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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 February sales will go to Jackson High School so be sure to stop by and support our Red Devils 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!

ESPLOST VII



On March 18, 2025 Butts County voters will vote on ESPLOST VII. For more information on ESPLOST, please see video above or visit our website - <https://www.bcsc12.org/Page/121>.



Pre-K Registration

Mark your calendars; Pre-K registration opens March 10-21, 2025! Appointments will be available to schedule beginning March 10. No appointments or applications made before March 10 will be accepted. Families should bring the required documents to Central Registration.

This is not a lottery placement. Pre-K slots will be filled in the order of the receipt of completed packets.



School Social Worker Week
March 3-7, 2025

School social workers are igniting change every day!



School Breakfast Week
March 3-7, 2025

Let's crack the case on a delicious and nutritious



Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
March 7, 2025

Our maintenance staff is critical

Butts County School System is incredibly thankful and lucky to have Mrs. Susan Sarsany as our School Social Worker. Join us in thanking Mrs. Sarsany during Social Worker Week for igniting hope for the students of Butts County.

morning. The Butts County School Nutrition Department prepares students for academic success by ensuring they start their day with a nutritious breakfast! Join us in celebrating the importance of a healthy morning meal.

to helping our schools run smoothly. Thank you to our maintenance teammates who make sure we have a comfortable, safe, and reliable place to learn and work.

MENUS

Elementary

Breakfast

Mon February 24 - Mini Donut Holes
Tues February 25 - Pancake Pup
Wed February 26 - Chicken Biscuit
Thurs February 27 - Sausage Biscuit
Friday February 28 - Fruit Loop Waffle

Lunch

Mon, February 24
Cheesy Pan Pizza or Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Blueberry Cup w/Topping

Tues, February 25
Homemade Chili w/Warm Roll or Hotdog on Bun, Baked Potato w/Fixings, Fresh Broccoli w/Cheese, Icy Fruit Treat

Wed, February 26
Cheeseburger on Bun or Chicken Nuggets w/Honey Mustard, Warm Roll, Fresh Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Pickle Spears, Sweet Corn Nuggets

Thurs, February 27
Warm Steak Sliders or Manager's Choice, Crispy Sweet Potato Fries, Saucy Baked Beans, Sweet Ice Cream Cup, Homemade Birthday Cake, Icy Strawberry Treat

Friday, February 28
Cajun Chicken Pasta or Calzones w/Marinara, Buttered Corn, Fresh Garden Salad, Sweet Animal Crackers

HMS & JHS

Breakfast

Mon February 24 - Steak Biscuit
Tues February 25 - Chicken Biscuit
Wed February 26 - Pancake Pup
Thurs February 27 - Sausage Biscuit
Friday February 28 - Warm Confetti Pancake

Lunch

Mon, February 24
Cheesy Pan Pizza or Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Blueberry Cup w/Topping

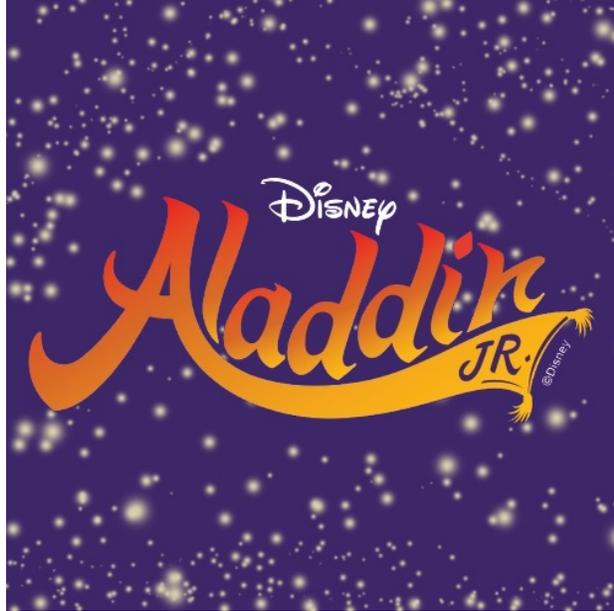
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EVENTS AT THE PAC

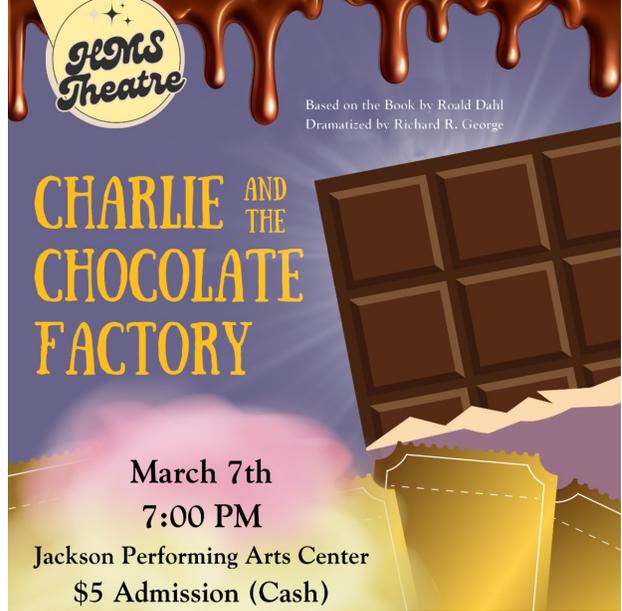


February 27-28

DES presents Aladdin

Join us February 27-28, 2025 as Daughtry Elementary School presents their spring musical, Aladdin.

[Visit our Website](#)



March 7

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Join us Friday, March 7, 2025 for Henderson Middle School's spring production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

[Visit our Website](#)

BCSS Athletics

This Week In Athletics

BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

February 24th - March 1st

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>HMS Soccer @ Clifton Ridge G 5 pm B 6:15 pm</p> <p>JHS JV Baseball Home-5:30 pm vs. Pike Co</p> <p>JHS JV Soccer @ Jasper Co</p>	<p>HMS Baseball @ Clifton Ridge 4:30 pm</p> <p>JHS Baseball @ Lamar Co 5:30 pm</p> <p>JHS Golf @ Jasper Co 3:00 pm</p> <p>JHS Soccer @ Westside Macon G 5:30 B 7:30 pm</p>	<p>HMS and JHS Track & Field Home-4:00 pm</p> <p>JHS JV Baseball @ Pike Co 6:00 pm</p>	<p>HMS Baseball Home-4:30 pm vs. Pike Co</p> <p>HMS Soccer @ Pike Co G 5 pm B 6:15 pm</p> <p>JHS Baseball Home-6:00 pm vs. Upson-Lee</p> <p>JHS Golf Home-3:15 pm vs. Lamar Co</p> <p>JHS Soccer Home-Morgan Co G 5:30 B 7:30 pm</p>	<p>JHS Track & Field Home-4:00 pm Red Devil Run Down</p>	<p>HMS Baseball Home-11:00 am vs. Lamar County @ Red Devil Hill Wallace Field</p> <p>JHS Baseball Home-JV/V DH vs. Lamar JV @ 1:00 pm V @ 3:00 pm</p>

DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Visit www.bcssk12.org/DES for the latest information.



Colt Garden Club

The Garden Club created terrariums and hydroponics! Go Colts!



Congratulations to Top Colt, Mrs. Oldfield. Mrs. Oldfield is ALWAYS helpful, positive, and friendly. She goes above and beyond and can turn around anyone's bad day!



Congratulations to Columbus Watkins for earning 3rd place in the Griffin RESA Literacy Competition for Ready Writing at the regional level.

JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Visit www.bcssk12.org/JES for the latest information.



JES Science

Second grade explored the different states of matter with a Valentine's Day float!



Congratulations to our 4th Grade Drama for their participation in the Griffin RESA Literacy Days.



Help us send a BIG "thank you" to Sgt McDonald and Lt Jax for their dedication to keeping Jackson Elementary a safe place to learn, thrive, and grow each day!

STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 28

Student of the Month
Celebration
8:30 - 9:30 AM

Step-Up Celebration
12:30 - 2:30 PM

Monday, March 3

Read Across America Day

Tuesday, March 4

Spring Pictures

March 10 – 21

Pre-K Registration

Tuesday, March 18

Band Performance at the PAC
6 - 7 PM

Thursday, March 27

Parent Conference Day
12 - 7 PM

Friday, March 28

Hat Day for Butts Mutts and
Klassy Kats - \$1 donation



SES Science

Mrs. McWhorter's and Mrs. Hill's classes practiced describing matter by completing a cracker lab! They had to describe the physical properties of five different types of crackers.

Visit www.bcsc12.org/SES for the latest information.



Our kindergarten students are enthusiastic about reading.



Girls on the Move spent time making friendship bracelets.

HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Visit www.bcsc12.org/HMS for the latest information.



Black History Program

The Jackson High and Henderson Middle School joint Gospel Choir is prepping for our Black History Program February 28.



We want to share our gratitude for our SRO. School safety is his main priority and he does it with pride. The students loved surprising Officer Jernigan with a Back the Blue basket for School Resource Officer Day. Thank you Officer Jernigan for all you do to keep us safe and for all the smiles!



We are so proud of our Tigers. They competed at our regional literacy competition at the Griffin RESA Literacy Days.

- 1st Place Writing- Amani Irby (6th grade)
- 1st Place Writing- Ameerah Bidmus (7th grade)
- 2nd Place Drama- Kaygen Harrison, McKinley Gaddis, & Addison Hardy (7th grade)

JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Visit www.bcask12.org/JHS for the latest information.

WEEK AHEAD AT JHS

02.24.25 - 02.28.25

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
• No After School Program	• After School Program 3:30-4:30	• After School Program 3:30-4:30	• After School Program 3:30-4:30	• Juniors and Seniors must purchase prom tickets during advisement which is schedule immediately after 1st block.

Georgia School Climate Survey 2024-2025 Families
Butts County | Jackson High School

UPCOMING:

- Please take a moment to complete the GaDOE Climate Survey for Families by clicking on the following link: <https://survey.gadoe.org/FM?sid=EDC23F33> The survey will close on March 31. **Thank you for your feedback!**
- March 14-** End of 2nd grading period
- March 20-** Title 1 Parent Workshop- State Testing updates for the 25-26 school year AND Prom paperwork and \$85 dues should be turned in to advisors

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, 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.

BUTTS COUNTY EARLY LITERACY PARENT EDUCATORS

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

1

RAISING READERS: WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

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

2

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/)

3

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/)

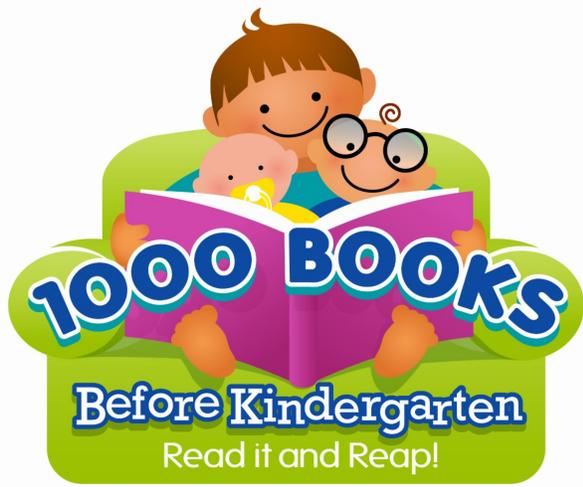
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WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

[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.

Read Aloud!

About 85% of brain development happens in the first five years of life.

Reading in these critical years significantly influences a child's lifelong capacity to learn.

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

FILL YOUR HOME!

A book-filled home encourages a culture of reading for enjoyment and talking about books. A recent study found that when it comes to standard child care, regardless of how many books the family already has, each addition to the home library helps children do better.**

Create a Reading Nook
A dedicated space for books and reading is a great way to encourage your child's love of reading.

Impact their Future
Reading to your child today helps them learn to read tomorrow.

Read Aloud
Reading to your child today helps them learn to read tomorrow.

Keep Books Everywhere!
The three best places to keep a box of books for your children to read in are the car, the house, and the library.

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READ A BOOK TONIGHT

ONLY 1 IN 3 PARENTS READ TO THEIR KIDS EVERY NIGHT

50% OF PARENTS SAY THEIR KIDS WATCH TV OR PLAY VIDEO GAMES MORE THAN READ BOOKS.

KIDS WHO DON'T READ WELL BY THE END OF 3RD GRADE ARE 4X MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL

The amount of reading done outside of school is consistently related to GAINS IN READING ACHIEVEMENT

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