



HES BUZZ

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Hahira Elementary School

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Our week in review.....

November 29, 2017

Gold Award Winner

Hahira Elementary School was selected as a *Greatest Gains Gold Award* winner by the Georgia Governor's Office of Student Achievement. Winners were announced at a press conference in Atlanta on Friday. This award comes only a few weeks after the announcement of 93.7% on the College Career Readiness Performance Index and the designation as a 5 Star School. Congratulations to staff, students, and our Hahira Community for a great year and this well-deserved recognition. HES faculty, staff, and students had one additional blessing to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season. Congratulations Hahira Elementary School!

Hungry At Home Fundraiser

Mr. Allen announced the winners of our Hungry at Home Food Drive: "First, a VERY BIG thank you for giving to a very worthwhile cause. As a school you brought in almost 9,000 items for Hungry at Home; 2,000 more items than last year. HES continues to be one of the largest donation sites for Hungry at Home. They are very appreciative and thankful for the generosity demonstrated by you, our students. You made a difference in the lives of others through your giving and compassion. You have wonderful hearts and you proved it again this year though all you gave. Your donations will be used to help feed families and students who are without food and are

hungry. The teachers and staff here at HES are very, very proud of all of you. The class in each grade with the most items won an ice cream sandwich & movie party. Those classes are as follows: Pre-K – with 232 items Mrs. Davis
K – with 226 items Mrs. Weldon
1st Grade – with 613 items Mrs. Personette
2nd Grade – with 450 items Mrs. Yates; 2nd Grade brought in the most items of any grade level; over 2,300 items. Way to Go 2nd Grade!
3rd Grade – with 176 items Mrs. Hiers;
4th Grade – with 391 items Mrs. Whitmer
5th Grade – with 588 items Mrs. Gane
This year we had 2 classes that donated over 1,100 items. Both classes broke the HES record for the number of items donated by a single class. Both of these classes will receive a pizza party. Our first overall winner with 1,134 items is.... Mrs. Stadnik's Class
Our 2nd overall winner with 1,103 items is.... Mrs. Orr's Class
Congratulations to all of our winning classes..... but more importantly, congratulations to every single class. Every class in our school participated and gave to help others."

Below is a picture of Mr. Allen, Mr. Lawrence, and Sgt. Griffin helping to load the food items for Hungry At Home.



Professional Learning Update

Teachers and staff have been very busy recently. On the Thursday before Thanksgiving break, Mrs. Mathis joined other Lowndes County

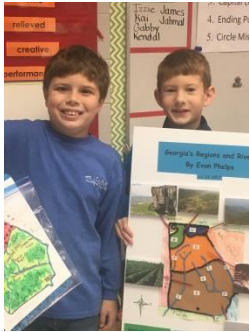
administrators as they attended a workshop with Lissa Pijanowski. Dr. Pijanowski has over 25 years of experience in education. She was founder of Innovate 2 Educate. Previously she served as an Associate Superintendent in Forsyth County. Prior to working in Forsyth County, she was Director of School Improvement at the Georgia DOE. On Tuesday, Mr. Wilkes attended a CCRPI Institute with Mr. Bobby Smith, a Coastal Plains RESA consultant. Also on Tuesday, state Pre-K consultant, Megan O'Bara visited the HES Pre-K program. Another Tuesday visitor was Mrs. Patty Hancock, Wiregrass Technical College supervisor for Georgia TAPP program.

Engaging Lessons

Kindergarten is practicing non-standard measurement skills. They have had fun practicing non-standard measurement with seasonal candies! Yummmmm!



2nd Grade Students wrote the following about what they have been learning: In Mrs. McAtee's class, we have been learning about the Georgia regions and major rivers. We all got sent home with a project to identify all the Georgia regions and major rivers. Everybody did a great job on their project. On Friday, we made a Georgia cookie. Learning about Georgia's regions and rivers was fun! Briggs Rampey and Evan Phelps



4th graders that earned an average of 90 or better in each subject area for the first nine weeks were inducted into the Jr. BETA Club. They are anxious and excited to begin the community service projects that we have planned. They are seen reciting the BETA Club Poem.



Social Studies class had a sweet twist today! 5th graders learned that trade between countries is good for everyone. It promotes economic activity in each country involved. To gain a better understanding of voluntary exchange, students participated in trading candy among their fellow classmates to simulate the economic process. Smiles = Positive trades!!!



As 5th graders are studying Economic Understandings, they are trying to plan a Thanksgiving meal for their families while staying within a \$100.00 budget. Using fliers from local grocery stores, they are looking at unit prices and price incentives. These students know how to find a deal!!!!



5th grade team A has learned all about Thanksgiving economics. We had to plan a Thanksgiving meal with a budget. We had real life opportunity costs where we had to make other choices due to scarcity.



Mrs. Voyles' class completed an economics lesson to show the importance of opportunity cost and how to specialize in an important task to increase productivity! Pictured are the finished product and the waste that ensued.



HES Archery Team practices in their new team shirts!

Upcoming Events

November:

- 28 – Pre-K Evaluation visit/RESA CCRPI workshop
- 29-30 - Pre-K Training
- 30 – 3rd Grade Teacher Mtg/4th Grade Beta Club

December:

- 1 – End of 1st AR goal period
- 4-5 – 2nd – 5th grade Reading Benchmark Tests/ LCBOE Work Session
- 7- Roberts Retirement Party/Pearl Harbor Day
- 8- Bee Hive Store open
- 11- LCBOE Meeting/Student Choir Show
- 11-15 – Snowtime Shop
- 12- School Choir Show field trip and show at Mathis Auditorium @7pm/ Administrators Meeting
- 13 – Butts County visitors/4th grade Beta Club “Cookies for Courage”
- 14- PBIS Meeting/Staff Christmas Party
- 15- AP Meeting
- 18 – Lost & Overdue book slips go home
- 19- 2nd grade Plains Field Trip
- 20- Early Release Day/grades due
- December 21- January 4 – Christmas Break
- January
- 5 and 8 – Teacher Inservice
- 8- LCBOE Work Session
- 9- Students return to School/Administrators Meeting
- 11- PBIS Meeting
- 12- Report Cards issued
- 15- System closed

