



Calypso's News and Notes

Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts

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February 2021

Dear Creative Arts and Daufuskie Parents,

It is a continued joy to work alongside of you and serve this phenomenal community of staff, students, and families! As we enter a new month there are some very exciting things happening at HHIESCA. As an Arts school with a vision of providing rigorous, engaging, and diverse educational experiences to all children, we are excited to partner with the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina in hosting the 2021 Hilton Head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts Gullah Festival during the week of February 22, 2021. Throughout this week, the students and staff will participate in school-based activities, both virtual and in-person, that further teach and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Gullah people and their history in our local community. Parents are encouraged to look for more information regarding this week of instruction as it specifically pertains to grade level activities, as well as opportunities for learning outside of the school and throughout the community.

February is also the month of Valentine's Day, traditionally a time in which staff and students participate in celebrations of exchanging cards and treats within classrooms. Due to the pandemic and out of an abundance of caution pertaining to Covid-19, this year we will not be allowing the exchange of Valentine's cards or any kind of treat, food or otherwise, from individual homes. Please do not send these items to school with the children. Teachers are preparing other fun educational activities with students and will communicate with you directly regarding specific classroom plans. Thank you in advance for your understanding as we strive to maintain a healthy learning environment for everyone.

Safety continues to be our number one priority, and especially in this time of Covid-19. We have a new nurse assigned to Creative Arts, Ms. Michelle "Christie" Clark. Ms. Clark is a Registered Nurse (RN) with many years of experience in her field, inclusive of a history working with the Beaufort County School District (BCSD). Ms. Clark will work with us at HHIESCA, as we seek to fill an open position for School Nurse. We are excited to welcome her to the team and encourage you to reach out to her specifically regarding any health-related questions. Her email is michelle.clark@beaufort.k12.sc.us, or you may call her direct extension at 843-342-4106.

Again, many thanks to each of you for your amazing support of our school during these unprecedented times. Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 843-342-4380.

Warm Regards,

Nikki Lucas
Principal, HHIESCA and Daufuskie

No School

Monday, February 1st
Staff Development Day
and

No School

Monday, February 15th
Presidents' Day

Parent Reminders...

We are not allowing interruptions to instruction for delivery of items to students. This includes electronic devices, water bottles, etc. As a gentle reminder students are to bring devices **fully** charged for the following day of school and all laptops are to be carried in the provided carrying bag. Laptops are the property of BCSD and are not to be decorated with stickers, tape, etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

News from PTO...

There is still time to join or renew your membership, membership is only \$10, and the funds go directly back into our projects budget. With your membership you will receive a discount card for discounts from various participating establishments. Join online at:

<https://2020-hhisca-pto-membership.cheddarup.com>

On Feb. 1st there will be a drawing and one lucky PTO member will receive a \$25 NYC Pizza Gift Card.

Be sure to check out the ongoing gift card virtual fundraiser at: www.ShopWithScrip.com or download the [RaiseRight](#) Mobile App and enter our School Code: 6FC8547D74848 to get started today.

New this year is the online Spirit Wear Shop to get your school spirit wear.

Order online at:

<https://hhisca-spirit-wear-32277>

and orders will be delivered to school.

We are still in need of a Yearbook Committee Chair if you are creative and willing to help lay out the yearbook. We also still need a 1st Grade Level Rep if you would like to volunteer send an email to:

HHISCAPTA@gmail.com

PTO Meeting Via Zoom
Thursday, February 4th
5:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/>

SIC Meeting Via Zoom
Monday, February 22nd
4:00 PM

Send Email to:

Katherine.eways@beaufort.k12.sc.us

For Zoom Link

2nd Annual Family Gullah Festival

HHIESCA will be holding its 2nd Annual Family Gullah Festival, celebrating the cultural heritage of the Gullah people and their history on Hilton Head Island. This year we will be hosting a week-long festival, February 22-26, and will have an abundance of activities, presentations, and more. The event is co-sponsored by Arts Center of Coastal Carolina and the South Carolina Arts Commission. Throughout the week, there will be in-class demonstrations in music, dance, art, history, and storytelling as well as a number of online opportunities to learn about Gullah heritage. Part of this year's festival is the creation of the "Gullah Family Passport," that has activities for each student to do at home with their family and if they complete the whole list that week they will receive a prize. The package includes a Cultural Trail Map of 16 Gullah Heritage sites, Gullah recipes from Sallie Ann Robinson, a Jonathan Green coloring sheet, and more. Students at each grade level will participate in an age-appropriate special performance, activity, or artist in residence the week of the festival.

*"The Gullah culture and heritage are vital to share with younger generations and we're glad we have a part in that" ~Alana Adams—
Arts Center of Coastal Carolina Senior Director of Education.*