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**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
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We would like to thank all the families that have completed registration for the new school year. We are so excited to see our students! Our teachers and staff have been busy getting their classrooms and instructional plans ready. ***NOTE* Our schools will not be registering students on the first day of school!**



HCS D KINDERGARTNERS MAKE GREAT GAINS ON STATE ASSESSMENT

A majority of the youngest students in the Harrison County School District have made significant progress over the past school year! That's according to results from the latest Mississippi Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. Numbers from the Mississippi Department of Education also show HCS D ranks among the top districts on the Mississippi Coast in kindergarten achievement!

About 1,140 kindergartners in HCS D took the assessment at the beginning, and at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. The students' average score increased from 482 on the fall test, to 733 on the spring assessment. That's a 251-point gain!

All 13 elementary schools in HCS D exceeded the state spring average of 710, and surpassed the state target score of 681. West Wortham Elementary ranked third in Mississippi, and North Woolmarket came in 7th in the state!

Here is a look at the average point gains for the elementary schools in HCS D:

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| Bel-Aire Elementary: 226 | North Woolmarket Elementary: 281 |
| Crossroads Elementary: 205 | Pineville Elementary: 280 |
| D'Iberville Elementary: 240 | River Oaks Elementary: 222 |
| Harrison Central Elementary: 256 | Three Rivers Elementary: 242 |
| Lizana Elementary: 232 | Saucier Elementary: 286 |
| Lyman Elementary: 286 | West Wortham Elementary: 300 |
| | Woolmarket Elementary: 254 |



"I am very proud of the growth among our kindergarten students over the past year, and the results show that our kindergarten teachers have worked really hard to give our students a foundation of literacy skills," said HCS D Superintendent Roy Gill. "We will continue to focus on helping the students develop strong reading skills to prepare them for the state Third Grade Reading Assessment and beyond."

Congratulations to HCS D Public Relations Specialist Trang Pham-Bui for winning these top state MSPRA awards:

- First Place: Communicator of the Year
 - First Place: Best (In-House) Video
 - Third Place: Best Brand/Identity/Image
- (Pictured: Trang Pham-Bui and MSPRA President Sandi Beason)

