

# Edward E. Taylor Elementary School

## October Newsletter

### Message from the Principal

Dear Families and Guardians,

As we have begun the start of the fall season, our first marking period of school is wrapping up on October 18th. We recommend that you log into PowerSchool to monitor your child's academic progress.

If you did not have the opportunity to attend Open House, please reach to your child's teacher to obtain a copy of their August STAR report for reading & math and for those students that were tested in the Spring (3rd and 4th grades), the SC Ready report.

Our character trait for the month of October is Cooperation, which means to play together or work well with others to accomplish a common goal.

Please welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Heather Wallace; our Art Teacher, Mr. Fredrick Townsend; Office Assistant (receptionist), Ms. Kenya Laurent; and Dr. Rawle Ragoonath, AAP and Interventionist. We will have a new database specialist joining the team beginning October 16th.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as a student representative:

### 2023-2024 Student Leadership Team

- Brooklynn Rios-Martinez
- Kyrion DuBose
- De'Nila Harper
- Carter Mattison
- Destiny Bethea
- Nazier Kinard
- Zamir Grooms
- Amarie Harrison
- DeShawn Thomas

## **2023-2024 Hall Monitors**

- Brandon Davis
- Benito Peralta
- Rashaud Bethea
- Carmello Roberts
- Adrian Burton
- Ammunet Morton

### **Additional Reminders:**

1. Dress code - We promote a culture of our students during their best and their appearance matters! Students are not permitted to wear slides to school, and we need our young ladies to wear appropriate length clothing (clothing should be fingertip length). Tights should be worn under ripped jeans.
2. Students are considered tardy at 7:35 a.m. and will be provided with a grab & go breakfast so that they do miss out on instruction.
3. Early dismissal pickup in the Front Office ends at 1:45 p.m. Any parent or guardian arriving after 1:45 will have to wait until regular dismissal time to pick up your child.
4. Early dismissal pickup on Early Release Days ends at 10:30 a.m.
5. To avoid interruptions to classroom instruction, phone messages will be sent to the teachers and conferences should be scheduled unless there is an emergency.
6. Ask your child each day what their Awesome was for the day. Our effort to recognize one positive thing about the day.
7. Masks for students are available upon requests.

### **October dates:**

10/2: Cocky's Reading Express for Pre-k through 3rd grade students

10/3: Pre-k & Kindergarten Field Trip to Lever Farms (Pomaria, SC)

10/2 -10/6: Spirit Week (see flyer below)

10/9 -10/13: Fire Prevention Week

10/16 -10/20: National School Bus Safety Week

10/18: End of the First Nine Weeks

10/19: Teacher Workday (No School for Students)

10/20: Fall Break (Student & Staff Holiday)

10/27: Early Release for Students (Parent Teacher Conferences)

10/23 -10-31: National Red Ribbon Week

10/31: Second grade Field Trip to CA Johnson High School; 2nd Grade Music Field Study.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mrs. Tiffany Brooks  
Principal

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## Parent Engagement Corner

Curriculum Day (All Parents are Welcome)  
Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

For more information about this event, please contact:

Yolanda Hawkins: Parent Engagement Specialist  
• 803-908-7468 or [yolanda.hawkins@richlandone.org](mailto:yolanda.hawkins@richlandone.org)

Melinda Gordon: Guidance Counselor  
• 803-733-3001 or [melinda.gordon@richlandone.org](mailto:melinda.gordon@richlandone.org)

School Improvement Council (SIC)  
• Parent Advisory Council (PAC)  
The first meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

For more information about this meeting, please contact:

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## 10 Steps for Good Communication with Your Child's School

1. Give your child's teacher your contact information and schedule.
  2. Ask if you can email your child's teacher with questions or concerns.
  3. Inform the teacher about any issues at home that may affect your child's school performance.
  4. Attend parent-teacher conferences. Go with a list of questions to ask.
  5. Try to attend open houses, school board meetings, and other school events.
  6. Read the school's handbook and all correspondence.
  7. Check the school's website regularly.
  8. Join and stay active in the school's parent teacher organization.
  9. If your child misses school, inform the school office and arrange makeup lessons with your child's teacher.
  10. Look over your child's report card. If anything concerns you, contact your child's teacher.
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## From the Reading Coach, Mrs. Rogers

Welcome to the Reading Corner! Each month, I will provide monthly tips for you to try at home with your children.

### Tip 1: Asking Open-Ended Question

Asking open-ended questions encourages kids to look for clues in the text about what's taking place on the page or in the story. When you read together, ask questions to spark your reader's curiosity. If reading fiction, ask things like "What do you think will happen?" or "How is that character feeling?" If reading nonfiction, ask things like, "What information does this picture give?" or "What would be a good title for this section?" Remember make reading a fun and engaging experience for your kids!

Happy Reading!!

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## From the Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Gordon

Happy October!

The Character Education Word of the Month is Cooperation. I will visit the classroom to teach our students what it means to cooperate (or work together for a common goal).

October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week. Please talk with your child about a fire escape plan for home. They need to know **two** ways to get out of their home and where the meeting place is, in case a fire occurs.

We will observe Red Ribbon Week October 23-31. During Red Ribbon Week, students will dress up each day. A list of events per day will be forthcoming.

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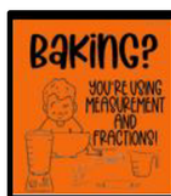
# CRT with Dr. Stewart-Haynes

Hello, everyone!

Below are different ways of finding and doing math in everyday living, whether it is watching a sports game or baking with family and friends.

This month, help your child find something throughout the day that relates to math!

*Have you USED **MATHS** TODAY?*



**Kenya Laurent**

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