Dear HRE Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Every month, you will receive important news directly from me about what is taking place at “The Ridge”. It is my mission to strengthen our partnership as WE work to launch our scholars to a new level of excellence.

**Academic and Attendance:**

Our school hours are 9:15 – 4:15. Our doors open every morning at 8:30 for breakfast. Do not drop scholars off before 8:30 because they would be considered unsupervised and we want to ensure all scholars are safe. Make sure scholars have a mask daily. Students should be H.O.T., Here on Time, everyday for Intervention from 9:15 – 10:00 am.

**Spring Break Learning Academy: March 14-16 (8:00 – 3:00pm)**

HRE will be a host site for the Spring Break Academy. This year students will be able to attend in-person. Our Scholars will receive enrichment in Reading and Math, as well as Art, P.E. and STEM activities. Parents of the scholars registered names will be placed in a raffle to win a 32-inch television and $25 Wal-Mart gift cards. Scholars will receive $100 Rockets Buck upon the completion of the 3-day academy.

Register at: [https://scsssla.org/sbla](https://scsssla.org/sbla)

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**Upcoming Events**

**February 15**

Parent Teacher Conference

**February 17**

PTO Meeting: 5:15 – 6:15

**February 18**

Parent Night Out: 5 – 8pm

**African American History Month**

As we continue to observe AAHM, scholars will participate in a Black History Program Friday, Feb. 26th
More Important News

**Parent Teacher Conference:**

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday as you meet with your scholar’s teacher. If present, you will get a chance to win a $25 gift card and scholars will receive $25 Rocket Bucks.

**Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism:**

There are 180 days in a school year and if scholars missed more 18 or more days, they are considered “Chronically Absent”. Please check with your scholar’s teacher to determine their attendance. Scholars that are Chronic could risk the chance of being retained

**Join the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization):**

Our PTO will be hosting its 3rd meeting this Thursday, February 17, 2022, in the Multi-purpose room at 5:15pm.

**HRE Facebook Page:**

Parents, take a moment to check out Hickory Ridge’s FB page and SHARE the great things that are happening here.

**Science Fair Projects: Due February 28, 2022**

Scholars in grades 1-5 are required to create a science project that will be entered in to the school-wide science fair. If you need a science fair packet, please connect with your child’s teacher and one will be provided. Tri-folds will go home on Tuesday, February 15. Each scholar will be rewarded for completing a project.

In the Community

**HRE Community Clean 2/19**

We are looking for volunteers to help beautify our courtyard on Feb.19. If you are interested please sign up during Parent Teacher Conference Feb.15.

**Parent Night Out (Feb. 18)**

For only $10, parents can leave their scholars at the school from 5-8pm to engage in movies, games, food, and fun. Take advantage of this great opportunity.