthodontist.





Merkita Drayton Trinity Darien Jayda Singleton Ka'Dejah Smoak Jay'Kierra Jamison Arianna Lewis

**Gregory Graves Kendrick Singleton** Mi'Aisha Fields **Xaviar Hamilton** Andrea Romero Ortiz Janaisha Jackson

Our Exceptional Students' Department hosted our first RESPECT Campaign in November. The purpose of the campaign is to bring awareness to our student body and community on the importance of respecting everyone regardless of who they are, where they are from, or differing abilities.