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## DISTRICT NEWS



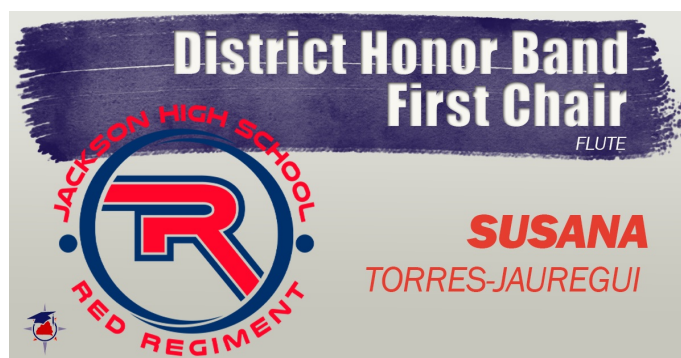
### Support BCSS at the Park Ave BP

Remember to fuel up at the Park Ave BP HMS/JHS gas pump! Two cents from every gallon purchased at this pump is donated to our schools. Proceeds from January sales will go to Henderson Middle School so be sure to stop by and support our Tigers the next time you need to fill up!

Thank you again to the Park Ave BP and May & Carter Oil Company for your support of our schools!

### District Honor Band

We would like to congratulate Jackson High School student, Susana Torres-Jauregui, on making first chair flute for District Honor. With a score of 95, Susana beat all other flute players in our district.



## Region 2AA AD of the Year

**Thomas Gochenour**

Jackson High School  
Athletic Director  
2024-2025



Red Devils

## MENUS

### ELEMENTARY

#### Breakfast

Tues January 7 - Warm Cherry Frudel  
Wed January 8 - Chicken Biscuit  
Thurs January 9 - Maple Pancake Sandwich  
Friday January 10 - Smile Mini Donuts

#### Lunch

##### Tues, January 7

Crispy Chicken Sandwich or BBQ Pork w/Loaf Bread, Saucy Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Crispy Sweet Potato Puffs, Icy Sidekicks

##### Wed, January 8

Homemade Brunswick Stew w/Warm Garlic Knot or Crunchy Corndog, Homemade Coleslaw, Crinkle Cut Fries

##### Thurs, January 9

Warm Cheese Sticks w/Marinara or Spicy Orange Chicken w/Seasoned Woodles, Stir Fry Vegetables, Buttered Corn, Crunchy Chocolate Chortles

##### Friday, January 10

Chicken Tenders w/Honey Mustard or Homemade Meatloaf, Orange Glazed Carrots, Warm Roll, Fluffy Yellow Rice, Fresh Broccoli w/Dip

### HMS & JHS

#### Breakfast

Tues January 7 - Sausage Pancake Sandwich  
Wed January 8 - Chicken Biscuit  
Thurs January 9 - Sausage Biscuit  
Friday January 10 - Bacon Cheese Croissant

#### Lunch

##### Tues, January 7

Crispy Chicken Sandwich or BBQ Pork w/Loaf Bread, Saucy Baked Beans, Pickle Spears, Crispy Sweet Potato Puffs, Icy Sidekicks

##### Wed, January 8

Homemade Brunswick Stew w/Warm Garlic Knot or Crunchy Corndog, Crispy Crinkle Fries, Homemade Coleslaw, Warm Chocolate Chip Cookie

##### Thurs, January 9

Warm Cheese Sticks w/Marinara or Spicy Orange Chicken w/Seasoned Woodles, Stir Fry Vegetables, Buttered Corn, Crunchy Chocolate Chortles

##### Friday, January 10

Chicken Tenders w/Honey Mustard or Homemade Meatloaf, Orange Glazed Carrots, Warm Roll, Fluffy Yellow Rice, Fresh Broccoli w/Dip

[Click here to see the full menus.](#)



# EVENTS AT THE PAC

January 30 - February 1

## JHS Musical

Join us on January 30 - February 1, 2025 for Jackson High School's musical performance. More details coming soon.

Visit our Website


February 11

## LPGE Concert

Join us Tuesday, February 11, 2025 for the JHS & HMS Band LPGE Concert.

Visit our Website

## BCSS Athletics



**Butts County School System**  
**THIS WEEK IN ATHLETICS**

6	7	8	9	10	11
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No Event	JHS Basketball Away-Pike Co JVB/VG/VB 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm	JHS Basketball Home-Spalding 9GB-5:30 pm	JHS Basketball Away-Alcovy 9GB-5:30 pm	HMS Basketball Away-Upson Lee Girls-4:30 pm Boys 5:45 pm  JHS Basketball Away-Morgan Co JVG/JVB 4/5:30 pm VG/VB 7/8:30 pm	JHS Wrestling Area Duals Championship @ Rutland 9:00 am

**WEEK OF JANUARY 6TH - 11TH**

## DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

Visit [www.bcssk12.org/DES](http://www.bcssk12.org/DES) for the latest information.



**MVP Girls Community Service**

Daughtry Elementary School's Girls M.V.P. Club spread holiday cheer with the residents at the Westbury Center of Jackson. The girls with a Mission, Vision, and Purpose donated stockings filled with goodies to the residents. The girls also assisted with serving the residents lunch.



## DES Robotics

The Colt Robotics team competed in the First Lego League Elementary Regional Robotics competition at Rock Spring Elementary on December 14th. In addition to completing several successful rounds of course runs with their robot, Chip, students competed in Robot Design, Core Values, and Project Design and Presentation. Colt Robotics earned the highest overall combined score to be named the Grand Champions of Saturday's regional competition. Due to their excellence as Grand Champions, the team will be moving on to compete in the First Lego League Super Regional competition on January 25th.







## JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

Visit [www.bcssk12.org/JES](http://www.bcssk12.org/JES)  
for the latest information.



### Second Semester Planning

JES teachers jumped right back into intentional planning and teamwork.

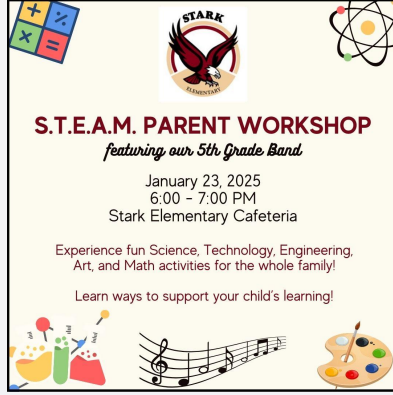
## STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

Visit [www.bcssk12.org/SES](http://www.bcssk12.org/SES)  
for the latest information.



### SES Staff of the Month



Congratulations to Ms. Pippin and Ms. Eaton for being selected as teacher and support staff of the month!

## HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

Visit [www.bcssk12.org/HMS](http://www.bcssk12.org/HMS) for the latest information.



### Don Cargill STEM Scholar

Congratulations to Henderson Middle School teacher Amber Kersey for being named a 2025 Don Cargill STEM Scholar. The Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award recognizes teachers who are working hard to integrate effective STEM education in their classrooms. Don Cargill STEM Scholars create an atmosphere of exploration that excites, energizes, and equips their students to pursue enhanced educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

## JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

Visit [www.bcssk12.org/JHS](http://www.bcssk12.org/JHS) for the latest information.

**WEEK AHEAD AT JHS**

**01.06.25 - 01.10.25**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Work Day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Day of Semester 2</li> <li>Credit Repair invitations will be sent out to qualifying students</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credit Repair forms are due for qualifying students to Mrs. Stark</li> </ul>

UPCOMING:

Registration will begin this month for the 2025-2026 school year





Travel to Washington, D.C., to explore monuments and museums, meet with members of Congress, and make lifelong friends with other students from across the country. You'll discover leadership lessons from our nation's history and be immersed in the cooperative spirit that built our nation, with *all expenses paid* by your Central Georgia EMC. *Yeah, that's pretty amazing. Are you up for it?*



Once a year, two local high school students are selected by Central Georgia EMC to represent our cooperative and state as delegates on the Washington Youth Tour. This leadership experience and tour of Washington, D.C. is an unparalleled opportunity that includes meetings with state and national leaders as well as visits to all the major sites. Our delegates will join over 100 other delegates from Georgia and over 1,500 students from around the nation - *all expenses paid*- for one incredible week in our nation's capital!

#### ELIGIBILITY:

Open to high schoolers in Bibb, Butts, Clayton, Fayette, Henry, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Morgan, Monroe, Newton, Pike, Putnam, and Spalding counties. Students must be 16 or older by June 1, 2025. Students do not have to live in a home served by CGEMC.



Central Georgia EMC  
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

#### Leadership is Our Focus

From the monuments and memorials to our meetings with Congress, the focus of Youth Tour is LEADERSHIP.

#### Cooperation is Our Purpose

Electric Cooperatives power communities to improve their quality of life. We share this spirit of COOPERATION throughout the Youth Tour Experience.

#### History is Our Guide

Go where great leaders have gone before and explore the possibilities of our nation's future through the lens of its HISTORY.

#### 2025 Contest Schedule

Application Deadline is January 24, 2025

Interviews by invitation for highest-scoring applicants: February 13, 2025.

#### APPLY TODAY:

[www.cgemc.com/washington-youth-tour](http://www.cgemc.com/washington-youth-tour)



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**CENTRAL GEORGIA EMC IS PLEASED TO PLAY A PART IN HELPING OUR CUSTOMER-OWNERS PURSUE THEIR DREAM OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION.**

#### Two Opportunities

The Walter Harrison Scholarship, \$1,000

CGEMC Powering the Future Scholarship, \$500

Deadline: January 24, 2025

#### More Information

770-775-7857

[www.cgemc.com/scholarships](http://www.cgemc.com/scholarships)

[marketing@cgemc.com](mailto:marketing@cgemc.com)



## LITERACY CORNER



### How Can I Help My Child Who Is Struggling To Read

- Don't wait to get your child reading help if she or he is behind.
- Read to your child a few minutes daily.
- Help your child choose books at his or her reading level.
- Consider checking out books on tape.
- Create a reader-friendly home by monitoring screen-time.



### Ferst Readers

A child's path to a brighter future is paved with books. Children, from birth to five, enrolled in the Ferst Readers program receive a FREE quality book every month mailed to them at home. If you live in Butts County, you can register a child by visiting the website, [www.ferstreaders.org](http://www.ferstreaders.org), or by calling 888-565-0177. Be sure to register every child under five in your family. Each book is specially chosen for child's age and level of development- and because it's fun to read!

### Reading with Your Child

Twenty minutes a day is all it takes to build key reading skills.

Visit the [Literacy section of our Parent Engagement page](#) to learn five ways to help your child become a better reader.

## Reading with your child

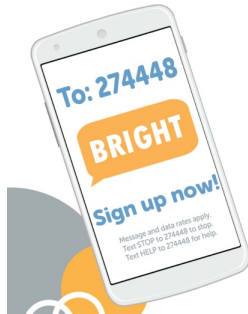


### 1.) CREATE READING RITUALS AND READ TOGETHER EVERY DAY.

Bed time is a great time for this! Snuggle up with your child and a good book as part of your child's bedtime routine.

Bright by **Text**

free activities, games and resources for parents and caregivers of children prenatal to age 8



**BUTTS COUNTY**  
SCHOOL SYSTEM

## Bright by Text

Receive free text messages with easy practical tips and activities for children from birth to age eight.

Bright by Text content is provided by trusted partners like PBS and Sesame Street, and customized by your child's birthdate and your zip code so it's just what you need, when you need it most.

Bright by Text will never share your information or try to sell you anything. And they'll never charge you for any of the valuable resources they provide.

Simply text BRIGHT to 274448.



# READING RESOURCES

at your fingertips

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## RAISING READERS: WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

[HTTPS://WWW.NEA.ORG/PROFESSIONAL-EXCELLENCE/STUDENT-ENGAGEMENT/TOLS-TIPS/RAISING-READERS-WHAT-PARENTS-CAN-DO](https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tols-tips/raising-readers-what-parents-can-do)

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## THE POWER OF JOY FOR EARLY READERS

[HTTPS://READINGPARTNERS.ORG/BLOG/THE-POWER-OF-JOY-FOR-EARLY-READERS/](https://readingpartners.org/blog/the-power-of-joy-for-early-readers/)

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## READING ROCKETS

[HTTPS://WWW.READINGROCKETS.ORG/READING-101-GUIDE-PARENTS](https://www.readingrockets.org/reading-101-guide-parents)

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## 6 TIPS FOR SETTING UP YOUR HOME FOR READING SUCCESS

[HTTPS://READINGPARTNERS.ORG/BLOG/6-TIPS-FOR-SETTING-UP-YOUR-HOME-FOR-READING-SUCCESS/](https://readingpartners.org/blog/6-tips-for-setting-up-your-home-for-reading-success/)

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## 5 ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF STRUGGLING READERS

[HTTPS://WWW.GEMMLEARNING.COM/BLOG/PARENT-TIPS/5-RESOURCES-FOR-PARENTS-OF-STRUGGLING-READERS/](https://www.gemmllearning.com/blog/parent-tips/5-resources-for-parents-of-struggling-readers/)

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## WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

[HTTPS://WWW.READINGPOWERINC.ORG/WEBSITES-FOR-PARENTS.HTML](https://www.readingpowerinc.org/websites-for-parents.html)

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just one book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1095 books in three years. If you consider that most



children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started).

[The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten app lets you keep track of your reading activity quickly and easily.](#)

- Scan books into your library
- Keep track of your reading activity for multiple readers
- Track your progress to 1000 books!

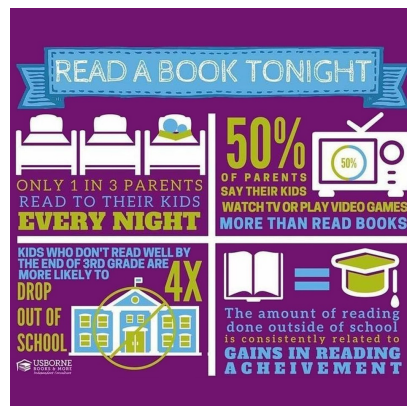
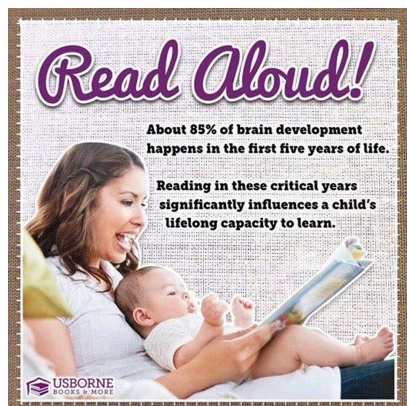


## Here's your chance to be one of the Ferst Fifty



Your donation of \$360 will sponsor 10 Butts County children between the ages of 0-5, for one year. Each child will receive one book per month by mail. Donations are tax deductible. We will feature your business or organization on the FERST Readers social media as one of the exclusive FERST Fifty.

*Checks made payable to FERST Readers, with Butts County in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 263, Jackson, GA 30233.*



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