



Soaring to Success

J. K. Harper Elementary School

"The Best School in Thomasville"

CLAWS Bulletin

Parent Newsletter – August 2014

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The PRINCIPAL'S Corner

Welcome back to what promises to be another great year of teaching and learning at Harper, the BEST school in Thomasville! I trust that you and your child(ren) have enjoyed your summer vacation and that you are eager to continue our partnership as we embark upon new adventures in the world of learning. We are proud of our school's past accomplishments and look forward to another year of successful collaboration.

The academic focus this school year is to incorporate more **rigor** into our instructional program in order to prepare our students for Georgia's new assessment, **Milestones**. The end result of this new assessment is to ensure our students are college and career ready upon completion of high school.

Let's make this the "best" year ever!

Food for Thought

Which Parent will YOU be?

"I got two A's," the small boy cried. His voice was filled with glee. His father very bluntly asked, "Why didn't you get three?"

"Mom, I've got the dishes done," The girl called from the door. Her mother very calmly said, "Did you sweep the floor?"

"I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said, "And put the mower away." His grandmother asked him, with a shrug, "Did you clean off the clay?"

The children in the house next door seem happy and content. The same thing happened over there, and this is how it went.

"I got two A's," the small boy cried. His voice was filled with glee. His father proudly said, "That's great; I'm glad you belong to me?"

"Mom, I've got the dishes done," The girl called from the door. Her mother smiled and softly said, "Each day I love you more."

"I've mowed the grass," the tall boy said, "And put the mower away." His grandmother answered with much joy, "You've made my happy day."

**Children deserve a little praise,
For tasks they're asked to do,
If they're to lead a happy life,
So much depends on you!**

- Author Unknown

HES Mission Statement

The mission of J. K. Harper Elementary School is to provide a quality education that promotes lifelong learning for each student.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences may be arranged through the office or by a note to your child's teacher(s). Please refer to the common planning schedule for teachers' planning period.

Grade Level	Planning Time
Third	8:15 - 9:00
First	9:15 - 10:00
Second	10:15 - 11:00
Fifth	11:15 - 12:00
Fourth	1:00 - 1:45
Kindergarten	1:50 - 2:35



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 29

ANNUAL TITLE I NIGHT

Learn about Title I Requirements
and Federal Guidelines

&

“HOW TO” be a more active
participant in your
child's education

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE
SENT HOME LATER THIS MONTH!

Friendly Reminders



Please be reminded that . . .

- When dropping students off, please pull down to the end of the carport. This move will prevent traffic from backing up in to the street.
- Supervision of students starts at 7:20 a.m. daily. Students walking or being dropped off **should not** arrive on school campus before this time. Please understand staff members have family responsibilities that must be taken care of before reporting to work.
- Breakfast ends at 8:00 a.m. for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade.
- **Georgia Law requires ALL visitors must “sign in” in the school office and receive a visitor's pass upon first arrival on campus. Please do not go directly to your child's room.** The faculty and staff at Harper welcome parents/guardians and other interested members of the community to visit the school; however, we need you to help us by complying with this rule. Please join us in providing a safe learning environment for our students.
- TCS Dress Policy requires boys to tuck in their shirt. Also, they must wear a belt if their pants/shorts have belt loops.

August 2014

4	• First Day of School for Students
11	• First Day: AR 1 st Goal Period (21 Days)
11-15	• STAR Test Week
12	• Papa John's Pizza Night
14	• Pre-K Parent Orientation @ 6:00 p.m.
15	• THS Bulldogs -vs- Mitchell Co. (Scrimmage - Away) @ 7:30 p.m.
18-22	• DIBELS: Fall Administration (Grades K - 5)
22	• THS Bulldogs -vs- Laurens (Home) @ 8:00 p.m.
28	• Annual Title I Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
29	• THS Bulldogs -vs- Cairo (Away) @ 7:30 p.m.