

OTTER NEWS

The official newsletter of Hilton Head Island Elementary IB



PRINCIPAL'S POINTS



As we come to the end of the first quarter, I just want to say thank you for choosing Hilton Head Island Elementary School. I am thrilled to have such a diverse group of families as a part of our HHIE otter family. I hope you will join us when you can at our monthly PTO or SIC meetings, family events or maybe for lunch with your child. We welcome and appreciate volunteers at all times throughout the year whether it be here at school or on a field trip. Most of what we do would never be possible without our parent, teacher and community volunteers...and for that I am very thankful.

Report cards, i Ready parent reports and Read 2 Succeed parent letters (3rd grade only) will be coming home this Friday with your child. If you have not yet scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please do so soon. I have challenged each teacher to meet with each of their students' parents/guardians as school-to-home and home-to-school communication is essential. To develop responsible citizens and lifelong learners, collaboration is key. Please stay in contact with your child's teacher throughout the year and if you ever need assistance from a member of the leadership team, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Last but not least, please know all second graders will be ITBS testing 10/19 & 10/20 and CogAT testing 10/23, 10/24 & 10/25 from approximately 8:00-9:30. Please be sure they get a good night's rest, eat breakfast, and arrive to school on time each day of testing.

Mrs. Brockway

SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2023

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NOVEMBER 2023

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

	Full day for students		Early Dismissal for students
	No school for students		Weather make-up day, if needed
	First day back for students		In-service day for school staff

HILTON HEAD ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fall Festival

PRIZES • HAUNTED HOUSE • GAMES

\$5 ADMISSION FOR KIDS - CASH ONLY

OBSTACLE COURSE
MINUTE TO WIN IT
BEAN BAG TOSS
SAND BRACELETS
DRESS LIKE A MUMMY
PAINT YOUR FAMILY
LEGACY TILE - \$10!

CUPCAKE DECORATING \$1
PIZZA \$2
DRINKS & CANDY \$1
FACE PAINTING
PUMPKIN AUCTION
SPIRIT GEAR & NEW T-SHIRTS ON SALE \$15!

BOO!

FRIDAY OCT 27 5:30-7:30 PM

30 School Road - 843-342-4100

RED RIBBON WEEK

BE MIND TO YOUR MIND
Live Drug Free!

MONDAY: "PUT A CAP ON DRUGS"
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAT DAY

TUESDAY: "RED-Y TO LIVE A DRUG-FREE LIFE"
WEAR RED DAY

WEDNESDAY: "SHADE OUT DRUGS"
WEAR SUNGLASSES

THURSDAY: "TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS"
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS SHIRT

FRIDAY: "SOCK IT TO DRUGS"
WEAR CRAZY SOCKS DAY

OCTOBER 23RD THROUGH OCTOBER 27TH



Notes from Mr. O'Hara Assistant Principal

I wanted to say thank you to the teachers, staff, students, and the community for welcoming me to Hilton Head Elementary School. Changing schools after 16 years in the same place was nerve-wracking, but you all could not have been kinder. You have welcomed me and made me feel like an otter. Thank you for that.

THANK
YOU

I would also like to say how wonderful we have done with our safety drills Quarter 1. We have had two fire drills and a lockdown drill. Everyone has been in control and followed the directions of their teacher. Thank you very much for acting so responsible during such serious drills.



Notes from Mrs. Ryman Assistant Principal

Please remember to fill out your background application if you wish to volunteer in the school or on field trips. [Volunteer Link Here.](#)

Students have been enjoying clubs that began October 4th! Here are the club dates for the fall semester: October 4th, 11th & 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th & 29th & December 6th.

No clubs on October 18th (Early Dismissal) and November 22nd (Thanksgiving Break).



Yellow Car Line Morning Reminders



The car line should be utilized instead of parking and walking students in. Please remember to use both lanes and the zipper method. Students should be exiting on the passenger side of the vehicle and can exit on the sidewalk where there are painted otter paws. After 7:45am, students must be walked into the office to check in. Thank you for your cooperation and helping to keep our students safe.

Social Worker Corner

- Parents – keep in mind the BCSD has prohibited hoodies being worn in the school. If Students feel cold in class, they may wear a sweater or crewneck sweatshirt that is a solid uniform color (navy blue, pale blue, pale yellow or white). They may not wear a hooded sweatshirt or an outdoor jacket in any other color. Please keep this in mind as the weather gets cooler.

Denise Friday, Social Worker
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School Counselor's Corner

- October 19th is Unity Day - wear and share orange for Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion.
- October 23rd-27th is Red Ribbon Week where students are encouraged to be kind to their minds and live drug free.

Please reach out to us with any needs.

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NURSE'S CORNER

When to stay home? DHEC Exclusion List

<https://scdhec.gov/health/child-teen-health/school-exclusion>

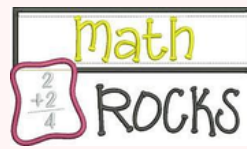
IS IT A COLD OR FLU?

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual
Aches	Slight	Usual
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Headache	Rare	Common

#FIGHT FLU

The Coaches Corner

Math, Literacy & IB

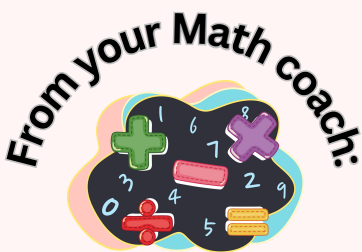


All HHIE students have been provided with an **Otters Read folder and reading log**, please ensure your child is bringing books home each night and reading. Parents can model their thinking aloud while reading as this encourages comprehension and models to your child how you think things through while you are reading.

Fluency Flight



We have launched Fluency Flight, a new math fact fluency program through i-Ready! This program, which is available for grades 2-5, provides students with a suite of personalized digital activities and games. Using this program for 8 minutes a day helps students achieve automaticity of essential math facts with understanding and without speed anxiety. The best way to support students at home is to have them log onto Classlink and work within their i-Ready accounts for 10-15 minutes each night!



Math & Literacy Carnival

HHIE hosted it's first Math & Literacy Carnival on Tuesday, October 3rd. Families played math and reading games, listened to read alouds, had their faces painted, and munched on popcorn and cotton candy. It was big fun under the big top!



Congratulations to our 2023-24 Student Council winners!



Student Council has been announced!

President: Andrew Forman (Porchey) Vice-President: Hadleigh Hedden (Epke-Bueso)

Secretary: Quinn Neeson (Harshman) Treasurer: Amaliah Burhans (Thompson)



Congratulations to our August and September character education winners!



August: Friendship / Kindness

1st Grade: Ethan Mullen - Bennett
2nd Grade: Andy Ortiz Garcia - Mehle
3rd Grade: Henry Schroeder - Wommack
4th Grade: Paxton Naert - McGrath
5th Grade: Keegan Johnson - Courtney

September: Acceptance

1st Grade: Savannah Tatum - Andrews
2nd Grade: Mae Lasance - Urys
3rd Grade: Amelia Walker - Roberts
4th Grade: Tommy Bush - Fernandez
5th Grade: Mathias Zamora Anzurez - Thompson



Specialist's Corner



Physical Education

What a wonderful first quarter we have had with your children in Physical Education class! Please remind students to wear tennis shoes/sneakers on designated PE days. Currently, our 5th grade students are working on their personal goals with Fitnessgram testing, 2nd graders are completing swim lessons at Island Rec Center, while other grade levels are working on cooperative games and locomotor movements. Please encourage your child to be physically active for at least 60 minutes each day!

We would like to recognize 2nd grader Logan Gonsalves as the September Physical Education Student of the month! Logan always gives his best effort and is kind and helpful during class.

Mr. Murphy & Mrs. Davis



MLP Corner



Ms. Frazier's first grade MLP students are practicing phonics, colors, parts of the face, body systems, objects at school and math sense.

Students are combining sounds to make words, and also learning sight words. They are also learning about the circulatory, skeletal, digestive, muscular, and nervous systems.

They are also practicing to form letters correctly, use upper and lower case letters in the right places, and end sentences with punctuation. These final skills will be worked on all year!

Mrs. Pedroso has been pushing-in to all classes in 2nd Grade and pulling students out for MLP SIPPS, a Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness to help new English readers, MLP Specials, to improve their writing and speaking skills, and Newcomers to provide support in reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English. For the SIPPS program, students had to know at least 20 American English alphabet letter names and she is proud to say that all students mastered their letters! The group is now ready to start Beginning SIPPS. During Specials they studied 'sequencing' and students had to write how to prepare their favorite sandwich using 'First, Next, Then, and Last'. Her newcomers have read some stories with basic school vocabulary and action verbs, They are also learning the 'Main Topic' and 'Details of a Story'. The children have had a lot of fun doing hand-on activities that involve creativity, collaboration, and communication.





[Click Here for more Title I information](#)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At Hilton Head Island Elementary, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal rules related to teacher qualifications as defined in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). These rules allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure all our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact me at 843-342-4100.

Sincerely,

[Click here to submit feedback:](#)

Michelle Brockway
School Principal
Hilton Head Island Elementary

