

## HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

# Gator Happenings

Week of: 12/12/2016

### 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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Monday, December 12, 2016

- SIC Meeting @ 6:00 pm In EES Cafeteria.

##### Tuesday, December 13, 2016

- Board of Trustee Meeting @ 7:00 pm in the Board of Education Room District Office.

##### Wednesday, December 14, 2016

- PTA @ 6:30 pm in the District Auditorium
- Music Department's Winter Concert @ 7:00 pm in the District Auditorium

##### Friday, December 16, 2016

- Winter Bash (All Day) - Activities will include:
  - Decoration of cookies for \$1.00
  - Holiday picture \$3.00
  - Dress down \$2.00
  - Movie \$1.00
  - *Total cost for all activities: \$7.00*

##### Monday, December 19, 2016

- Inclement Weather Make-up Date: Report to School.

##### Tuesday, December 20 – Monday, January 2, 2017

- Winter Break

##### Tuesday, January 3, 2017

- Return to School

#### 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.

#### Character Trait of the Month: December 2016

**Caring:** Showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others and being a kind, supportive helper.

As we embark upon this holiday season, take time to show your loved ones how much you truly CARE. Remember, this is a season of giving.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Monday, December 12, 2016

- SIC Meeting @ 6 pm

##### Tuesday, December 13, 2016

- School Board Meeting @ 7 pm

##### Thursday, December 15, 2016

- Cookies for Cops at EHS Gymnasium 9 am-12 pm

The **"Cookies for Cops"** program is an open-forum where students and community alike are able to ask questions and comment on the current situation(s) plaguing the minority communities concerning the involvement of law enforcement.

- **EM/HS Literacy Night at Estill Middle School @ 6pm**

Family Literacy Night is designed to give parents at-home strategies that will help their children to be better readers and writers.

- EMHS Movie Night @ Estill Middle School Gym  
6:00-8:00 pm (Additional Movie from 8:00-9:30 pm for Middle and High School Students)

##### Friday, December 16, 2016

- EM/HS will host PBIS/Pep Rally/Awards Celebration at 2:00 pm
- Recognition of 2015 Boys (4X100M) State Championship Track Team in between boys and girls varsity basketball games.

##### Monday, December 19, 2016

- Last Day of School before the Christmas Holidays (Make-up School Day #2 due to Severe Weather)

##### Tuesday, December 20, 2016 – Monday, January 2, 2017

- Winter Break (Happy Holidays)

##### Tuesday, January 3, 2017

- Staff and Students Return

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



**December 19, 2016 and January 3, 2017** are upcoming make-up school day for students.

Hampton County School District 2 is in pursuit of becoming a world-class rural district. The district has established 5 strategic goals to navigate our pursuit. The goals are as follows:

- Goal 1: Increase Student Achievement
- Goal 2: Promote Safety
- Goal 3: Cultivate Engagement
- Goal 4: Improve Human Capital
- Goal 5: Improve Fiscal Management and Accountability

To learn more information about our 5-year strategic plan, visit us at

[www.hampton2.k12.sc.us/about\\_us/district\\_strategic\\_plan](http://www.hampton2.k12.sc.us/about_us/district_strategic_plan).

**Policy Review:** Hampton County School District 2 is seeking public input on the revisions of BOE Policy Section I. Please visit our district website to participate in the survey. You can find us at [www.hampton2.k12.sc.us](http://www.hampton2.k12.sc.us).

#### **Hampton County School District 2 Announces Oath to Office**

**Ceremony:** The public is invited to the district's Oath of Office Ceremony for newly elected Board of Trustee Members Mary Ann Atkins, Earl Choice and Thomas Owens. The Oath of Office Ceremony will take place on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the District Board of Education room 635 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Estill, SC 29918. Judge Loretta Beckett will be the presiding officer for the ceremony.

#### **Upcoming Athletic Events**

##### **Basketball**



##### **Estill High School**

<b>December 13</b>	<b>Williston</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Ridge Spring</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Hampton</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>