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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 March 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!

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.bcscsk12.org/Page/121>.



Pre-K Registration

Pre-K registration begins today! Visit our website to make an appointment and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, give us a call at (770) 504-2300.

www.bcscsk12.org/prek

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

National School Breakfast Week

Butts County School Nutrition kicked off National School Breakfast Week with the signing of the proclamation at Henderson Middle School. Throughout the week, they shared clues about school nutrition to celebrate the theme of National School Breakfast Week - Clue in to School Breakfast!





CLUE #1

40% of Butts County School Nutrition staff are ServeSafe certified. Directors, managers and assistant managers are required to hold the certification and it renews every 5 years. Other staff that are certified do so at their own choice. This helps ensure safe meals every day!

CLUE #2

The Butts County SNP department is a self-sustaining business. We receive NO funds from the school system general fund. Each school operates on a budget and what is earned through reimbursable meals is what is spent on food, labor, etc.

CLUE #3

The Butts County School Nutrition department has been a part of CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) for 13 years. This program is driven by participation and enables us to serve students breakfast and lunch at NO charge to parents.



CLUE #4

All Butts County SNP employees are required by USDA to earn 8-13 training hours per year. These trainings are required in order to keep employment.

CLUE #5

All menus for Butts County Schools are created by a certified chef who is also our director, Nicole James. All menus adhere to requirements put in place by USDA. These requirements include offerings for proteins, fruits and veggies, grains and milk.

GUARDIANSHIP

GUARDIANSHIP ROADMAP AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Join us
Monday, March 24th 2025 at 5 PM
Earnest Battle Building
218 Woodland Way
Jackson, GA 30233

Attorney Amy Fletcher will discuss the guardianship process and alternative options to help you support your child with disabilities to transition into adulthood at age 18.

Student Services Parent Workshop

Attorney Amy Fletcher will discuss the guardianship process and alternative options to help you support your child with disabilities to transition into adulthood at age 18.

[Register here](#)

School Board Appreciation Week

We are celebrating our School Board members during Board Member Appreciation Week. We would like to thank our board for their dedication to public education and service to students in our school district. Thank you Brandy Phillips, District 1, Laura English, District 2, Kelly King, Board Chair and District 3, Clifford Marshall, District 4 and Vice-Chair, and Danny Smith, District 5.



MENUS

Elementary

Breakfast

Mon March 10 - Chicken Biscuit
Tues March 11 - Strawberry Pop Tart
Wed March 12 - Sausage Biscuit
Thurs March 13 - Warm Cherry Frudel
Friday March 14 - Pancake Pup

Lunch

Mon, March 10

Cheesy Stuffed Crust Pizza or Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Spinach Salad, Seasoned Green Beans

Tues, March 11

Wild Mike's Cheese Bites or Homemade Macaroni and Cheese w/Little Smokies, Seasoned Collard Greens, Fresh Veggies w/Ranch, Dick and Jane Cookies

Wed, March 12

Cheesy Chili Crispito or Spicy Beef Nachos, Spicy Salsa, Fiesta Street Corn, Fresh Lettuce and Tomato, Cinnamon Apples, Warm Cookie

Thurs, March 13

Toasty Patty Melt or Cheesy Calzones w/Marinara Sauce, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Pickle Spears, Saucy Baked Beans

Friday, March 14

Crispy Chicken Nuggets w/Dip or Homemade Spaghetti, Fresh Caesar Salad, Seasoned Lima Beans, Warm Garlic Knot

HMS & JHS

Breakfast

Mon March 10 - Sausage Biscuit
Tues March 11 - Spicy Chicken Biscuit
Wed March 12 - Steak Biscuit
Thurs March 13 - Fruit Loop Waffle
Friday March 14 - Breakfast Early Riser

Lunch

Mon, March 10

Cheesy Stuffed Crust Pizza or Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Spinach Salad, Seasoned Green Beans

Tues, March 11

Wild Mike's Cheese Bites or Homemade Macaroni and Cheese w/Little Smokies and a Warm Roll, Seasoned Collard Greens, Fresh Veggies w/Ranch

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EVENTS AT THE PAC



March 10

JHS Chorus Pre LGPE

Join us Monday, March 10 for the Jackson High School Chorus Pre Large Group Performance Evaluation Concert at 6:30 PM.

[Visit our Website](#)



March 20

Elementary Music in Our Schools

Join us on Thursday, March 20 for the Elementary Music in Our Schools Concert!

[Visit our Website](#)

BCSS Athletics



This Week In Athletics

BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM



March 10th - March 15th

MONDAY

HMS Soccer
Home-Monroe Co
G 5 pm B 6:15 pm

TUESDAY

HMS Baseball
Home-Monroe Co
4:30 pm

HMS Volleyball
@ Austin Road
6:00 pm

JHS Baseball
@ Rutland (4:30 pm)

JHS Golf (3:45 pm)
@ Mary Persons

JHS Soccer
Home-Pike County
G 5:30/B 7:30 pm

JHS Tennis (4:00 pm)
Home-Callaway

JHS Football
Booster Club Meeting
at RDH (6 pm)

WEDNESDAY

HMS Track & Field
Home-4:00 pm
Middle Georgia
Classic

JHS JV Baseball
Home- 4:00 pm
vs. Mary Persons
(DH)

THURSDAY

HMS Baseball
@ Gray Station
4:30 pm

JHS JV Baseball
@ Newton
5:30 pm

JHS Golf
Home-3:00 pm
vs. Alcovy & Luella

JHS Tennis (4:00 pm)
Home-Westside

JHS JV Soccer
@ Lamar Co (5:30 pm)

FRIDAY

JHS Baseball
Home-Rutland
5:00 pm (DH)

JHS Soccer
@ Westside
G 5:30/B7:30 pm

SATURDAY

JHS JV Baseball
Home-11:00 am
vs. Newton

JHS Track & Field
@ Hugh Mills
Stadium
Albany, GA
9:00 am

DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Visit www.bcassk12.org/DES
for the latest information.



DES MVP Girls Career Path Day

On Thursday, February 27, the Daughtry Elementary School MVP Girls hosted Career Path Day. Several women-owned businesses were invited to discuss their careers with Daughtry's young ladies.

In attendance was Tracy B. McKibben of MAC Energy Group, Tiffany Kelley of Sunrise Nutrition, Lakeicha Goodrum of Faith Works Business Solutions, Lakunis Willis and LaTara Miller of Love Thy Neighbor, Melissa Cole with United Bank, and Rachel Popham of Pretty Poppy Boutique.

Read Across America Week

Mrs. Simpson's class was blessed with 4 cadets from JHS who read to the class and then presented a structured activity. Two of the JHS students hope to major in education so this was a wonderful experience for them.



JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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



Read Across America

JES students were so excited to kick off Read Across America week with special guest readers!! We cannot say thank you enough! Our goal is to create life-long readers. Thank you to: Mr. Brent Lowe, Mrs. Lenora Clarkson, Mayor Duffey, Captain Cupp, Chief David Akins, Mrs. Joyce Rowe, and Mrs. Brandy Phillips.





STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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

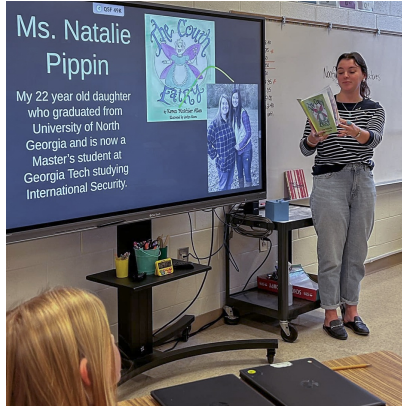
Visit www.bcssk12.org/SES
for the latest information.



Read Across America

SES students enjoyed stories read by all of our guest readers
for Read Across America Day!





HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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



HMS Glasses Drive

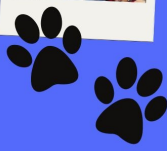
HMS glasses drive is complete! Students and teachers have raised over 500 glasses and cases to donate to Medical Missions Outreach, located in McDonough, Ga! This groups organizes trips all over the world to give to those in need. Way to go HMS!

HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



TEACHER OF THE MONTH
FEBRUARY 2025

Mr. Samuel
Bennett

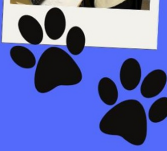


HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



SUPPORT PERSON OF THE
MONTH
FEBRUARY 2025

Mrs. Kimberly
Sparrow

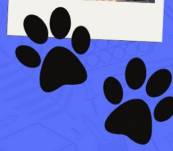


HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



LEADER OF THE MONTH
FEBRUARY 2025

Mrs. Alicia
Gentle



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Henderson Middle School theater students did a fabulous job in their production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory last Friday.



JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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



Jackson Leadership League

On Tuesday, February 25, students from the Jackson Leadership League and AP US History attended 4-H Day at the Capitol. Students were able to meet with their elected officials, enjoy tours of the historic halls, and gain a deeper understanding of the civic process.

The Jackson Leadership League was among more than 800 other 4-H'ers and their leaders across the state to participate in 4-H Day. Together, they formed the largest delegation on record for 4-H Day at the Capital!

Senator Larry Walker and Representative Rick Jasperse served as the legislative hosts for lunch where students

learned more about being civically engaged and how each individual is an important part of the legislative process. They were even able to run into Governor Brian Kemp, who had time for a quick selfie.

The Jackson Leadership League is a club at Jackson High School that is part of the Butts County 4-H program. The Leadership League focuses on community involvement, citizenship, and growing as leaders.



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!

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

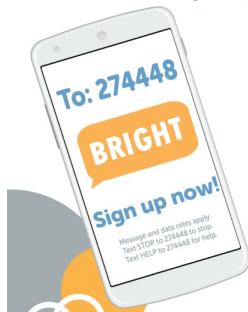


1.) CREATE READING RITUALS AND READ TOGETHER EVERY DAY.

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/)

5

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!

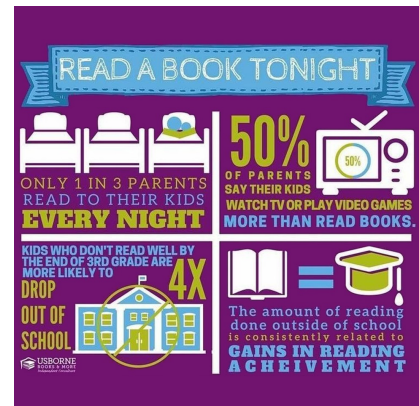
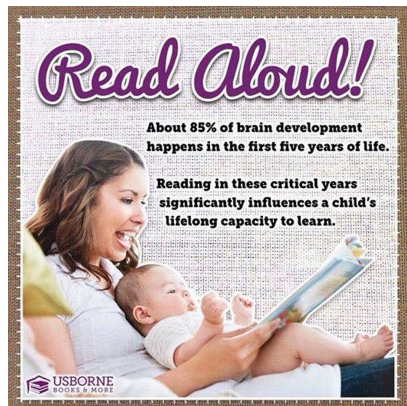


Here's your chance to be one of the Ferst Fifty



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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