

## From the Principal

Our school recently participated in the Georgia Young Authors Writing contest. Our winners were Maddox McDaniel (Hollis) from 3rd grade; Jayne Crews (Pennington) from 4th grade; and Makenzie Durham (Otting) from 5th grade. These students represented BES in the county level competition. I want to congratulate the students on a job well done. Also, Mrs. Hill recently took eighteen students to Gainesville to participate in the TOME Student Literacy Society conference. Students were able to participate in sessions, as well as, meet well known authors. The students ended the day with dinner at The Varsity in Atlanta. Great job students!

We will begin Georgia Milestone testing on Monday, April 22nd. On Monday, we will be completing the writing test. Tuesday will be the English/Language Arts test. Wednesday we will complete the math section of the Georgia Milestones. Thursday will be science test (5th grade only) and Friday will be social studies (5th grade only). On Thursday and Friday, 3rd and 4th will be completing their end of the year STAR test. The following week (April 29) will be used for make-up tests.

We want our students to do their best. Students and teachers have worked extremely hard all year for this week. Please make sure students get a good night's rest. Also, please make sure they receive a healthy, filling breakfast. This is very important because lunch schedules are different during the week of testing.

It is also very important that they arrive at school on time. Once testing begins, a testing session cannot be interrupted. If this happens, the student will go to study hall until testing is completed for that day. They will complete their test on one of the make-up days. Please do not send your student to school if they are sick. Testing week is long and stressful week. We do ask students to do their best, but we do not try to add any stress to the students. This is a week for the students to show what they have learned this year.

## From the Guidance Counselor

This month in classroom guidance our focus will be on careers. Even though it can seem too early, elementary school is a great time to begin exploring future careers. It is also an appropriate time for students to begin examining their own interests and developing self-confidence to achieve their future goals (even if those goals change many times). In order to help them discover how their interests align with various careers students will complete interest surveys.

- **Third grade students** will complete a fun survey that allows them to determine which career cluster is best suited for their interest at this level.
- **Fourth grade students** will participate in a Holland Interest Profile and explore careers that match with their profile.
- **Fifth grade students** will complete a survey that allows them to dig a little deeper into possible career choices. Fifth grade will also begin talking about the transition to middle school and learn how to use a combination lock in preparation for having a locker in Middle School

Each grade will also be introduced to a few of the career clusters so that by the end of elementary school they will have been exposed to most if not all of the career clusters. It is never too early to begin talking with your children about their future college/career goals.

### From the Nurse

End of the year testing is coming. Please make sure students are eating a healthy breakfast and getting enough sleep. Keeping a regular bedtime routine is important. An average 3rd-5th grader student should be getting 9-12 hours a sleep per a 24 hour period. Staying active during the day, monitoring screen time and avoiding overscheduling will help your child get to bed on time.

As temperatures start warming up don't forget your sunscreen as you and your family will be outside more. Young, sensitive skin is especially vulnerable to damaging rays, so be sure to protect your child and use a sunscreen that is broad spectrum, SPF 30 or higher and waterproof.

### From the Parent Coordinator

The end of the year is quickly approaching and the next few months will be a time of making transitions for many of us. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting middle schools and those schools will hold informational meetings for parents. Lakeview Middle hosts its "Moving Up to Middle School" night on Thursday, May 9th at 6pm. Heritage Middle School will hold its informational meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 pm. As we send out our 5<sup>th</sup> graders we will also be welcoming a new group of rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Current 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from BPS will visit and tour our school on the morning of April 16<sup>th</sup> and we will welcome their parents the same evening at 6pm.

Thank you to those of you who filled out our spring surveys. We had almost 250 completed surveys returned. We appreciate you sharing all your comments and opinions. The data from these surveys is used to guide our plans for the coming year. If you would like to give us more input please attend our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting this week on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. ANY parent or guardian is welcome to attend the PAC! I will share the results of the spring survey at that meeting. We will also be reviewing our school's Parent Involvement Policy and I need your input and approval for any changes that should be made to it. At this meeting we will also be selecting representatives to attend the District Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

Remember that you are welcome at any time to visit the Family Resource Center to check out any of our resources or leave a comment or suggestion in our feedback box. We welcome your input at any time! Thanks for being part of our school.

### Calendar of Events

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
4/11	Track Meet at HHS @ 5:00	5/5	Teacher Appreciation Week
4/15	PTO @ 5:00	5/9	5th Grade visits LMS and HMS
4/16	2nd grade parent orientation	5/13	Field Day (Rain Day will be 5/14)
4/18	CHAMPS 5th grade Graduation @ 9:00 am	5/15	UTC Aquatic Center field trip for 100 point AR students
4/18	Track Meet at LFO @ 5:00	5/17	5th Grade field trip to Lake Winnepesaukah
4/19	No School	5/20 - 5/25	Georgia Milestones Retakes
4/22 - 5/2	Georgia Milestones Testing	5/23	5th Grade Recognition 9:00 am @ LFO gym
4/30	School Musical @ 7:00	5/24	Last Day of School
5/3	PTO sponsored Glow Party 6 - 8		

