

Hawk Headlines

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Principal's Report

Happy New Year!!! I hope each of you enjoyed both the holiday break and snow break with your family and friends. The snow was certainly unexpected; however, we are back in the swing of things and happy about it.

January and February are mid-year assessment months across the city. You may notice your children coming home and telling you about the difference assessments they've taken. Be sure to congratulate them on the progress they've made because they have been working very hard!

Boosterthon kicks off next Tuesday with our pep rally and will end with our Fun

Run on the February 10th. Our theme this year is Backyard Box Office! Parents are invited to cheer their children on during the run. The schedule is as follows:

Times	Grade(s)
8:05-8:35	PreK
8:45-9:40	3 rd
9:50-10:45	KA & 2 ND
10:55-11:50	4 TH
12:00-12:55	5 TH
1:05-2:00	KP & 1 ST

We are hoping to have enough support to purchase 30 more ipads for our school. Our students have truly benefited from having the ipads embedded in their instruction.

Due to the snow, CPS has created a make-up schedule for the days missed. The schedule is as follows:

- 01/27/17~ full day (originally half day for elementary schools)
- 01/30/17-01/31/17~ full days (originally Teacher Workdays)
- 02/01/17~ Teacher Workday (originally regular school day)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns or if you want to brag about something that is going really well here.

Mrs. Pinello

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Reflections Winners ~ We are proud of you!

Please help me congratulate our Reflections winners for the 2016-2017 school year. We are proud of our participants, and especially our winners. This year's theme was What is Your Story?

Special Artist Winner~ 1st place in Photography: Paige M.

Primary level winners
Dance~ 2nd place:
Vivienne R.

Intermediate Level

Visual Arts~ 3rd place:
Lucia R.

Photography~ 3rd place:
Landon F.

Literature~ 2nd place:
Maureen K.





Citizen of the month ~ December

We are truly proud to recognize our citizens of the month for the month of December!

To become Citizen of the Month the student must exemplify good citizenship and work habits across the board.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for being selected as their classes' COM for December.

Banks (AM): Jacob L.

Banks (PM): Lane P.

Bailey (AM): Anthony M.

Bailey (PM): Evelyn-Rae Y.

Howell/ Frye: AJ B.

LaBouve: Cody C.

Brotzman/Hable: Noah G.

Moseley: Julia M.

McMillen/Reese: Madison M.

Flemming/Ownby: Trevor N.

Mills/Reese: Cole B.

Lachmansingh/Ownby: Scarlett R.

Jones: Daniela S.

Lee/Brandana: Daniel H.

Mann: Nate M.

Walker/ Holloway: Savannah S.

Brown: Annalese T.

Cornelison/Brandana: Cole M.

Smith/Holloway: Mya S.

January is Reading Month!

While we promote reading and literacy all year, there will be some special activities this month in honor of Reading Month. Students can complete 15 or more activities on the reading calendar, create their own "Reading" knock-knock jokes, participate with the daily literary riddles, wear

literacy themed clothing each Friday (look on your reading calendar for the themes), and of course all students and their families are highly encouraged to "Warm Up With Literacy" at Literacy Night on Thursday, January 26th. Come eat dinner, visit a virtual wax museum of book characters,

enjoy our Readers Theater while sipping hot cocoa and eating cookies, and even make a scarf. **All RSVP forms are due by Friday, January 20th.** Hope to see you there and Happy Reading!

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is wasted." ~ Aesop

2nd Grade Rocks

Second Grade is ringing in the new year with learning new skills in reading, math, writing and social studies! Our super readers are summarizing stories they have read by identifying characters, setting, problem and solutions. By reading a variety of books from their book boxes, Benchmark Literacy and Close Reading selections, our 2nd graders are developing into deep thinkers and writers about

what they read. The students have reviewed the basic addition and subtraction facts and are now ready to tackle adding with regrouping and subtracting with renaming. January is the perfect time to perfect those Thank You letters! Upon being back in school, the students were busy writing proper Thank You letters for that perfect holiday gift. Next, our Young Authors will be rhyming and show-

ing off their creative writing skills as they begin their Poetry Unit. To round out their busy days in 2nd grade, the students are learning about economic choice, resources, and bartering. This economic strategy is practiced each week in their classes as they choose to trade or save those warm fuzzies! The New Year is off to a great start! Nothing but the best, from the best in 2nd grade!

Fitness Focus ~ Operation Smile Mile and Mileage Club

Each year Hickory Elementary has an exciting opportunity to participate in the Operation Smile Shamrock Final Mile. This will be our 7th year as a school to participate! The goal of the final mile program is to have elementary students complete their own marathon, 26.2 miles, by running one mile at a time. Students will run or walk 25 miles during their recess time, during Fitness Club (after school), or outside of school over the next 3 months. On race day, March 18, 2017 the students have the opportunity to run the final mile of their marathon at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront with over 5000 other

elementary students. In order to participate students must register for the race. You can register your child on line at www.shamrockmarathon.com. The registration fee is \$20.00 through January 14, 2017, and will increase to \$25.00 after that. All participants receive a race t-shirt, goody bag, special medal, and certificate upon completion of the race. I look forward to race day when our Hickory Elementary Students gather together to complete "the final mile!"

Parents, are you concerned that your child may not be getting enough exercise during the day?

Did you know that your child can do Mileage Club during recess at our school? We have a quarter mile course set up for students to walk or run during recess. Our students earn foot charms for each 5 miles they complete. Any student finishing 25 miles this year will receive a HICKORY MILEAGE CLUB EXCLUSIVE ONE OF A KIND Tee-Shirt. Encourage your child to be active at least 60 minutes a day, cheer them on to do the Mileage Club during recess and earn a shirt!!!



Pajama Drive Results ~ Thank You!

Our second annual Pajama Drive was a great success thanks to your generous donations. As a school, we collected and donated 265 pairs of pajamas to the nationwide "Pajama Program." This means that Scholastic Books will also send 265 books to For Kids, the local organization that received our pajamas. We received a very nice thank you letter from the Virginia Chapter informing us that we were the largest Scholastic donation in Virginia this year.

It is very heartwarming to know that the generous spirit here at HES has been spread into our surrounding community to benefit many children by keeping them safe and warm.



Counselor's corner

Parents of 5th grade students: It's hard to believe, but it's already time to talk about and plan for middle school! In February, each 5th grade student will receive their own middle school "Green Book" that they will bring home. I generally do two 45-minute lessons with all 5th graders to walk them

through the basics of middle school and answer their questions. In addition, representatives from Hickory Middle School will come out to our school and discuss elective options. If, after receiving all the information from the middle school, you still have questions, please feel free to contact me at

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Don't forget to check in for monthly updates at the Counselor's Corner on our HES website!

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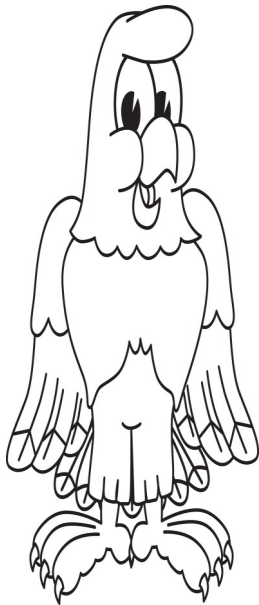
Mission Statement

Hickory Elementary School, in partnership with parents and community resources, strives to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all children where differentiated learning experiences enable the students to achieve high goals, develop critical thinking skills, contribute to society, and become life-long learners in the 21st Century.



PTA Posts

- Boosterthon is coming up! 1/31/17 will be our pep rally to launch this year's program. The fun run will be 2/10/17!
- We are looking for volunteers to help make signs and decorate the school!! Be on the lookout for an email!
- We are still looking for Boosterthon sponsors so if you know of a business that is interested email us at hickoryelementaryschoolpta@gmail.com!



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