



BCSS BULLETIN

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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!

Mr. Lowe's Fireside Chat

Watch Mr. Lowe's latest Fireside where he discusses the senior exemption, upcoming ESPLOST, and House Bill 581.

For more information on House Bill 581, visit the **[HB 581 information Center](#)** on our website.



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. Appointments can be made here beginning March 10. 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.

MENUS

Menus may vary for the next few weeks because of snow days. Please contact your students' kitchen manager for details.

EVENTS AT THE PAC



February 11

LPGE Concert

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

[Visit our Website](#)




January 30 - February 1

DES presents Aladdin

Join us on January 30 - February 1, 2025 as Daughtry Elementary School presents their spring musical, Aladdin.

[Visit our Website](#)

BCSS Athletics



BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

Feb
2025

3	4	5	6	7	8
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No Event	JHS Basketball Away-Westside JVB 4:30 pm VG 6:00 pm VB 7:30 pm	HMS Baseball Away-ELCA Scrimmage Game 3:30 pm JHS Basketball Home Pike Co VG 6:00 pm VB 7:30 pm	JHS Baseball Away-Social Circle Scrimmage Game 5:30 pm JHS Soccer Home-Jones Co VG 5:30 pm VB 7:30 pm	JHS Wrestling State Sectional Away @ North Murray	JHS Bass Fishing Away @ Lake Oconee JHS Wrestling State Sectional @ North Murray



9th Grade Boys Basketball- League Champs 2025

Congratulations to the Jackson High School 9th Grade Boys' Basketball Team on winning their league championship!

DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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



Girls M.V.P. Club gets "FIT" for the New Year

The Girls M.V.P. Club of Daughtry gets "Fit" for the New Year by participating in a dance routine and Zumba session. This month's topic was health and fitness. The girls learned a dance routine coordinated by Isabella Lee, a senior dance instructor at T&K Studios of Jackson. The girls were all smiles as they performed the dance.

After a short break, the girls participated in a Zumba session lead by Cindy Cook. Cook surprised the girls with shades and a necklace to glamour their session.

This month, the girls are learning about entrepreneurship through a vendor career fair.

JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

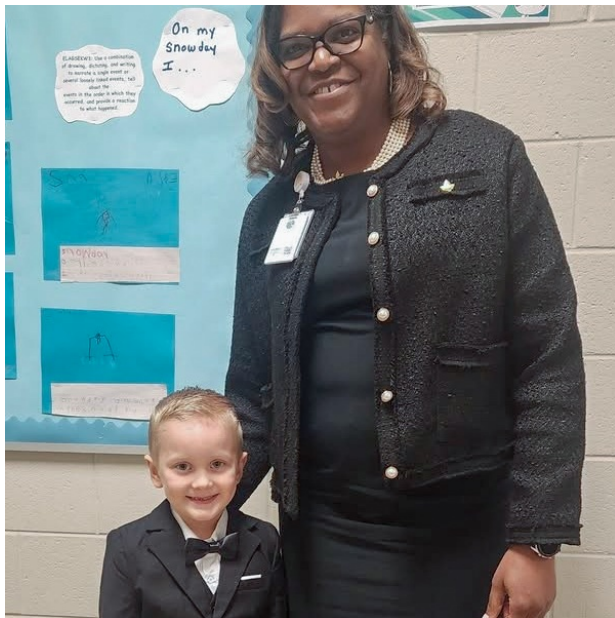
Upcoming Events

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



Professional Learning

JES teachers participated in Growing Readers Professional Learning. Teachers learned more in depth ways to teach strategies, planning with mentor texts, establishing effective text sets, and much, much more.



Dress for Success

JES students and staff looked great in their professional attire for the district-wide Dress for Success Day.



Sugar on Snow

Students grades 3rd-5th read the book Sugar on Snow, which explained how syrup is made, and then used their senses to gather observations about 100% Maple Syrup and manufactured syrup.

STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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



SES

Mrs. Zoeckler's class participated in an activity where they role played to learn about how the colonists felt about King George's taxes. They had a King, Parliament, tax collectors, and the colonists.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
Stark Strong Dance
FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 7TH
6-7:30PM
Ticket: \$5 per person at the door
CASH ONLY
Children under 3 years of age are free
Middle school and high school
students are not permitted
Students must be accompanied
by an adult
No drop offs
Book Fair will be
OPEN during the
dance
Digital Photos will be available
\$10/\$15
Cash and Cash App Only
Photos by Images By Becki
STARK PTO

Desserts
Drinks
Provided
Music by
Hamlin Productions

Book Fair

FRI 2/7: 8:30 AM - 4 PM & 6-7 PM
MON 2/10: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
TUE 2/11: 8:30 AM - 4 PM
WED 2/12: 8:30 AM - 4 PM
THU 2/13: 8:30 AM - 4 PM
FRI 2/14: 8:30 AM - 12 PM

S.T.E.A.M. PARENT WORKSHOP
featuring our 5th Grade Band
RESCHEDULED
February 20, 2025
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Stark Elementary Cafeteria
Experience fun Science, Technology, Engineering,
Art, and Math activities for the whole family!
Learn ways to support your child's learning!

HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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



Student Council Conference

Thank you Central Georgia Electric Membership Company for investing in our students' leadership development. Thank you for approving our grant application. Without you, it would have been impossible to take our student leaders to the 2025 National Association of Student Council Conference.

JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Visit www.bcscsk12.org/JHS for the latest information.



JOIN US IN Washington D.C.
FOR A YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE! JUNE 13-20, 2025

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?

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.gcemc.com/washington-youth-tour

ELIGIBILITY:
Open to high schoolers in Bibb, Butts, Clayton, Fayette, Henry, Jasper, Jones, Lanier, 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 Cooperative Powering Georgia



WEEK AHEAD AT JHS

02.03.25 - 02.07.25

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Program 3:30-4:30 Mon.-Thursday. College and Career Fair and Dress For Success Day 8:30-11:30- Approximately 30 outside businesses and colleges will be on campus. We encourage students to dress to impress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herrf Jones will be on campus during lunch to collect senior dues- NOTE: this is the last day for seniors to pay their dues. Rising 9th grade night- 6:00 in commons 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROTC Dinner and Awards Ceremony in the Commons 5:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of S2 first grading period- the first 4.5 week progress reports will be available via Infinite Campus. Here are the instructions for accessing the report card. 2025-2026 registration will kick off during advisement



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!**
- Registration has been rescheduled to Feb. 10-14. Students will learn more about this process during advisement on Friday, Feb. 7.

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.

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/TOLS-TIPS/RAISING-READERS-WHAT-PARENTS-CAN-DO](https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tols-tips/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)

4

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/)

6

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.](#)

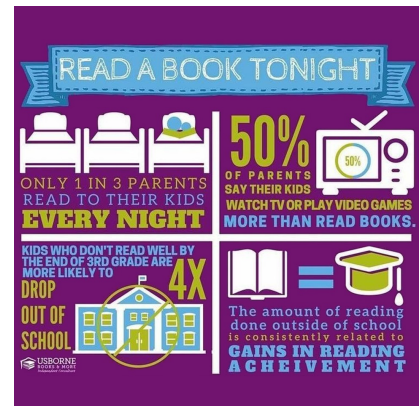
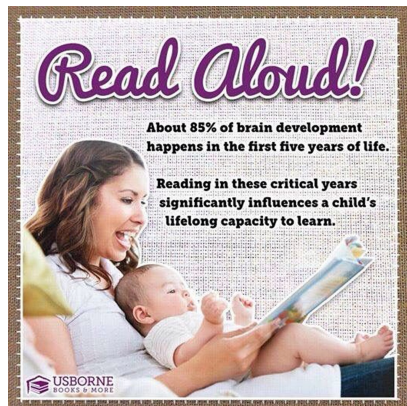
- Scan books into your library
- Keep track of your reading activity for multiple readers
- Track your progress to 1000 books!



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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