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The official newsletter of Hilton Head Island Elementary



PRINCIPAL'S POINTS

Congratulations to all of us for making it through another school year! I truly appreciate your support. It is so important that we continue to partner together to develop responsible citizens and life-long learners. We will end the school year with our annual Stepping Up ceremony on Tuesday, June 4th where students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for the 2024-2025 school year! Please be on the lookout for your child's report card, I Ready Parent Report, and Summer Packet as they will be sent home on June 4th. Fifth grade students will receive everything on June 3rd after their Promotion ceremony. SC Ready and ACCESS Parent Reports will be sent home when we return. Hopefully, you have already seen the summer reading information from the public library as that came home this past week. I encourage each of you to take your child to the library and get involved with their summer reading challenge!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our PTO and SIC members for their dedication this past school year. The PTO has worked incredibly hard to put together so many wonderful events for our students, staff and HHIE families and it is greatly appreciated. The attendance at meetings has been the most we have seen in a while and has allowed us to do so many great things together! The SIC has continued to educate parents by organizing various speakers and implemented a new male role-model group called Whiskers on Patrol that we are excited to see grow next year.

Please know there will be school staff available all summer, but that we will be housed over in Creative Arts as they will be painting our hallways. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and can find time to enjoy the beautiful area around us with family and friends!

Mrs. Brockway

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY 2024							JUNE 2024						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4							1
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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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

Please use our new attendance email to submit absence and medical notes.

hhiesattendance@Beaufort.k12.sc.us



Important Dates

June 3rd
5th Grade
Promotion 9am

June 4th
Stepping UP

June 5th
Last Day of
School
Early Dismissal
11:45am



Notes from Mr. O'Hara Assistant Principal



Thank you to everyone for all their hard work during our end of year testing. We have finished with SC Ready and I Ready testing. I Ready Parent Reports will be sent home 6/5 with report cards. SC Ready Parent Reports will be sent home in August.

As everyone takes a well deserved break for summer please remember to keep your brains sharp for next year by reading a book and practicing your math facts! See you next school year!



Notes from Mrs. Ryman Assistant Principal



Please save your car tag for next year. Everyone will keep their same number.

HHIE received a \$2000 wellness grant from MUSC for encouraging staff and students to stay healthy and be mindful. This grant provided yummy fruit pops at this year's Fun Run!

The Wellness Committee looks forward to continuing their partnership with The Nutrition Group and providing Wellness Wednesday activities the last Wednesday of each month.

Have a safe summer!

WINNER

From your Math coach:



Paxton Naert, Amelia Arnold, and Niko Silvan were selected at random from a collection of more than 100 students who achieved 100% fact fluency in the Reflex Math program from the months of January through the end of April. Congratulations winners!

Summer Math Work

Researchers have found that the lack of math practice over the summer months results in an average loss of 2.6 months of study, when measured from year-to-year. We are challenging students to continue to practice math skills over the summer: If your child spends just 10 minutes a day, he or she will have completed more than 6 hours of math! The great news? Your student has brought home three math books that can be used for summer practice: the enVision Volume 2 Workbook, the enVision Additional Practice Workbook, and the enVision SC Standards Practice Book. In addition, your student can access i-Ready, iXL, and Dreambox through mid-July below through <https://launchpad.classlink.com/beaufort> using their Google login information. Have a great summer!

From your Literacy coach:



Summer Packets will go home with each student on June 5th. Please do your best to work on these over the summer. Students who finish their packets and bring them back on the start of the next school year will receive a special Rock Shop Reward!

Participating in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library is a great way to find new books!

Congratulations to our April & May character education winners!

April - Forgiveness

1st Grade: Ava Dueger (Sturman)
2nd Grade: Tatiana Santos Luna (Ziegler)
3rd Grade: Justin Aranda-Cerrito (Quigley)
4th Grade: Brett Klahr (Forman)
5th Grade: Elizabeth Tatum (Smalls)

May - Responsibility & Cooperation

1st Grade: Gael Morales Garcia (Bennett)
2nd Grade: Brianys Flores Cortez (Hearing)
3rd Grade: Lener Alcantara-Suazo (Shriver)
4th Grade: Shantika Hopkins (Kopia)
5th Grade: Hadleigh Hedden (Bueso)

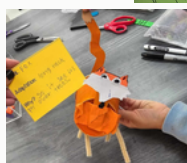
From your IB/PYP coach:



1st Grade: Created animals with adaptations that would help them in the wild.

3rd Grade: Dissected owl pellets and analyzed and identified bones.

5th Grade: Designed and created board games with a theme of Outer Space.



ML Corner- As we close out the academic year with our ML students from Hilton Head Island Elementary, we're wrapping up our testing and celebrating all the knowledge gained.

Before we move forward, let's remember to keep reading over the summer and practice those sight word cards we've sent home.

We had a blast during water day, and we can't wait to see the incredible accomplishments these students will achieve next year!





HHIE's School Improvement Council has worked very hard this year finding ways to keep parents informed. Our monthly meetings also gave parents opportunities to be heard by our school's administration and share ideas for the school. Please visit our school's SIC webpage to read our latest Parent Report, learn about SIC's newest male role-model program, and discover how to participate in SIC next school year. Visit hhie.beaufortschools.net/families/SIC



Internet Safety Tips from Mark Chauhan BCSD Tech Advisor



The first step is **basic controls** that can be placed on nearly all devices. There are a number of programs that are free and help manage screen time, disallow certain apps and websites, and get notifications about attempted activities you may not approve of.

Examples: **Google Family & Norton Family**

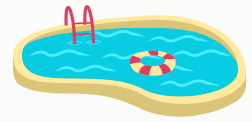
Gaming is one of the biggest problem areas for parents. The following are some good initial steps to take to keep kids safe while gaming:

- Disable or Monitor **chat** functions. This is where the bulk of nefarious activity takes place and disabling them is the easiest way to make gaming safer.
- Warn children not to send or receive **photos** via gaming platforms.
- Consider **joining** your children while they play to see if there's anything to be concerned about.
- Set **time limits** or time frames - too much of any activity can be detrimental.

Connection is vital between you and your children's online activity. Here are some practical tips for maintaining it:

- Keep phones and computers in **communal spaces** instead of bedrooms.
- Encourage kids to not use headphones so that you can hear what they're interacting with.
- Don't forget to **talk** to kids about what they're interested in online.
- Another important part of internet security is **password** safety. Here are some vital tips to maintaining security on devices in your home:
- Don't assume that kids don't know your passwords - they often watch you enter these and probably know more than they let on.
- **Enable 2-factor authentication** on EVERY account possible. This is the best way to secure your accounts and passwords using either **Face ID or fingerprint scanning** as well.
- Get in the habit of checking your credit report for **signs of fraud** and have your children's SSNs monitored as well.

Summer Safety tips from HHI Fire Rescue



HHI Fire Rescue offers a number of community **safety programs** - from smoke detectors to blood pressure monitoring, car seat safety checks, and "Fire in the Streets" and "After the Fire" neighborhood programs. Their website is full of information about these and more.

- Most importantly, HHIFR wants to share information about **water safety** and how **"drowning doesn't look like drowning."**
- Often, we imagine drowning as someone yelling and crying for help, flailing their arms and bobbing up and down. But if you can talk, you may be in distress, but you're probably not drowning. Drowning is **silent**. In most cases, people are unable to call out for help when they are actually drowning, so it is vital to 1. Designate a **water watcher** and 2. Know the **signs** of drowning!
- Water watchers are designated **adults** chosen to do nothing but watch children in and around water at a gathering. **water watcher bracelets** are available through the HHIFR and can be worn as a reminder of who is doing the job. Adults can rotate every **10-20 minutes** so that everyone gets a chance to relax while knowing that the water is safely guarded.
- The most common **drowning signs** are glassy, unfocused eyes, head low in the water with mouth at water level, not using legs but pumping arms almost like climbing a ladder underwater. Once someone is in this state, there is only **20-60 seconds** to get them out before they go under!
- The HHIFR also provides free or very low-cost safety training programs! **CPR training** is available for free regularly and is so important going into the summer.
- Two more classes to consider are: **Safe Sitter** - a babysitting safety program for kids 7th grade or older, and **Safe At Home** - a safety course for 4th, 5th and 6th graders staying home on their own occasionally. For more information, check the HHIFR website: hiltonheadislandsc.gov