

# Hurricane Forecast October 2021

## CASTLE HAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

### DATES TO REMEMBER~

Wednesday, October 6th - Picture Make-up Day

Friday, October 8 - Tar Heels Go Walking (**Zaborowski & Stamm**)

Tuesday, October 12 - Tar Heels Go Walking (**Todd & Rogers**)

Wednesday, October 13 - Tar Heels Go Walking (**Bradley**)

Monday, October 11th - People of the Past **All 4th grade**

Monday-Friday, October 18th-22nd - STARBASE Experience **5th Grade**

Wednesday, October 20th - Wear Orange National Bully Prevention Unity Day

Friday, October 22nd - Report Cards

Friday, October 29th - PTA Movie Night- Hocus Pocus

### GRADE LEVEL HAPPENINGS



#### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Hello from pre-k! We are so happy to have everyone here! We will continue to work on the following things over the next few weeks: Learning school routines, creating a school family environment, getting to know each other, and learning through play!

#### KINDERGARTEN

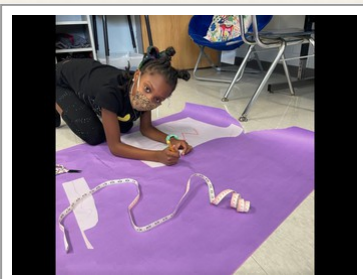
Kindergarten has been busy transitioning into school, getting to know new friends, lessons, and routines. In reading we have completed the Reading Fundamentals "launching unit" where we learned how to listen to books, share ideas, identify print concepts, and learned skills and strategies to help us read.



During our Heggerty phonemic awareness lessons we focused on identifying rhyming word pairs, identifying the first sound of words, segmenting a word into two parts, and counting the words in a sentence. In Foundations we have learned the letter name, keyword, sound, and handwriting for letters : t, b, f, m, n, i, u, o, and c. During Writer's Workshop we learned how to draw our classroom friends in our "Friend Journal" paying close attention to facial features, hair color, eye color, and skin color. We have just begun our "How Writers Work" unit in Writing fundamentals focusing on how authors and illustrators are thinking and feeling when they write and draw. This will encourage our young writers to incorporate their personal experiences, and emotions into their writing. In Eureka math we have sorted, classified, and described attributes of objects, counted objects up to seven in different configurations, written numbers from 0-7, counted to answer "how many?", and decomposed numbers up to seven. During Social Studies we have begun to learn how to apply our S.T.O.R.M. skills in the classroom and around our campus, and learned about the four seasons of the year: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. We focused on the weather conditions, things that we wear, and activities that we can do during those seasons. In science we learned about living things and non-living things, and weather. We discussed different weather conditions (sunny, rainy, windy, and snowy), the clothing we wear, and the activities that we can do during those weather conditions. Please continue to check your child's binder daily, and read together as a family. Pictured are students from Ms. Graham's Kindergarten class completing their Chicka Chicka Boom Boom tree as they learned about the letters in their name.

## FIRST GRADE

In the month of September we began our Reading Fundamentals Launch Unit. In this unit students discovered the different types of genre we will be reading throughout the year. Students also learned how to visualize what is read or be told, make connections with the text we are reading to our personal lives, and different story elements of fiction books. In Writing students worked on Narrative Journal prompts. Students were given a sentence stem to help guide their writing and draw pictures to show details in their writing. In Math we began Module 1. This unit covers sums and differences to 10. Students have been learning how to count on from the larger number, identify the parts and whole in a number sentence, fill out a number bond with any given number sentence and much more. In Social Studies we learned about rights, responsibilities, community helpers, and our roles as citizens. In Science we began talking about what plants need to survive. We identified parts of plants such as apples and the importance of each part. Students learned about the life cycle of Apples as well.



## SECOND GRADE

Second graders have been learning about measurement using their Eureka math kits. They are using meter sticks, measuring tapes, and even their pinkies to understand and compare lengths in a variety of ways.

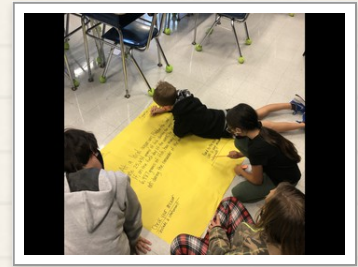
## THIRD GRADE

Third grade is excited to explore important events, people, and places of the past as we dive into our history unit. We are looking forward to our field trip downtown for our Tar Heels Go Walking trip. We have enjoyed learning about various plants and how they survive in different environments through dissection and planting labs. During our reading and writing workshops, we have explored personal narratives as well as other various fiction and nonfiction pieces and are thrilled to continue working on writing our own stories.

## FOURTH GRADE

Team 4th grade is off to a great start this school year!

In Literacy, we are excited to start our Fiction Unit in Reading. This tends to be one of the most popular units for students. Students are also beginning to draft their first writing piece of the year: a personal memory story.



In Math, students are just wrapping up Module 1: Place Value, Rounding, Fluently Adding and Subtracting Multi-digit Whole Numbers, and solving multi-step Word Problems. Check out some 4th graders hard at work drawing tape diagrams, solving the equation, checking their work, and rounding to see if their answer is reasonable!

In Science students are beginning their first Science Unit on Magnets and Electric Circuits! This unit involves lots of hands-on experiences and experiments!

## FIFTH GRADE

In Reading, we started with our Reading Fundamentals Launch Unit. Students were actively engaged, learning about different genres.

In Math, we launched our new math curriculum called Eureka. Module 1, students have continued to learn about place value, addition and subtraction of decimals, and naming fractions in word and unit form.

Writing, we have launched our Immersion Lesson "Why Writer's Write". Students are learning the importance of writing and the different writing pieces generated by different authors.

Social Studies, we have been studying American Indian culture.

Science, we have been studying Properties of Matter and will continue over the next few weeks Force and Motion. Students love the experiments!



We are looking forward to a great year!!

## A NOTE FROM MS. CLEARY, ART

I would like to thank all the students and staff for their wonderful thoughtful cards. It warms my heart to read them each day. I will be back in the new year and look forward to seeing everyone then to make Art! Ms. Cleary

Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 -  
October 15

## STARBASE

**STARBASE is a program for fifth graders.** The goal is to motivate them to explore STEM opportunities as they continue their education. The focus is to serve students that are historically under represented in STEM. The program encourages students to set goals and achieve them. STARBASE engages students through the inquiry-based curriculum with its “hands-on, minds-on”; experiential activities. Math is embedded throughout the curriculum and students use metric measurement, estimation, calculation geometry, and data analysis to solve questions. Teamwork is stressed as they work together to explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate concepts.



## TAR HEELS GO WALKING

**The beginning of a lifelong adventure...an educational walking tour for third graders!**

During the Tar Heels Go Walking tour, children learn about the history of downtown Wilmington as they are guided past significant structures such as Thalian Hall, City Hall and the New Hanover County Public Library.

Tar Heels Go Walking introduces the next generation to the concept of historic spaces and engages them in the mission of preserving our built environment—everything that connects us to the past and paves the way to our collective future.

## PEOPLE OF THE PAST

**This field trip is for our fourth graders and is held at the Cape Fear Museum.**

### **First Peoples of the Cape Fear Region**

Journey back in time and examine artifacts while investigating what life was like for the first people who lived in the Lower Cape Fear region.

### **Colonial/Revolutionary Period**

Discover the people that inhabited the Cape Fear region while it was an English colony, investigate the naval stores products that came from longleaf pines and examine how industry began to transform Wilmington into a significant port city.

### **Civil War Period**

In the mid-1800s, Wilmington was the largest city in the state and had a very busy port. View a riverfront model, examine artifacts to explore the jobs of the time and discover what is happening in Wilmington in 1863.

### **Reconstruction Period**

During the Reconstruction period slavery was abolished, new laws were created, and education changed. Take a tour of an 1870s classroom while you explore these changes.

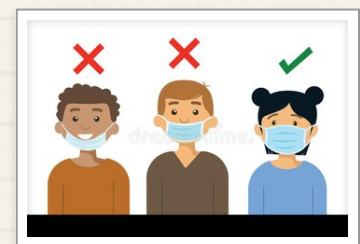


## **LOST AND FOUND**

If your child is missing a piece of clothing, please make certain they take a peek in our Lost and Found box located in front of the Media Center. As the cold weather creeps in, our Lost and Found box gets a lot of action. This is a reminder to label all your child's outerwear to make identification a little easier.

## **SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY**

In an effort to keep our Hurricanes in the building New Hanover County School's require all students to come to school with a mask that is worn properly over their nose and mouth. Hand sanitizing stations are placed throughout the building and handwashing breaks are encouraged throughout the school day.



### **Note from Nurse Nicole:**

- Reminder from the nurse. If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them home. They will need a negative PCR Covid test or an alternative diagnosis to return to school. Please communicate with me during this time. [nicole.carey@nhcs.net](mailto:nicole.carey@nhcs.net). Thank you!

- Reported **exposure** to Covid
- Reported **diagnosis** for Covid
- Positive for **symptoms** of Covid :
- Headache, especially with fever
- Fever 100.4 or greater
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Sore throat
- New cough
- Lost of taste or smell



## TRANSPORTATION

Tracking your child's bus has never been so easy. New Hanover County Schools is implementing a new smart phone app that will allow parents to see where their child's bus is located in real time. [Edulog Parent Portal app](#) can be downloaded from iTunes App Store or Google Play Store.

## TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

**\*\*All transportation changes must be made in writing.** Should you need to change the way your child is getting home in the afternoon, please send a note to your child's teacher or email the teacher to let them know that there is a change for that day. Please call the front office so that we can make sure the teacher sees the email.

**All transportation changes must be received by 1:00PM.**

School Breakfast Menu

School Lunch Menu

## HURRICANE HUNTERS

Our student recognition program, "Hurricane Hunters" started August 30th. Each day we will specifically focus on writing Hurricane Hunter slips for students who demonstrate a specific



**STORM** skill. Our mission at Castle Hayne Elementary School is to work together to achieve success by applying our **STORM** skills!

Monday - **S**preeding Kindness

Tuesday - **T**aking Responsibility

Wednesday - **O**wning my Learning and Actions

Thursday - **R**especting Everyone

Friday - **M**aintaining Safety

## TITLE 1 CURRICULUM NIGHT AND PTA MEETING



## VOLUNTEERING AT CASTLE HAYNE

New Hanover County Schools could never achieve its mission without the strong support of the community and volunteers. Volunteer groups do everything from working in classrooms to serving on advisory committees. Thousands of people unite each year to give the precious gift of their time to ensure our students get a great education.

Volunteers are our partners in education. They take an active role to support and enhance the development of our students. Every day, family and community member volunteers bring

enthusiasm and skill into our schools while assisting staff, teachers and students. If you are interested in volunteering at our school. Applicants will be designated a Level I or Level II Volunteer depending on the type of services the volunteer provides and the amount of school based supervision the volunteer works under. Volunteers should contact Danielle Metty, Family Liaison to receive training. All volunteers are required to obtain volunteer training by the school site volunteer coordinator annually.

**Thank you to all the families that attended the Volunteer Orientation training! You are appreciated!!!**

If you are interested in **volunteering or chaperoning a field trip** at Castle Hayne, please contact Danielle Metty at [danielle.metty@nhcs.net](mailto:danielle.metty@nhcs.net).

## CLOTHES CLOSET REQUEST - NEW BOYS CLOTHING

We have a clothing closet at our school that we utilize any time students have accidents, get sick, or mishaps requiring a change of clothes. We are in desperate need of **boys clothes**. We are currently well stocked with underwear and socks. However, we are in need of pants, shorts, short sleeve shirts, long sleeve shirts, etc. If you are able to donate any of these items, we would greatly appreciate the donations.

**We would like to request new items only** as we do not have the ability to wash used items. Our greatest need is BOYS size 4-14. Thank you!

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Our PTA is currently hosting our Membership Drive. All parents are invited and encouraged to become involved in our PTA. You can join the PTA by visiting

<https://castlehayne.memberhub.com/store>.

PTA Membership dues are used to fund family events, special treats for all students as well as technology and academic support.

***PTA Sponsored Movie Night- October 29th ~Hocus Pocus~ More information to come!***

The "Hurricane Forecast" is a monthly digital newsletter that contains information regarding all things happening at Castle Hayne Elementary School. We hope you find this communication helpful!





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*Please direct any questions related to this newsletter to  
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2021-2022 School Calendar