

# Hancock Elementary School

*“Rooted in Community, Reaching for the Stars”*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. Teachers have worked to assist children in learning classroom expectations and routines. Using interactive modeling, a **Responsive Classroom** technique, teachers are ensuring that all students understand the steps involved in lining up, sitting in circle, listening to a speaker, working in groups and much more. While students continue to practice these skills, they have shown great progress in setting the stage for a safe and respectful classroom environment.



HES Recycle Club

I have worked with a small group of students to establish school-wide expectations. One student from each grade met with me for a working lunch in order to develop expectations for behavior on the playground. On Friday, they presented the expectations to the student body at our assembly.

You can learn more about the HES Behavior Management System, based on Responsive School practices, at our Open House.

We are back to school and in close quarters with one another. Head lice have become more and more of a problem over the last few years. The number of children infested with head lice is increasing all across the country. Control of head lice depends on prompt diagnosis and

effective treatment. Your help in inspecting your child at least weekly throughout the school year for the presence of head lice would be greatly appreciated. Our school nurse, Mitzi Turgeon, is a wonderful resource. Feel free to contact her if you have questions or need assistance in this area.



**Open House** has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6pm to 7pm**. Open House is an opportunity to learn more about the classroom curriculum as well as see the wonderful work your children have accomplished over the first few weeks of school. Please join us in celebrating the HES students' accomplishments thus far!

Our **special** this week is **health**. Be sure that your children have sneakers for the week!

Have a wonderful week!

