

OTTER NEWS

The official newsletter of Hilton Head Island Elementary

QUARTER 01



PRINCIPAL'S POINTS

We not only made it through the first quarter, but through Tropical Storm Debby, Hurricane Helene, and E learning! We have enjoyed welcoming back our friends from last year and seeing many new faces. Attendance was wonderful at our first quarter events: Back to School Night, ML Morning Chat, and Math & Literacy Carnival. I hope to see just as many at our Fall Festival on October 25th! If you have not yet scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please do so. It's the perfect time to touch base and see how your child is doing and how you can assist from home. First quarter report cards will be sent home Friday, October 18th.

HHIE is proud to be a Title I School. This amazing opportunity offers us so many wonderful programs and support for our students and families. In accordance with the Parents Right-to-Know requirement under Every Student Succeeds Act, it is my duty to notify every parent or guardian of a student attending a Title I school that you have the right to request and receive information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher to include the following:

- if the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas taught;
- if the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status in which the state qualifications and licensing criteria are waived;
- the teacher's baccalaureate degree major, graduate certification, and field of discipline; and
- whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.
- Notification if your student has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the applicable state certification for licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

If you need any additional information, please reach out to me directly. The HHIE Leadership Team is very proud of our teachers, and we know they are prepared to give your child a high quality education.

Have an amazing Fall Break! Enjoy time with family and friends! I look forward to seeing our students return on Monday, October 14th!

Mrs. Brockway

SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2024							NOVEMBER 2024						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Full day for students No school for students First day back for students							Early Dismissal for students Weather make-up day, if needed In-service day for school staff						

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WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK



Don't forget to use the attendance email to submit absence and medical notes.

hiesattendance@beaufort.k12.sc.us

Important Dates

October 10-11
No School

October 16
Unity Day
Wear Orange

October 25
Fall Festival

October 31
Book-O-Ween

November 5 & 11
No School



Notes from Mrs. Ryman Assistant Principal

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Field Trips-MTSS-Wellness-Carline



YELLOW CAR LINE REMINDERS

The yellow car line is for 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade Dual Language Immersion classes (Ms. Krapf, Ms. Rooney, and Dr. Roberts). All other grades and 3rd grade classes should be utilizing the red car line (unless students have siblings 1st or 2nd grade and 3rd grade DLI classes.) This will help to keep traffic moving and off the main roads.

During arrival, please ensure you are utilizing the two lanes and the ZIPPER method at the sign. Parents should remain in the vehicle and students should be exiting on the passenger side. Please have students ready to exit the vehicle quickly (book bags on, lunch box/water bottle in hand, phones/tablets put away, etc.). Students should be exiting vehicles the entire length of the painted sidewalk. Signs have been ordered to indicate our “Unloading Zone.” Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our car line runs safely and smoothly.

WELLNESS CHALLENGE - GO UNPLUGGED!



Encourage your family to unplug from television, video games, phones and social media. Try a weekly challenge such as “no text Tuesday” or “phone free Friday” and ask everyone to turn off their phones at the dinner table each night. During this free time, try doing something outdoors, visiting the library, or reading a book.

Please remember to fill out your background application if you wish to VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL or on field trips. Volunteer Link Here.



Notes from Mr. O'Hara Assistant Principal

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Safety-Testing-Bus Info

School safety drills, including fire, tornado, earthquake, and lockdown drills, are meticulously designed to ready students and staff to face an emergency with confidence. Particularly, these drills reinforce safety protocols, nurture readiness, and reduce panic during critical incidents. HHIE has completed two fire drills and one lock down drill at this time. We will be participating in the nationwide Great Shake earthquake drill on October 17th.

Students in grades 3-5 took reading benchmark assessments on 10/8 and 10/9. They will take science on 10/15 and math on 10/22 . These district assessments allow teachers to efficiently and effectively determine what a student knows and does not know based on grade level standards.



Second grade students will be taking the CogAT/Iowa GT assessment from 10/14 - 10/19.



Winter Diagnostic

iReady Reading
Nov 19th & 20th

iReady Math
Dec 3rd & 4th*

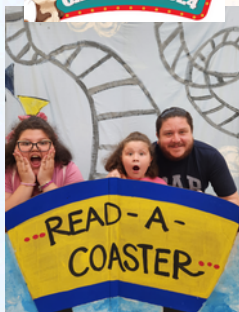
*Due to a 4th grade field trip some 4th grade classes will test on Dec 5th.

From your Math Coach:



Big Fun Under the Big Top!

Big smiles abounded at the Second Annual Math & Literacy Carnival on Thursday, September 19! Families played math and reading games, learned about the ecology of our coastal sea turtles, listened to read alouds, had their faces painted, and munched on popcorn and cotton candy. It was an exciting night for all!



TOP 5 INDICATORS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

- 1 ATTENDANCE AND TIMELINESS**
STUDENTS WHO COME TO SCHOOL (ESPECIALLY ON TIME), HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF DOING WELL, STAYING IN SCHOOL, AND BEING EMPLOYED UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
- 2 SLEEP**
Students who get 8-12 hours of sleep each night can retain more information during the day and have better-developed cognitive skills than students who sleep less. Have student charge their electronic devices outside their rooms in order to prevent device usage at night.
- 3 READING**
Students who read for at least 20-30 minutes an evening, without distractions, perform better academically and show greater rates of literacy than students who do not read or who read for shorter amounts of time.
- 4 LIMITED SCREEN TIME**
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From your Literacy Coach:



All students in grades 1-5 have begun their ELA instruction through focusing on many exciting topics:

- **First Grade** has studied fiction through learning about Fairy Tales and nonfiction through learning about the systems in the human body, the first-grade students will be beginning their units on tales from around the world. **Second Grade** has wrapped up their units on Asian Civilizations and Folktales and Fairy Tales, they are beginning their unit studying **Greek Civilizations and Greek Myths**. In **third grade** students have completed their first fiction and nonfiction units and are beginning another **nonfiction unit focusing on the human body**. Fourth and fifth grade students have been fine tuning their skills in reading nonfiction, identifying the central idea and details from a text. The **fourth-grade** students' **unit on the Middle Ages** and the **fifth-grade** students on **Ancient Civilizations** has all students engaged in an exciting time periods in history.

All HHIE students should have an Otters Read folder and be bringing home books to read each night. The benefit of daily reading is shown in language development, vocabulary, and academic performance throughout a child's lifetime.



Congratulations to our August & September character education winners!



August - Friendship & Kindness

1st Grade: Opal Hinchey (Sturman)
2nd Grade: Lilian Alarcon (Urys)
3rd Grade: Aitana Castro- Adame (Quigley)
4th Grade: Will Tatum (Gallagher)
5th Grade: Matthew Metropolis (Lomasney)

September - Acceptance

1st Grade: Isaiah Zeigler (Andrews)
2nd Grade: Mia Bailey (Blink)
3rd Grade: James Rodriguez (Shriver)
4th Grade: Amairany Hernandez (Gallagher)
5th Grade: Damaris Johnson (Conway)

Student Council is up and running! They are currently taking ACTION by recycling each Tuesday and raising and lowering the flags every morning. They are currently working with their classmates to find ways to help the communities affected by Hurricane Helene.

President, Nico Clark; Vice President, Alex Vargas;
Secretary, Charlotte Paine and Treasurer, RD Hummel.



What a wonderful first quarter we have had with your children in Physical Education class! Please remind them to wear tennis shoes/sneakers on designated PE days.

Currently our 5th grade students are working on their personal goals through 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 each day!

The Active Gamecocks program is returning! Keep an eye out for a physical activity log coming home with your student soon. Active Gamecocks encourages students to keep a log of all physical activity done outside of the classroom over a two-week time period. The goal we've set this year for students is to complete a total of 400 minutes of physical activity, or an average of 30 minutes a day, outside of the classroom throughout the two weeks. Every student that reaches the 400-minute goal will receive a voucher for two tickets (one student, one guardian) to one Gamecock men's basketball game and one Gamecock women's basketball game!!

Mrs. Davis & Mr. Murphy



ML second graders shared information about themselves and wrote personal narratives using transition words. In our reading classes, they explored a variety of stories and vocabulary words. The students learned how to understand main idea, retell the plot, and make predictions. They had fun and have learned a lot!



Our first ML Morning Chat with the parents of our multilingual learners was a success. Our next chat is scheduled for January 16th at 7:15am.



WAYS TO VOLUNTEER FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival Event – Please consider volunteering an hour of your time on October 25th to help ensure our Fall Festival is a success! Click the link below to see all the different ways to help!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACA92DA3FCC34-52035738-fall>

Haunted House – Ms. Ashton also needs help with her Haunted House for Fall Festival! She is looking for people to help with set up, decorating, and participating the night of October 25th from 5-7. There are opportunities all week long (Oct 21st-25th 3:45-5:30) leading up to the event. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated! Feel free to share with any high school students that may need service hours. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EA8AE2DAAFF2-51951398-haunted#/>

Community Partners – We would love to have you join us for our upcoming Fall Festival, October 25th from 5-7pm. We are looking for a variety of organizations/businesses to host a table in our yellow gym where students can trick or treat. The table would need to be decorated and each organization/business would bring their own candy to pass out. If you want to dress up in costume that would be even more fun, but no pressure! Please feel free to bring your signage and any flyers or information you would like to share with our families. Please let us know if you want to participate by October 14th. michele.dewan@beaufort.k12.sc.us

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