

## HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

# Gator Happenings

Week of: 1/9/2017

### Vision

Hampton County School District 2 will become a *world-class* rural school district. Demonstrating our **BEST**.

Behave Responsibly

Exceed Expectations

Scholarship First

Team work always!

### Mission

The mission of Hampton County School District 2 is to provide a rigorous, personalized environment of academic excellence that prepares Each child, Each Day and in Every classroom to be **college/career** and **citizen ready** with no excuses.

Martin L. Wright, Superintendent

#### Estill Elementary School

Julia Lee, Principal

#### Estill Middle/High School

Kamar Lee, Principal

#### EES Points of Celebrations

##### Staff and Students of the Month of December:

**Certified Staff of the Month:** Mrs. Shrona Taylor

**Classified Staff of the Month:** Mrs. Valerie Brantley

##### Students of the Month:

- Kindergarten – Elijah White
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Semaji Hawkins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Jada Albright
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade– Keyshawn Williams
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Dajhandra Newton
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Amaayah Gordon

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Monday, January 16, 2017

- Martin Luther King Holiday, No School

##### Monday, January 23, 2017

- SIC Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ EES Cafeteria

##### Thursday, January 26, 2017

- ½ Day of school for students. Dismal will begin at 11:30 am
- Report card distribution will begin at 2:00 pm

##### Friday, January 27, 2017

- Professional Learning for teachers - No School for Students

**Note:** Parents, we have a surplus of coats that have been left over a period of time. Beginning January 11, 2017, we will display these items in our parent /family coordinator office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and every other Fridays. This process will continue until March 11, 2017 on those days.

#### It's Exam Time.....

How Kids Study for a Test is Important Too

1. **Do a "brain dump".** When your child starts a test, encourage him to immediately write in the test margins or on scratch paper any key formulas, dates, or lists he's worried about forgetting. Unleashing these details on paper frees up his brain to focus on the test, says Laurie Rozakis, Ph.D., Farmingdale, N Y, author of *Super Study Skills*. The info also helps later if your child blanks out on key facts.
2. **Scan and skip.** Coach your child to look over the whole test, then start with questions he's sure of -- no matter where they fall on the test. Answering familiar questions first will boost his confidence and save time for tougher questions to come.
3. **Manage multiple choice.** In general, if your child has four multiple-choice answers from which to choose, he should be able to eliminate two options right away, says Richard Bavaria, Ph.D., of Sylvan Learning Centers. Then he can choose his final answer from the two remaining options.
4. **Review and regroup.** After a big test -- particularly if your child didn't do as well as expected -- review it together. Did he misread the directions? Forget to study an entire section? Get tired toward the end? Ask your child's teacher for clues, too. "Most teachers are more than happy to look over tests," says Geisen.
5. **Create a "You did it!" tradition.** The evening after a big test, go for a bike ride or let him stay up an extra 30 minutes at bed-time -- whatever he considers a treat. "This isn't connected to his grade," says Rozakis. "It's about congratulating your child for making it through a tough task, and giving him a positive feeling about future tests."

#### Tutorial Services

There is tutoring available in all subject areas on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Teachers are also available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays if needed by appointment only.

## EES Expectations:

**Student Attendance** – Instruction at Estill Elementary School is priority # 1. Be reminded that teaching and learning begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm. Students are tardy at 8:01 am. It is important that students get to school on time each day. We are asking parents for your help in this area.

**Parental Identification:** All parents or legal guardians who pick-up their child or children before 2:00 pm will need to have a form of identification such as: driver's license, state issued id, etc.

**Early Check-Out** - Early check-outs are not permitted after 2:00 pm. If you would like to request a transportation change from bus rider to car rider, please call the main office before 2:00 pm to make your request.

**Dismissal Time:** Bus Riders: 3:00 pm  
Car Pick-up: 3:15 pm.

## School Board Recognition Month in Hampton 2

Hampton County School District 2 will join school districts throughout the state and nation to celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January. The theme "School Boards Stand Up 4 SC Public Schools" recognizes the important roles school boards play in promoting and advocating for quality education. School board members are elected/appointed by the people in the Hampton 2 communities to represent their voice and to ensure the success of schools and students. As a part of School Board Recognition Month, Hampton County School District 2 board members will participate in an official signing of the South Carolina School Board Member Ethical Principles during their January school board meeting. By signing the principles, school board members publicly vowed to uphold effective governance principles and pledged to improve public education in their community.

Please join us as we salute the valuable contributions of our school board members to include:

- Mrs. Mary Ann Atkins
- Mr. Earl Choice
- Mr. John Gordon
- Mrs. Jacqueline Hopkins
- Mr. Thomas Owens

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has."*

—Margaret Meade

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Exam Schedule

#### Estill Middle School

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday, January 9, 2017     | ELA                               |
| Tuesday, January 10, 2017   | Social Studies                    |
| Wednesday, January 11, 2017 | Math                              |
| Thursday, January 12, 2017  | Science                           |
| Friday, January 13, 2017    | Related Arts                      |
| Tuesday, January 17, 2017   | Make-up ELA/Social Studies        |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2017 | Make-up Math/Science/Related Arts |

#### Estill High School

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Monday, January 9, 2017     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Block                           |
| Tuesday, January 10, 2017   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block                           |
| Wednesday, January 11, 2017 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Block                           |
| Thursday, January 12, 2017  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Block                           |
| Friday, January 13, 2017    | Make-up 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Block |
| Tuesday, January 17, 2017   | Make-up 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Block |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2017 | Biology EOC (1 <sup>st</sup> Block Only)        |
| Thursday, January 19, 2017  | Make-up   |

### Upcoming Athletic Events

#### Basketball



#### Estill Middle School

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| January 12 | Barnwell | Home | 5:00 pm |
| January 19 | Bamberg  | Away | 5:00 pm |

#### Estill High School

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| January 10 | Hunter-Kinard-Tyler   | Home | 6:30 pm |
| January 13 | Wagener-Salley        | Away | 6:30 pm |
| January 14 | Ridgeland-Hardeeville | Away | 6:30 pm |