

Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the
Creative Arts
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November 18, 2020

Good Evening Creative Arts and Daufuskie Families,

As we enter our second grading quarter of the school year, there are many updates and changes currently underway. Beaufort County School District Superintendent, Dr. Rodriguez, announced on Friday, November 13, 2020 that the district will be transitioning from the hybrid model to five days a week of instruction beginning January 4, 2021. Per a parent correspondence sent via Bright Arrow from the district office on 11/13/2020, this means the following:

- If your child is currently a **hybrid** student, they will commence going to school five days a week on January 4th.
- If your child is currently a **virtual** student and you wish them to remain virtual, you don't need to do anything.

Additionally, per the information sent to parents last week, there will not be any instructional mode changes allowed for the first semester, as a general rule. If you would like to change your student's instructional preference for the second semester, which begins on February 2, 2021, you may make this request to the school **during the current window of November 16th through November 24th, 2020**. If you are interested in this option, please be certain to enter your request by the stated deadline of November 24, 2020. You may do so by placing your specific request in writing via email to me at pamela.lucas@beaufort.k12.sc.us, or to our school Data Specialist, Nilo Rosado, at nilos.rosado@beaufort.k12.sc.us. We continue to track all requests received during this allotted window of time and will be in touch with those parents who submit inquiries regarding the outcome. In the timeframe between now and January 4th, school staff members are diligently working to prepare for the return of our hybrid students for five days of in-person instruction.

Please remember that the 1st grading quarter ended November 10, 2020. Student report cards will go home beginning this Friday, November 20th. Distribution procedures for report cards are as follows:

- Hybrid learners on the BB rotation will receive report card hardcopies to bring home on Friday, November 20, 2020.
- Hybrid learners on the AA rotation will receive report card hardcopies to bring home on Monday, November 23, 2020.
- Fully virtual learners will be mailed report card hardcopies on Monday, November 23, 2020 from the school office.

Please find attached to this correspondence the 2020-2021 HHIESCA/Daufuskie Grading Practices. Report cards envelopes will also contain other important enclosures for parent review, and in some instances that require signature. Parents and guardians, it is of utmost importance that you maintain on

file in our office updated records of your contact information. We use this information to provide electronic correspondences to you, as well as any mailings that are issued from the school.

In addition to our grade level and classroom teachers at Creative Arts, we have a fantastic team of academic interventionists that support our students as needed in the areas of Reading, Mathematics, Speech and Language, academic Resource services, and ESOL. If your child receives instruction from these teachers, it is very important that they regularly attend scheduled classes at the designated times, including on remote learning days. Your child's classroom teacher has communicated this scheduling information with you, and links are posted in Seesaw and/or Google Classroom for student and parent/guardian reference during remote learning. Please reinforce with the children the importance of their attendance to these sessions as the learning they receive therein enhances their overall performance in the educational environment.

We have received inquiries from parents regarding mask breaks during outdoor recess timeframes. Mask breaks are permissible, so long as the students are outdoors with their own class, maintain at least six (6) feet of social distance from all others during the mask break, and are not exercising or respiring heavily. Students are not required to participate in mask breaks and may certainly opt to wear masks if they are more comfortable doing so during the break activities. Masks must always be worn indoors by students and staff, and during any transition activities on the campus in which more than one classroom of students is represented in a given space (i.e., arrival and dismissal). Please talk with your student regarding this information and emphasize to them that if they are taking a mask break while outdoors with their own class, they must follow the protocols described above, and adhere to the directions of supervising staff.

Thank you to each family for your continued commitment to providing a safe, engaging, rigorous, and arts-infused learning environment to all children of our school community. We always welcome your feedback. Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 843-342-4380.

Best Regards,

Nikki Lucas

Principal, HHIESCA/Daufuskie