



Calypso's News and Notes



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Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts
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Dear Parents and Students,

There is lots of good news to report this month! Fourth grade GT teacher, Sandy

Courtney, has been accepted to attend the 2017 Science P.L.U.S. Institute hosted at the Roper Science Center in Greenville this summer. The week-long training focuses on hands-on science activities to use in the classroom as well as developing a network of science colleagues from around South Carolina. We are excited for her and appreciate her giving a week of her summer vacation to attend the Institute.

From the size of the audiences, I know that many of you enjoyed our after-school theatre's performance of *Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr.* a few weeks ago. The large cast under the direction of theater teacher, Angelo Cerniglia and music director, Melinda Smith, provided the audience with an extremely entertaining program that was filled many of the songs that I remember watching on TV as a young girl!

I had the pleasure of recently attending this year's BCSD Elementary Honor Choir performance at HHIHS. Creative Arts music teacher, Melinda Smith, was a co-chair for this year's event. It was exciting to see Ms. Smith's original piece, "Circle Unbroken", performed for the first time by the 118-member student choir who did a wonderful job with the piece.

I also had the opportunity last night to attend the BCSD reception at the Port Royal Sound Maritime Center for the release of the seventh annual "River of Words" publication showcasing original artwork and poetry which was selected from all schools in Beaufort County. Fourteen of the 24 pieces which we were permitted to submit were selected for the book. It was an exciting event because for the second time a Creative Arts student's artwork was selected for the cover of the book. Fifth grade student Julianna Vega's watercolor of a pelican was the perfect choice for this year's cover. Thank you, also, to local artist, Alana Adams, who worked with all Creative Arts fifth grade students to create the water colors during an artist in education residency here at school. Enjoy Spring Break! Mrs. Keefner

Watch for Calypso's News and Notes, our monthly newsletter, sent home with students the last Friday of each month or check it on line at hhisca.beaufortschools.net

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o preocupación al respecto, favor de llamar a Sra. Angie Ricker al 342.4385.

News from PTO . . .

Thank you to those who supported PTO's *Give a Heart for the Arts* fundraiser! About \$17,000 has been raised. While that is lower than in years past, we are still excited about being able to add to our playground in addition to the many other things PTO does to help Creative Arts. Donations are always welcome and the Go Fund Me page is still active:

<https://www.gofundme.com/scaheart4arts>

April 24 - 28 will be Teacher Appreciation Week! Be on the lookout for a flyer with more details.

The next PTO meeting will be Thursday, April 6 at 8:00 am in the PTO room off of the cafeteria. If you know parents of rising 1st graders who will attend SCA in the fall, please invite them to attend our meeting. We'd like to welcome them to the SCA family.

There are a ton of winter coats and sweaters in the lost and found. They have been washed and hung on racks in the main hallway. Please stop by to look for lost items.

On Thursday April 6th and Friday April 7th, the 5th grade will hold a "Penny War" to raise money for their 5th grade celebration activities. A flyer has been sent home to parents.

Questions? Email us at hhiscap-ta@gmail.com. Enjoy Spring Break!

Tardy Car Riders

Since Winter Break, we have been averaging 40 tardy students each day. Tardiness greatly impacts the learning environment for all students. Effective immediately, any student who is not seated in their classroom by 7:45 will be given recess detention. There will be no exceptions. Please make every effort to drive your student to school on time or have them ride the bus. Thanks for your cooperation.

"Letting off STEAM"

April 7—Grade 1
12:45 PM—Gym

Reminder that all transportation changes MUST be in writing and sent to the front office by 1:00. Please do not leave transportation changes on voice mails or email changes to staff members.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please make note of our Fax Number—843-689-7455

Mark your Calendars!

State Testing

May 9-11-SC Ready-Grades 3-5
ELA/Math/Writing

May 16-17-SC PASS-Grades 4-5
Science/Social Studies

Please do not schedule appointments on these dates and make sure your student eats breakfast and is well rested.

No tardiness, please!!!!

Needed—Proctors for State Testing!

May 9-11

May 16-17

Any day that you can proctor would be greatly appreciated! Plan to report to the Media Center by 8:00 AM each morning and to be available for approximately three hours. Please contact Kathy Eways at 342-4104 or sign up at the front desk.

No School April 10-14—Spring Break