



# THE BEACON BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTING THE GREAT THINGS HAPPENING IN HCS



## Celebrating the Small Wins

Welcome to a new edition of *The Beacon Bulletin*, where we continue to shine a light on the meaningful work taking place across Halifax County Schools. This week, I want to highlight a word that quietly shapes success across our district: grit. Grit is more than perseverance. It is the courage to keep going when the work is hard, the patience to stay committed when progress feels slow, and the belief that challenges are not roadblocks—but opportunities to grow.

Every day, I see grit in action across our schools. I see it in students who show up ready to learn even when the material is challenging. I see it in educators who continuously adapt instruction to meet the needs of every learner. I see it in school leaders and staff who problem-solve, collaborate, and remain focused on doing what is best for students—no matter the obstacles.

Grit does not mean working without support. It means leaning into teamwork, seeking solutions, and remaining steadfast in our shared mission. As a district, our strength lies not only in our plans and priorities, but in our collective determination to see them through.

## Kindergarten Scholars Lead the Way in Discussion

Mrs. Jefferson's Kindergarten class at Aurelian Springs Institute of Global Learning recently held a Socratic seminar, a student-led discussion where scholars shared their thoughts about the books they read during the fall semester. Sitting in a circle, students took turns expressing ideas, listening carefully to their peers, and using simple sentence starters to communicate their opinions. Our youngest learners are gaining confidence in sharing ideas and learning from one another.



## Deep Diving Into Biology Concepts

Our Biology students at Halifax County Early College participated in a hands-on learning experience by creating simple DNA models using everyday materials. Building the models allowed students to visualize and better understand complex scientific concepts. Hands-on learning continues to boost engagement, deepen understanding, and spark curiosity. Great work, Spartans!

## Exploring Habitats At Home

Our 1st grade scholars at Hollister Elementary Leadership Academy in Mrs. Colipano's class did a wonderful job on their Animal Habitat Projects! As a Winter Break family project, students partnered with their families to explore different habitats and learn facts about the animals that call them home. This experience encouraged creativity, curiosity, and learning beyond the classroom. We are proud of the hard work shown by our scholars and their families. Great job, scholars and families!



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