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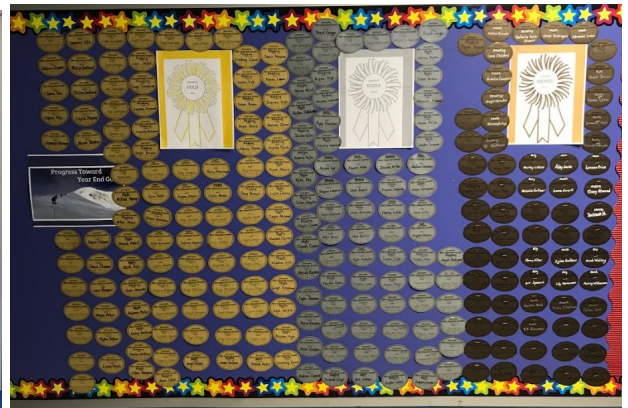
Charles Draper, Principal

Joseph Mabry, Assistant Principal

February 7, 2019

**Principal Message:**

The school year is flying by! We wrapped up the second nine weeks on January 18th and we are 3 weeks into the third nine weeks. Where has this year gone? I want to brag on our students as they have performed well on their mid-year benchmarks. As you walk through the building you will see where students have earned bronze, silver, and gold medals. Students earned these medals for making typical and above typical growth on our middle of the year iReady math and reading diagnostics. Students that received a gold medal have grown over a year, academically, since the beginning of the school year, and we are only at the halfway point. Our students and staff are working hard and the middle of the year assessments are proof that the hard work is paying off. Please continue to encourage your students for their efforts at school and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We are looking forward to another wonderful month at Hiddenite Elementary School.



**Valentines Day Delivery Reminder:**

As you know, Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. Since we will be in school on Thursday, February 14th, students/parents are encouraged to have all of the flowers and gifts delivered somewhere other than the school. While we will accept these deliveries, delivering flowers, balloons, etc. to the residence on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon would free up office staff on Thursday to attend to other responsibilities and avoid disrupting classroom instructional time. The school sponsored Relay for Life Valentine fundraiser will also be delivered Thursday afternoon as well. Limiting additional deliveries of flowers, balloons, etc. will help us to attend this school-sponsored activity. Thank you for your continued support.

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### **Illness prevention and ACS Illness Policy:**

We are starting to see an increase in flu in the county. Below are some tips from the CDC that are helpful to prevent the spread of illness. Stay healthy!

- Routinely clean surfaces and objects that are touched often, such as desks, countertops, doorknobs, computer keyboards, hands-on learning items, faucet handles, phones, etc.
- Encourage respiratory etiquette.
  - Encourage students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their bent arm. If they use a tissue, they should put the used tissue in a trash can and wash their hands.
- Encourage hand hygiene among students through education, scheduled time for handwashing, etc.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>
  - Teach students and staff to wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, dry hands with a paper towel, and use the paper towel to turn off the faucet. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol may be used.
- Encourage students and staff to keep their hands away from their nose, mouth, and eyes.
- Encourage students and staff to stay home when sick.
  - Teach students, parents, and staff the importance of staying home when sick until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever\* or signs of a fever (chills, feeling very warm, flushed appearance, or sweating) without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

Please remember that Alexander County Schools sends children home who are found to have a temperature of 100.5 or higher and repeated or projectile vomiting or diarrhea. Children should stay out of school for at least 24 hours after the last episode of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea. If medication is needed to control these symptoms, then students need to remain out of school until 24 hours after the last dose of medication is needed.

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### **PTO NEWS:**

In February we will be starting our biggest fundraiser of the school year: Love Our School Basket Raffle! We will have four awesome baskets that students will be selling \$1 raffle tickets for. The basket themes are: Pamper Yourself, Adventure Time, Man Cave and Out on the Town. Ticket sales will begin Monday, February 4 and the winner will be drawn at our Love Our School Bingo Night on Friday, March 1. Watch for more information to be sent home with students!

### **PTO Dates to Remember:**

Monday, February 4 - Raffle Basket ticket sales begin

Tuesday, February 5 - 5:00-8:00 - Wendy's Earning for Learning Night

Friday, February 8 - Dinner & a Movie (2nd Grade Volunteers)

Monday, February 11 - 5:30 - PTO Meeting

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### **Kindergarten Screening:**

It's that time of the year! Kindergarten screening will be held on March 25th and March 26th at Hiddenite Elementary School. If you know a child that will be five on or before August 31, 2019, please come by the school to make an appointment and pick up a packet of information.

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**Lunch Balances:**

Please continue to monitor your child's lunch balance. If your child has a lunch balance of more than \$10 they will be required to get the balance below \$10 before attending a school field trip or before participating in extracurricular activities (i.e. Dinner and a Movie). If you need financial assistance to pay for your child's lunch please contact our school social worker, Mrs. Jaimi Jones.

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**Spelling Bee:**

Congratulations to Aaron McLain and Angelique Carrico on representing Hiddenite Elementary School in the ACS Spelling bee this week. Aaron came in 5th place and Angelique came in 3rd place. Both of these students did an excellent job and we are super proud of them!

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**Soil and Water Poster Winners:**

Congratulations to Kendra Potter, Cheyenne Winters, and Lia Hawthorne on winning the Soil and Water poster competition. These students earned a pizza lunch with Mr. Draper this week to celebrate their accomplishments! Great job ladies!

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**Bus Riders of the Month:**

Congratulation to the February Bus Riders of the Month:

Dominick Justice  
Corbin Roland  
Keldon Mays  
McKenzie Hartness  
Trinity Scott  
Savannah Fox  
Martha Aguirre  
Coua-E Vang

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**Upcoming Events:**

Feb 4 - Raffle Ticket Sales Begin for Bingo Night	March 14 - Third Grade to Old Salem
Feb 8- Dinner and Movie (2nd)	March 15- Elementary Early Dismissal
Feb 8 - Report Cards Go Home	March 15- Genius Hour
Feb 11-15- iReady Growth Monitoring (Reading/Math)	March 22 - Discovery PLace FT (Kindergarten)
Feb 11- PTO Meeting (5:30) (Title 1 Mtg)	March 25- Ready Assessment Benchmark
Feb 18- Required Workday (No School for Students)	March 25- Kinder Screening (8:30-10:30)
March 1 - ACCESS Testing	March 26- Kinder Screening (8:30-10:30)
March 1- Elementary Early Dismissal	March 26- SuperHero Assembly
March 1- Bingo Night	March 28- End of 3rd Grading Period (Early Dismissal)
March 1- Spring Pictures @ 8:30 in Gym	March 28- Leadership Day (8:30-10:00)
March 4-7- iReady Growth Monitoring (Reading/Math)	March 29- Optional Workday
March 5- Bus Rider Breakfast	
March 5 - Elementary Battle of the Books (9:30)	
March 12 - EAMS to visit 5th Grade (10:20)	

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