

# Hurricane Forecast November 2021

CASTLE HAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## DATES TO REMEMBER~



Tuesday, November 2nd - Airlie Gardens Field Trip - Mrs. Stamm and Mr. Todd

Wednesday, November 3rd - Airlie Gardens Field Trip - Ms. Bradley, Mrs. Zaborowski, and Ms. Rogers

Friday, November 5th - Last day of the PTA Cookie Dough fundraiser - Orders due

Sunday, November 7th - Daylight Saving Time Ends - Turn Clocks Back

Thursday, November 11th - No School - Veterans' Day

Friday, November 12th - No School - Teacher Workday

Week of November 15th - Kindness Week

Thursday, November 18th - Pick up Cookie Dough orders 10am-2pm

Wednesday, November 24th - No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 25th - No School - Thanksgiving Break

Friday, November 26th - No School - Thanksgiving Break

## GRADE LEVEL HAPPENINGS

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

We've had a fun month in pre-k talking about the life cycle of a pumpkin! Ask your children to tell you how a pumpkin grows!

Mrs. May came to our class and helped us explore the inside of a pumpkin! We also launched a Creative Curriculum study all about

balls. Thank you to all of our families who sent in balls for us to use during this study. It has been so much fun using our thinking skills to investigate, ask questions, problem solve, and make predictions!



### KINDERGARTEN

Kindergartners are excited to begin exploring shapes in their next Eureka math module. They will learn to name and describe various 2D and 3D shapes (triangle, circle, rectangle, hexagon, square, cone, cube, sphere, cylinder). A good activity to support this at home is to play I Spy. Not only are they exploring shapes this month but they are also exploring poetry - what it looks and sounds like.

## FIRST GRADE

In Reading, we have just started our Fiction Unit. We will learn about the story elements and retelling fiction texts. Students will also learn how to compare and contrast characters throughout a story and determine character traits. We will learn about what lesson the author wants us to learn by looking through the lense of the characters and making personal connections.



In Writing, we are beginning our Narrative Unit. Students will make many personal connections as we read mentor texts to inspire their own writing. We will write about a special person, a place that is important to us, and traditions that we cherish. Students will go through the writing process by writing a clear beginning, middle and end. After writing students will select one piece to publish just as a writer would do.

In Math, students will be finishing Module 1 and moving into Module 2. Students will bridge from problem solving to 10 to work within 100. We will begin to solve problems in addition and subtraction problems involving teen numbers. Students will learn how to compose and decompose a ten to begin understanding place value and its relation in addition and subtraction.

In Social Studies, we will begin the month learning about Veterans Day. We will move into a study on Native Americans by looking at their rituals and history. We will finish by talking about the First Thanksgiving and compare it to how we celebrate Thanksgiving today.

We learned about pumpkins in science. Students learned about what pumpkins need to grow and their parts. Students identified the parts of the pumpkin and then counted the seeds by putting them in groups of 10! We found 334 seeds in one pumpkin!

In the picture, students were looking at nonfiction illustrations to find more information that they did not read in the text.



## SECOND GRADE

As the month of October unfolded, second graders explored place value and measurement, author studies with great books by Dav Pilkey and Kevin Henkes, cultural diversity and Hispanic Heritage Month, and science explorations around the concept of sound vibrations.

In the photo:

2nd graders in Ms. Miller's class practiced measurement with gummies, as part of their math module "wrap up!"

## THIRD GRADE

3rd grade enjoyed traveling for their first field trip this year to Downtown Wilmington! We got to visit many historic sites and some of us even got to meet the mayor of Wilmington! We are excited to begin our Fiction Reading Unit and are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to Airlie Gardens. Science this month will be out of this world as we explore Earth in our Solar System. We can't wait to keep learning together.



Castle Hayne's 3rd Grade  
Ms. Bradley, Mrs. Stamm, Ms. Rogers,  
Mr. Todd and Mrs. Zaborowski

## FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Grade just started the Fiction Unit in Reading. We will be learning all about the different types of Fiction. In Writing we will begin our Cynthia Rylant Unit. Students will be reading a variety of Fiction Text by this author and will be able to write a friendly letter to the author, Cynthia Rylant, discussing one of their favorite stories that she wrote!



In Math students are learning a range of strategies to solve Multiplication and Division problems. Students will then apply these to multi-step Word Problems.

We are wrapping up our Electric Circuits Unit in Science. The kids have really loved the hands-on experiments with trying to create different types of electric circuits!

In October, students celebrated Unity Day by flooding the school with orange! Each day students make the decision to be kind to one another and make an effort to stop bullying!

## PEOPLE OF THE PAST FIELD TRIP - FOURTH GRADE

4th Grade really enjoyed the People of the Past Field Trip at the Cape Fear Museum. We learned how people in this area dressed and danced long ago. We also learned about fossils and artifacts that have been discovered in this area. These items taught us about the tools that the Native American tribes and the very first European explorers used. We had the opportunity to smell tar and pitch that was made from Pine trees. I think we most enjoyed hearing about how schools were long ago. We were able to write on slate boards and erase with a little piece of cotton. It was a great opportunity to learn about the people of North Carolina's past and how they played such a tremendous role in the things we do each day.



## FIFTH GRADE

In reading 5th grade is launching our Reading Fundamentals Fiction Unit. Students will learn the different genres of fiction, in addition to building on each literary standard for this unit.

In social studies students have been learning about the Indigenous People culture, along with the American Indian Government and Trade. Starting this week, students will engage in activities learning about the Colonies and their Founding.

In math, we completed Module I (comparing and ordering decimals) and have started Module II (multiplying and dividing whole numbers using the standard algorithm). It is extremely

important for each student to practice math fact fluency each night.

In science, we have completed our Force and Motion Unit. Students were engaged in hands on activities which allowed them to experiment as a Scientist. In addition to the classroom experiments, students were involved in the StarBase Program, which involved a plethora of STEM activities with a rocket launch (each student had a rocket) at the end of the week.

## STARBASE LANDED IN FIFTH GRADE!

Starbase is an educational program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Students participate in challenging "hands-on, minds-on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. During Starbase, the students learned about Force and Motion, Coding and Robotics, Navigation and Mapping, Matter, Fluid Mechanics, Energy Fundamentals, Measurement and Stem Careers. Below are a few pictures from the week.



DoD **STARBASE**  
A Department of Defense Youth Program

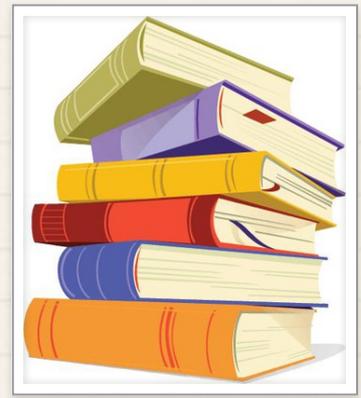
## MESSAGE FROM MRS. MOORE

Need a good book to read? Here's a few ways to find just the right book ...

- Students will be checking out library books once a month on the Wednesday of their class Media/SEL specials rotation. Students are encouraged to keep these library books

in their backpack so that they have reading materials at home AND at school.

- On their non-library weeks, students are allowed to visit the library any morning to check out books from 7:20-8:00. However, they must stop by their classroom before visiting the library.
- The CHES Bitmoji Library that students used last school year is still available on Ms. Moore's website. It will be updated with new titles monthly, so feel free to click around and find a good book to read online. Here's the link...



<https://sites.google.com/a/nhcs.net/jessicamoore/bitmoji-library>

- We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair during the week of December 13th. All students will be given the opportunity to preview and shop at the book fair during their specials time. We will also be holding a family event during one evening that week. More information will be coming your way soon!

## OUR MORNING NEWS CREW



### Our Morning News Crew

News Anchors: Gracie Miley & Maddex Thomas

Technicians: Zachary Noe & Roman Abbaticchio

Reporter/Writers: Layla Mercado & Mia Chen  
Talent Scouts: Skylar Taylor & Harper Lassiter  
Directors: Ms. Moore, Ms. Carr, & Ms. Cartwright  
Executive Producer: Ms. May

These students are responsible for producing our morning announcements which are broadcast live on Zoom on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will be rotating in students from each K-3rd grade classroom who will be on camera to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and our STORM skills. We will also be featuring guest speakers from our 4th/5th grade classes for a variety of special events and news features.

We celebrated **Hispanic Heritage Month**  
September 15th-October 15th.

A BIG thank you to **Mrs. Cervini's** class for creating the biographically artwork of Pat Mora, Ellen Ochoa, Cesar Chavez, Jose Feliciano, Roberto Clemente, Penelope Cruz and Lionel Messi.





November is National American Indian Heritage  
Month

## NATIONAL WORLD KINDNESS DAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. We at Castle Hayne are deeming the entire week of November 15th-19th "Kindness Week". We challenge your family to a game of Kindness BINGO!

# B I N G O

Help make a meal	Share your favorite toy	Say hi to someone new	Find something you have in common with a friend/sibling	Give a compliment
Smile	Clean a mess you didn't make	Draw a picture for a family member	Invite your sibling to play with you	Create your own kind act
Tell your parents something you like about them	Leave a kind note for someone	Make someone laugh	Free!	Give high fives to someone
Put something in the recycle bin	Give a hug	Say thank you	Pick up trash in your neighborhood	Read to your sibling
Do an extra chore	Tell your family you love them	Help someone carry groceries	Pick a few old toys to donate	Help someone



# HOCUS POCUS

Movie Night



Thank you to our WONDERFUL PTA for hosting a fun family night!



## 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

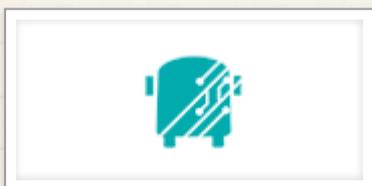
In an effort to keep our Hurricanes in the building New Hanover County School's require all students to come to school with a mask that is worn properly over their nose and mouth. Hand sanitizing stations are placed throughout the building and handwashing breaks are encouraged throughout the school day.



#### 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
  - Loss 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** Spreading Kindness

Tuesday - **T** Taking Responsibility

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

Thursday - **R** Respecting Everyone

Friday - **M** Maintaining Safety

### VOLUNTEERING AT CASTLE HAYNE

We are looking for volunteers for the car rider line in the morning and in the afternoon, during breakfast in cafeteria and in the media center throughout the day. If you are interested in volunteering at our school, please contact Danielle Metty, Family Liaison to receive the volunteer training. All volunteers are required to obtain volunteer training by the school site volunteer coordinator annually.

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).

### 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.

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!



## CASTLE HAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Spread Kindness~ Take Responsibility~ Own our Learning and Actions~ Respect Everyone~ Maintain Safety**

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