



# HIAT NEWS

Higher Institute of Arts and Technology Newsletter

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## World Read Aloud Day

February 5th is World Read Aloud Day! It is an opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading aloud and advocate for literacy as a fundamental human right that belongs to everyone. As a parent/guardian, you play a critical part in emphasizing the importance of reading to your child(ren). Encouraging children to develop a love of books and reading impacts their motivation to learn now and makes a difference for their future. Reading aloud to children is one of the main ways we can help them become avid readers. Please take a few moments to build your child(ren)'s confidence by reading aloud each day.

## HIAT Book-mobile

HIAT believes our scholars' success is contingent upon their love of reading. We are dedicated to a balanced approach to literacy and have began the HIAT Book-mobile as a step in this effort in which we go classroom to classroom delivering books to scholars. It is always such a pleasure to see the excitement when we come with books our scholars choose to be the new owners of! Please take any opportunity possible to allow your child(ren) to become new owners of books old and new; their future depends on it!

*"At HIAT, we are committed to creating educational opportunities that will allow our scholars to feel intelligent, valued, challenged, and socially and emotionally supported every day."*

*-Dr. Coni Taslim,  
HIAT Principal*

## Spread the Word!

Please share our enrollment information (see below) with family and friends!

**ENROLL TODAY!**

HIGHER INSTITUTE OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

MERRILLVILLE'S PREMIER CHARTER SCHOOL  
ENRICHING SCHOLARS THRU  
THE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

- SAFE & NUTURING SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
- 1:1 TECHNOLOGY
- HIGHLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS
- HIGH QUALITY RIGOROUS INSTRUCTION
- PROJECT BASED LEARNING
- ONLY SCHOOL IN NWI OFFERING MARTIAL ARTS

ENROLLING  
**GRADES K-8**  
TODAY!

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Early Dismissal 12 p.m.

**Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Positive Behavior Incentive Field Trip

**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Read Aloud Day

**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Progress Report Distribution  
Parent University 4-6 p.m.

**Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
No School: Staff Professional Development

**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
No School: President's Day

## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

*CONGRATULATIONS* to Kickboard Leaders:

Calina Jones-McKinzie, Daniella Davis, Carsyn Pirtle, Jazmine Martin,  
DeVaughn Davis, Xavier Cotton, Jazlyn Mister, Ayana Catlin, and Davin Lemon.

*CONGRATULATIONS* to 1st graders who received an A on their recent spelling test:

Amir Watson, Amiya Nelson, LeeAlex Thomas, Tylan Boose, Deyjah Whiteside,  
London Barnes, Darren Jones, Ezekiel Burden, Chloe Patton, Micah Copeland,  
Daniella Davis, Major Arnold, Zaiden Bowie, Marshawn King,  
Markkeda Cole, and Terre'Nique Jones!!!!

*CONGRATULATIONS* to HIAT Ambassadors Jayla Walls, Amaris Jackson, La'Tasha Tidwell,  
Ivory Williams-Forbes, and Darren Jones for showing perseverance in their leadership at HIAT!!!

**HIAT is Building the Road to Success!!!!**