

# HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

## Gator Happenings

Week of: 10/31/2016

### 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

##### September 2016

- **Certified Staff of the Month:** Mrs. Debra Jarrell (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher)
- **Classified Staff of the Month:** Ms. Denise Martinez (School Secretary).
- **Students of the Month:**
  - Mariyah Fields (Kindergarten)
  - Sharrica Hutchinson (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
  - Givontae Bryant (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)
  - Cassidy Brooks (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - Kennedy White (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

##### October 2016

- **Certified Staff of the Month:** Mrs. Marilyn Ling (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher)
- **Classified Staff of the Month:** Mrs. Brittany Sanders (4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Paraprofessional)
- **Students of the Month:**
  - Destiny Scott (K),
  - Damien Priester (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)
  - Alexandria Gutierrez (3<sup>rd</sup> Grader)
  - Jordan Taylor (4<sup>th</sup> Grader)
  - Kaniya Singleton (5<sup>th</sup> Grader)

*All **staff** recipients will receive a framed certificate, photograph displayed in the hallway and lunch by Principal Lee.*

*All **student** recipients will receive a framed certificate, photograph displayed in the hallway and PBIS store item of their choice.*

**Board of Education** - Board of Trustee meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Board of Education Room District Office.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### HOMECOMING “RELOADED” 2016

Listed below are the homecoming week activities for students and staff at Estill High and Estill Middle School.

##### Monday, October 31, 2016

- **Pink & Purple Crush**  
Students and staff can dress in their purple and/or pink attire to acknowledge all whom have been faced with Breast Cancer, Domestic Violence, or Alzheimer’s.

##### Tuesday, November 1, 2016

- **Twin/Triplet Day**  
Find your friends, crew, or “bae” and dress alike to display unity within our learning community.

##### Wednesday, November 2, 2016

- **Hawaiian Day**  
Students and staff will wear leis, floral shirts, or neon colors to show honor, respect, and congratulatory spirit to our learning community for becoming a nationally accredited school by AdvancEd. *AdvancED is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of Pre-K-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential.*

##### Thursday, November 3, 2016

- **Throwback Thursday**  
Staff and students will bring back the afros, afro puffs, bell-bottoms, or any style from any decade of the past. Join us for our annual Bonfire to be held at 7:00 p.m. in front of Estill High School’s gymnasium.

##### Friday, November 4, 2016

- **Advisory**  
Advisory is time designed to allow teachers to meet with small groups of students for the purpose of advising them on issues in the areas of academic, social, or future-planning. This will take place during homeroom.

**Honor Roll Assembly** – Estill Elementary School will honor our students' academic achievement on November 3, 2016 at 9:00 am for K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and 11:00 am for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We look forward to seeing our parents and community members in attendance for the celebration of our students' academic success

**Beautification Project** - Estill Elementary School is sponsoring a beautification community project. We are soliciting the assistances of our parents and community members as we paint our trailer doors, railing, porches, etc. Come on out and contribute your **BEST** to our campus beautification project on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided

**Election Day** - Tuesday, November 8, 2016 is election day and there will be no school for students. We encourage all to get out and vote. Your vote does matter.

**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 to for your help in the area.

**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.

**Parental Identification:** Effective immediately 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.

- **Spirit Day**  
Students are asked to show school spirit by wearing your class shirt.  
Pep Rally to be held in the gymnasium starting at 1:30 pm. We will have the dance off and freestyle contest during the pep rally.

**Monday, November 7, 2016**

- **PBIS Field Trip**  
Positive behavioral interventions and supports (**PBIS**) is a program in which our school adopted to increase positive school culture and encourages our students' **BEST** behavior. All students who meet the behavioral expectation of the PBIS rubric will qualify for the quarterly incentive trip to Dave-N-Busters.
- **College Tour** - A group of Estill Middle/High School students will be traveling to Greenville, SC to participate in a college tour of Greenville Technical College and the University of South Carolina Upstate.
- **School Improvement Council** – Parents are invited to attend our monthly SIC meeting at 6:00 pm on the campus of Estill High School in the media center.

**Thursday, November 10, 2016**

- **Senior Picture Day**

**Friday, November 11, 2016**

- **ASVAB**  
The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** is a multiple choice **test**, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. This test is given twice a year to our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Student Attendance** - Increasing student achievement is our main goal at Estill Middle/High School. Our instructional day begins at 8:30 am (EHS)/ 8:15 am (EMS) and ends at 3:30 pm. Students are tardy at 8:31 am (EHS)/ 8:16 am (EMS). We are asking parents to help in getting your child to school on time as we attempt to protect all instructional time.

**Parent/Guardian Reminder:** All parents or legal guardians who pick-up their child or children will need to have a form of identification such as: driver's license, state issued id, etc.

**Estill High School's 2016 Wall of Fame Honorees of the Week:**

**Apostle Herbert Lenell Brown**

**Religion  
Class of 1980**



Herbert Lenell Brown, a servant of God, is the son of Rosa Lee Brown. He is married to Mrs. Debbie E. (O'Banner) Brown and they have one son (Rasnee L. Brown). He is a 1980 graduate of Estill High School. During his 4 years at Estill High, he Lettered in the following sports: Football, Basketball and Baseball. He was also recognized as an All-Conference Athlete in football for two years.

Apostle Brown is the Founder and Overseer of Greater Faith International Ministries of Varnville, SC. He has been serving as Pastor for 17 years. He presently serves as Senior Chaplain of the Hampton County Detention Center and as a volunteer at several of the South Carolina Department of Correction Facilities. His work in Ministry includes Coach of **DMZ** (Disciplined Men's Zone) and Spiritual Leader of two monthly classes designed to develop and grow individuals: **Marriage Is Honorable** and **Ecclesiastical Leadership Training**.

Dr. Brown has been trained and has many years of experience in Pastoral Counseling, Crisis Management, Pre-marital Counseling and mentoring youths. He is a graduate of Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta Georgia and was awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Pastoral Ministries from Central Christian University, Columbia, SC.

**Mary Jane Wilson- Bryant**

**Published Author**

**Class of 1980**



**Mary Jane (Wilson) Bryant** graduated from Estill High School in 1980. Accomplishments during her time at EHS includes being President of the TAPPS Club, Vice President of the Senior Class, honor roll recipient, Editor-in-chief of the Gator Gazette, Who's Who Among High School Students, FHA member, member of the Student Government and Marshall at 1979 Prom and Graduation.

She attended Midlands Technical College and Benedict College. Columbia, South Carolina. She graduated Cum Laude from Midlands Technical College with Associate in Business in Office Systems Technology. She was on the Scholars and Honor List.

Mary is a published author with Kingdom Builders Publications, LLC in Columbia, South Carolina. She writes and publishes inspirational and children's books. She is the author of Prayers, Poems, and Precious Moments; I Recommend Jesus; and Marquis Finds a Friend. In addition to being an author at Kingdom Builders Publications, she is also a book consultant and editor.

Mary is the daughter of Ella H. Wilson and the late Willie R. Wilson. She currently resides in Columbia, South Carolina with her husband Michael Bryant of 33 years. They have three children: Michael, Jr., Megan, and Marquis Bryant along with one granddaughter, Michaela.