



HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Hawk Happenings – January/February 2017

Principal: Lynn McNeill ♦ Assistant Principals: Emery Bishop & Heather Harbour

Important Dates

- W. Jan 4 B-Ball Game: HSCS @ Mebane 4pm
- M. Jan 9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- M. Jan 9 PTSA Meeting 2:15 pm
- Jan 9-13 Elem. Media Presents Online Resources
- W. Jan 11 Ice Cream Party for Top Fundraisers
- W. Jan 11 FCA Meeting 1:00 pm
- W. Jan 11 B-Ball Game: Lincoln @ HSCS 4 pm
- F. Jan 13 End of first semester
- F. Jan 13 Reward Day #2
- M. Jan 16 No school - MLK
- T. Jan 17 No school – Teacher Workday
- W. Jan 18 Second semester begins
- W. Jan 18 Jr. Beta Club Meeting 12:45 pm
- W. Jan 18 B-Ball Game: Oak View @ HSCS 4 pm
- F. Jan 20 PTSA Father Daughter Dance 6 pm
- M. Jan 23 B-Ball Game: Lanier @ HSCS 4 pm
- W. Jan 25 Green Club Meeting 12:45 pm
- W. Jan 25 B-Ball Game: HSCS @ Kanapaha 4 pm
- F. Jan 27 Report cards go home
- F. Jan 27 Limo Ride for Top Fundraisers
- M. Jan 30 Internet Safety Week begins
- M. Jan 30 B-Ball Game: Hawthorne @ HSCS 4 pm
- T. Jan 31 Elem. Math & Science Night 6 pm
- W. Feb 1 B-Ball Game: HSCS @ Ft. Clarke 4 pm
- M. Feb 6 B-Ball Game: Westwood @ HSCS 4 pm
- M. Feb 6 PTSA Meeting 6:15 pm
- T. Feb 7 SAC Meeting 2:15 pm
- W. Feb 8 FCA Meeting 1 pm
- W. Feb 8 B-Ball Game: Mebane @ HSCS 4 pm
- F. Feb 10 Elementary Jump Rope for Heart
- M. Feb 13 B-Ball Game: HSCS @ Bishop 4 pm
- W. Feb 15 Jr. Beta Club Meeting 12:45 pm
- W. Feb 15 B-Ball Game: HSCS @ Oak View 4 pm
- M. Feb 20 No school – President’s Day
- W. Feb 22 Green Club Meeting 12:45 pm
- Th. Feb 23 Progress reports go home
- T. Feb 28 FSA Writing: Grades 4-7

Elementary Math and Science Night

All kindergarten through fifth grade students are invited to attend our annual “Elementary Math Night”, which has transformed into a math AND SCIENCE night this year! This event promises to be a fun one, and the children don’t realize they’ll be learning too (ssshhhh – don’t tell them!).

Jr. Beta will sell pizza and drinks, students will play lots of fun games, and some may even win prizes through a raffle!

This event is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31st from 6:00-7:30 pm in our school cafeteria.

Basketball Teams

Basketball season began on Wednesday, January 4. Below are the 2017 basketball teams. Go Hawks!

BOYS w/ Coach Drane

- Austin Arban
- Jayce Davis
- Raheem Durr
- Tamareon Lewis
- John (Riley) Pederson
- Antonio Rivera
- Jacob Stevens
- Antonio Stevenson
- Jarious Terry
- Wyatt Todd
- Connor Wetherington
- Langston Wiggins

GIRLS w/ Coach Poyner

- Lauren Barnes
- Savannah Barnes
- Devyn Boyett
- Abigail Christopher
- Hailley Diaz
- Karmen Doby
- Fallon Flynn
- Aubrey Fralick
- La’Liah Hatcher
- Shelly Latner
- Elizabeth Lucas
- Emily McQuatters
- Allyson Sweat
- Kiyana Williams

Drop Off and Pick Up

Kindergarten through third grade students:

All kindergarten through third grade students should be dropped off and picked up in the front circle drive using the main entrance to the school. These students should not be dropped off at the back of the campus.

Fourth through eighth grade students:

Fourth through eighth grade students should be dropped off and picked up using the back car pick up area behind the school. Students in grades 4-8 should not be dropped off at the front of the school unless he/she has a younger sibling in grades K-3 and they are riding together.

Our first priority at HSCS is always the safety of students. These policies are in place to ensure students are safe and appropriately supervised at all times. We appreciate your support and assistance!

Science Fair WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following HSCS Science Fair Winners for 2016-2017:

- FIRST PLACE **Jason Meyerhoff**
- SECOND PLACE **Trey Keesling**
- THIRD PLACE (tie) **Evan Cornell & Ethan Womack**

These 4 students have been selected to participate in the Alachua Regional Science Fair, which will be held at Santa Fe College gymnasium on Friday, January 27, 2017.

Spelling Bee Champions

We are so proud of **Jayce Davis**, our middle school spelling bee champion, and **Justin Tell**, runner up! Jayce will compete in the district spelling bee on January 25. Best of luck! We will all be rooting for you.



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Second Grade News

Please mark your calendars for our spring field trip! We will be going to UF Fisheries on two days in April.

Classes will go on the following days:

- **Thursday, April 13th** –
 - Mrs. Allen & Mrs. Babston
- **Friday, April 14th** –
 - Mrs. Register & Mrs. Williams

We would appreciate having lots of chaperones for this field trip, so make sure you have your volunteer application completed and approved! This should be done each school year. More information about the trip will be coming home in March.

Keep practicing those basic math facts up to 20. Your child should have brought home flash cards over winter break for additional practice. We are finishing up 2-digit addition and subtraction and will soon be moving into 3-digits, so it is important that those basic facts are mastered.

If you have any concerns or questions, please let your child's teacher know. Thank you for your support!

PTSA News

The HSCS PTSA Walk-A-Thon was a HUGE success. As a combined K-8 effort, our school raised \$16,543.92! Our wonderful students and families worked very hard to raise this money for the school and we are extremely thankful. We've already begun working on the elementary playground AND the purchase of a gaga pit for grades four through eight. We'd like to recognize ALL of our students for their efforts, as well as our top four fundraisers who earned approximately \$300 each!

- **FIRST PLACE** -- **Ethan Hatch** and **Kole Langston** who raised an equal number of dollars
- **SECOND PLACE** -- **Caleb Kietzman**
- **THIRD PLACE** -- **Bentley Richards**

There will be a PTSA general meeting on January 9 at 2:15 in Mrs. Wright's classroom. The theme is member and teacher appreciation! Please join us! A drawing will be held for a \$25 Publix gift card for one member and a \$25 Amazon gift card for one teacher in attendance.

On Friday, January 20th all fathers and their daughters who attend HSCS are cordially invited to come to PTSA's second annual Father Daughter Dance! This event will be held in our school cafeteria and begins at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

From Nurse Green

Screenings

Each year the Alachua County School Board Health Services completes Health Screenings for students in Kindergarten, First, Third, and Sixth Grades. Notices were sent home in November for those students who required a physician follow-up for part of their screening. If your student required a physician evaluation, and it was completed, please call Nurse Green to update the record in our school system. We are required to make sure that all students have been evaluated by a doctor as needed. A student's ability to see and/or hear clearly is vital to their success academically!

Clothes Supply

If your child has needed to borrow clothes/shoes from the clinic, please have these items washed and returned as soon as possible. Also, donations of these items are always accepted. Currently, we are in need of Girls' and Boys' pants/shorts, sizes Small (4-6) and Medium (8-10), as well as shoes of all sizes. Students frequently need to change clothes due to spills, accidents, weather change, dress code, etc.

Art News from Ms. Rucks

Ms. Rucks is happy to announce the January exhibitions and awards! For the first time ever, the Gainesville Fine Arts Association (GFAA) is proud to host an award show for Alachua county's best student artwork. The High Springs students receiving an award are:

Brynley Ashraf	Trevor Ellis	John Salg
Maggie Boone	Katelynn Foster	Aleyah Sanabria
Carter Davis	Jackson Mullins	Karlie Smith
		Meagan Wisener

The students receiving the Winter Thomas Center Awards for their creative self-portrait collages are:

Gavin Broskey **Blake Daniel**

In January, there will be 3 more exhibitions featuring student artwork. The exhibitions are:

- Reflections Exhibit, a state-wide competition
- Black History Month at the High Springs Women's Center
- Frogs Exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History

Kindergarten News

Please remember to label your child's coat with his or her name. With our fluctuating Florida weather, jackets are put on and taken off frequently! Those that are labeled are more easily returned to their owner. Thank you!

Kindergarten would like to thank **Christine Arban** for organizing truck day for all kindergarteners on October 21! The day was a huge success and enjoyed by all. We are also greatly appreciative of all the businesses that participated.