

OTTER NEWS

The official newsletter of Hilton Head Island Elementary

Quarter 03

Dear Families,

As we conclude the third quarter and embark on the fourth, we want to highlight some important upcoming events. Spring i Ready testing will take place the first two weeks of April for Grades 3-5 and mid-May for Grades 1-2. SC Ready State testing will take place the first two weeks of May for Grades 3-5. We encourage all students to remain focused and prepared these last 9 weeks of school. Attendance continues to be crucial, as consistent participation helps reinforce learning and ensures that students are fully equipped for success. Additionally, we are busy planning end-of-year events that celebrate our students' achievements and growth throughout the year. We will keep you informed with all relevant details as we approach these exciting occasions. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child stay engaged and motivated!

Mrs. Brockway

Important Dates

April 1 & 2	ELA iReady Testing	April 14- 18	Spring Break - No School
April 2 & 4	1st Grade to Mitchellville	April 24	5th Grade Exhibition 8-10am
April 4 & 5	Wizard of Oz Musical 6pm/2pm	April 25	Progress Reports Sent Home
April 8 & 9	Math iReady Testing	April 30	Wellness Wednesday
April 7	Author Jerry Pallotta Visit	May 8	MLP Parent Chat 7:15am
April 10 & 11	2nd Grade to Mitchellville	May 15	Arts Night 5-7pm

SCHOOL CALENDAR

APRIL 2025							MAY 2025						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

	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



PTO Meeting
5/1/25 1:30pm



SIC Meeting
4/29/25 5pm
Special Guest
& Summer Safety

Please remember to use these emails for absence notes & transportation changes:

hhiesattendance@beaufort.k12.sc.us

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Notes from Mrs. Ryman Assistant Principal

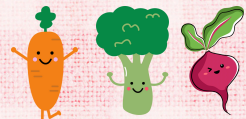
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Field Trips-MTSS-Wellness-Carline

YELLOW CAR LINE REMINDERS



Please have students ready to exit the car when it stops in the unloading zone (have backpack on, computer in hand, etc.). Exiting quickly will allow all students to arrive on time.

WELLNESS CHALLENGE -EAT THE RAINBOW



During 4th quarter, try to incorporate as many new fruits and vegetables as possible with our Eat the Rainbow Challenge. Try to eat a fruit or vegetable in every color of the rainbow.

FIELD TRIPS



We've had several field trips during third quarter and more to come in the fourth quarter. Fifth grade enjoyed a trip to the Mighty Eighth Museum. Fourth grade had fun at The Savannah Children's Theater. Third grade saw a performance at The Arts Center. Second grade, fourth grade, and GT Arts students experienced a Snow White Dance Performance at The Seahawk Cultural Center.

VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL



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

IREADY & SCREADY TESTING DATES

April 1 - iReady Reading 3rd-5th	May 6 - SCReady Reading 3rd-5th	May 14 - SCReady Science 4th only
April 2 - iReady Reading 3rd-5th	May 7 - SCReady Reading 3rd-5th	May 14 - iReady Reading 1st-2nd
April 8 - iReady Math 3rd-5th	May 9 - SCReady Writing 3rd-5th	May 15 - iReady Reading 1st-2nd
April 9 - iReady Math 3rd-5th	May 13 - SCready Math 3rd-5th	May 19 - iRready Math 1st-2nd
		May 20- iReady Math 1st-2nd



IMPORTANT TESTING PREPARATION

Getting a good night's rest, eating a healthy breakfast, and taking your time during tests are all essential for success. A full night of sleep helps your brain stay alert and focused, while a nutritious meal gives you the energy needed to perform your best. Taking your time during a test allows you to think clearly, read questions carefully, and give thoughtful answers. By taking care of your body and mind, you set yourself up for success and confidence during any test!

BUSES

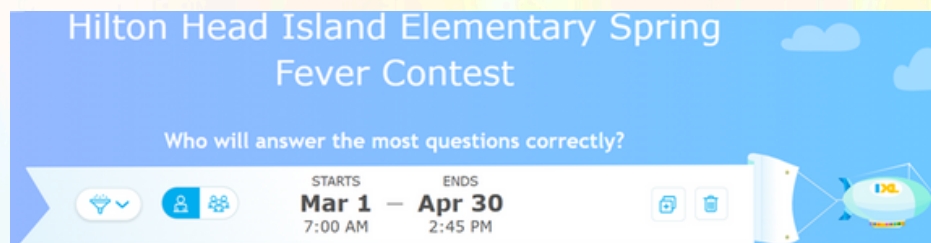
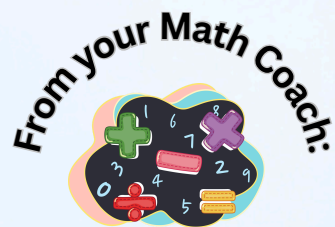


- Parents, to ensure a safe ride home for all please remind your children of the following expectations on the bus:
- 1) Sitting at all times.
 - 2) Hands and feet to self.
 - 3) Voice level 2- No yelling.

TECHNOLOGY



- It is so important for students to protect their device at all times.
- When not in use, it should always be kept in the provided computer bag.
- Food and drink should never be near the device.



HHIE is hosting an iXL Spring Fever Contest from March 1-April 30!

There are two ways to win:

- **Class Reward:** The classroom that answers the most questions correctly at each grade level will win a pizza party!
- **Individual Reward:** The top 15 overall students will join Ms. Bell for a pizza party in early May!

Rules:

- All students in grades 3-5 can participate.
- Students should be working on questions at or close to their individual grade levels.
- Students can work on iXL during school or at home.

Ms. Bell is providing weekly updates on our top students and classrooms, so encourage your students to go the extra mile!



Tuesdays and Thursdays Otters on the Rise Tutoring Program

Our in-school tutoring program has been a tremendous success so far, helping students strengthen their reading and math skills. With one more full month to go before the program ends on May 1, it's crucial for students to attend every session.

Consistent participation is key to their continued progress and success. By staying committed and engaging fully in the tutoring sessions, students will build a solid foundation for their academic growth. Let's finish strong and make the most of this valuable opportunity!

Reading at home is a powerful way to support your child's growth and help them prepare for upcoming tests. By reading regularly, students build vocabulary, improve comprehension, and strengthen their critical thinking skills. This practice not only boosts their confidence but also gives them the tools they need to succeed in assessments. Encouraging reading at home helps create a strong foundation for academic success, ensuring students are ready to tackle any challenge that comes their way.



You're Invited to

EXHIBITION

April 24th 8:00-9:00am

Our 5th Graders are beginning to work on their end of year exhibition projects. Exhibition is an essential component to the International Baccalaureate Program. It provides students with an opportunity to engage in in-depth inquiry while exploring multiple perspectives and demonstrate their understanding of their previous years at HHIE.

Congratulations to our January & February character education winners!

January - Perseverance

1st Grade: Matias Suarez Castro (Andreo)
2nd Grade: Alesa Lockhart (Blink)
3rd Grade: Liz Arnold (Rooney)
4th Grade: Dylan Sonny (Gallagher)
5th Grade: Ezra Bullen (Harshman/ Yin)

February - Honesty & Integrity

1st Grade: Rora Barron (Vahey)
2nd Grade: Mateo Hernandez-Miller (Urys)
3rd Grade: Sloane Gartner (Wommack)
4th Grade: Zyanna Hargrove (Birth)
5th Grade: Rock Reklau (Thompson)



Ms. Cramer's Music Specials

In music class, we love to collaborate! After most lessons, students enjoy using their center time to explore various instruments and create music together.

It's always exciting to see their creativity flow as they experiment with different sounds and rhythms. Whether it's composing original pieces, improvising, or playing alongside their peers, the students are constantly engaging with music in fun and meaningful ways.

They also take pride in performing for one another, sharing their compositions, and celebrating each other's musical achievements. It's a wonderful environment where teamwork, creativity, and self-expression thrive!



Ms. Jaquiss' Art Specials

Greetings from the art room!

Our artistic otters have been busy creating amazing pieces, from salt paintings and color-mixing activities to clay sculptures, with many works displayed in the hallways.

Some students have also participated in district art contests, including River of Words and Promising Picassos. Our River of Words winners are currently showcased at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina and have been published in the ROW book. GO OTTERS!

In May, we'll hold our second art pre-order fundraiser, offering framed student artwork for \$20 to support the arts program at HHIE. Look out for a flyer with ordering details soon!



TO

ENGLISH



Ms. Sprunger's 5th Grade Multi Language Learners completed ACCESS testing, visited the Mighty Eight Museum, and celebrated at International Night.

They wrapped up studies on the Renaissance and Reformation, exploring artists like Michelangelo and da Vinci, as well as scientists such as Galileo and Copernicus. Simultaneously, they've been learning about space and patterns in our solar system.

Currently, they're studying the Cold War and Native Americans while finishing their solar system unit.

All year, they've been honing their argumentative essay writing skills and reading nonfiction texts to support their arguments. This will prepare them for middle school, where they'll continue developing these skills.

They're also working on their Exhibition Projects and look forward to sharing them in April!



Ms. Krimm's 4th Grade Multi Language Learners recently researched different countries and showcased their findings with a beautiful collage for our school's International Night. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the diverse cultures represented in our community.

We also had a rock-solid time studying Geology! The students painted rocks to deepen their understanding of the subject. We made sure to manage our time efficiently by taking 15-minute breaks for drying and painting, ensuring the activity was both fun and focused.

Once the rocks were painted, we moved on to interactive learning by using Wordwall pages to play games that helped reinforce the Geology vocabulary they need to know. 4th grade truly ROCKS with hands-on, engaging activities that make learning meaningful!