

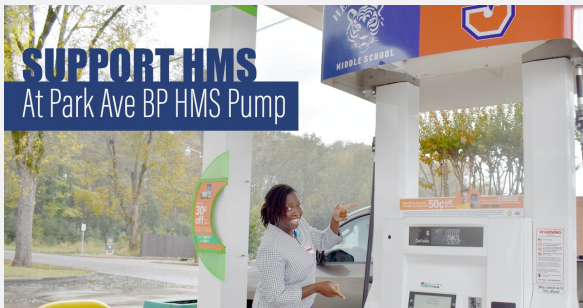
BCSS BULLETIN



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DISTRICT NEWS



SUPPORT HMS
At Park Ave BP HMS Pump

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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 September 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!

JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Teacher Work Day
October 8

Book Fair
September 20 - 24
8 AM - 2:30 PM



Thank You

JES thanks our first responders for their dedication and service to the Butts County community.



STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Teacher Work Day
October 8



Patriot Day

Stark Elementary School remembers the events of 9/11 with Red, White, and Blue Day.



DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Teacher Work Day
October 8

Title I Documents

Please visit the [DES website](#) to view important Title I Documents.



Parents, we are still looking for volunteers to serve on the student council. An email went out last week with information. Email [Mrs. Flanders](#) if you are interested in serving.

HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Saturday School

September 25

October 16

October 23

[Click here to register](#)

Teacher Work Day

October 8



STEM Math Puzzles

Dr. Williams and her "STEMgineers" worked on solving math problems using craft sticks. Students worked on solving puzzles with different degrees of difficulty. They had a ball!

JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Baseball Interest Meeting

September 15 at 7:45 AM

[Contact Coach Duffey with any questions](#)

Teacher Work Day

October 8

Order 2022 Yearbooks

[Click here to order your yearbook](#)



See Out CTAE

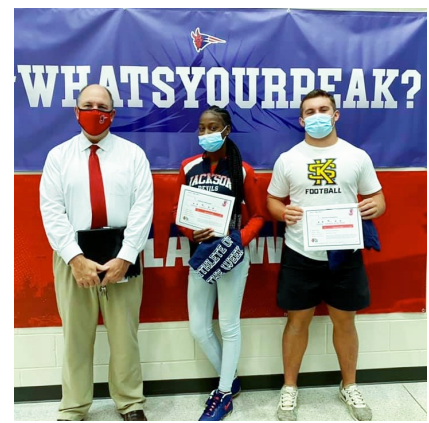
JHS Construction students are learning roofing skills.



Red Devils XC competed in the Carrollton Orthopedic Invitational.



The Lady Devils beat Locust Grove last week 5-3.



Congratulations to Athletes of the Week: Dawson Livingston and Jakyia Cummings.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to last week's Students of the Week:

- 9th Grade - Nickleus Dutton
- 10th Grade - Taylor Newman
- 11th Grade - Kimberly Cisneros-Plate
- 12th Grade - Carlos Cisneros-Plate

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Word of the Month



Initiative

/iˈniʃiə(t)ɪv/ noun.

the ability to assess and initiate things independently.



Initiative

Seeing what needs to be done and doing it

In the town of Rjukan, Norway they live in darkness for about half of the year. Rjukan sits at the bottom of a valley and part of the year the sun doesn't go high enough in the sky to shine on the town. Because sunlight is so important, a local decided to do something about it. He designed these mirrors that would reflect the sun down into the town's square. The mirrors track the path of the sun and move every 10 seconds to project sunlight down in the town. Talk about seeing a need and doing something about it!

Character Building

The year 2020 saw many private citizens, organizations, and charities across the world helping others. People across the globe pitched in to conquer the constantly evolving problems associated with the coronavirus pandemic. We witnessed people sewing masks and donating them to medical offices and hospitals. We witnessed organizations take donations to local food banks to feed those in need. We witnessed people donate blood to help scientists study the way the virus affected individuals. First responders stepped up in a big way to help keep people healthy and safe. The year was a trying time; however, it was a great testimony to the way in which humankind saw a great need and did something about it.



“For the great doesn't happen through impulse alone, and is a succession of little things that are brought together”
Vincent Van Gogh

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!

Audible

Audible has extended their services to everyone to listen for free. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone, or tablet. Students can listen to a collection of stories across six languages to keep them dreaming, learning, and just being kids.

[Click here to start listening](#)



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 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.



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!



From the Minds of Boys

Boys today are simply not learning as well as girls:

- Boys receive 70% of the Ds and Fs given all students
- Boys cause 90% of classroom discipline problems
- 80% of all high school dropouts are boys
- Only 40% of college students are boys
- Three out of four learning disabled students are boys

What can you do to help your son or grandson? What can you do to help the boys in your classroom? Find out ways to help in the book The Minds of Boys by Michael Gurian.

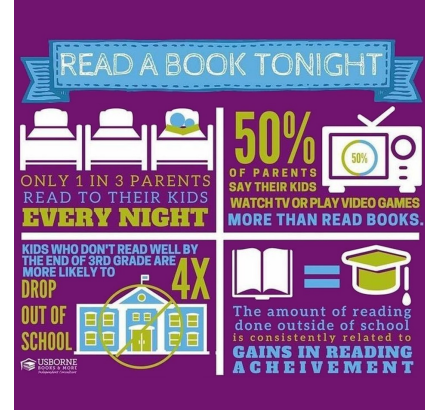
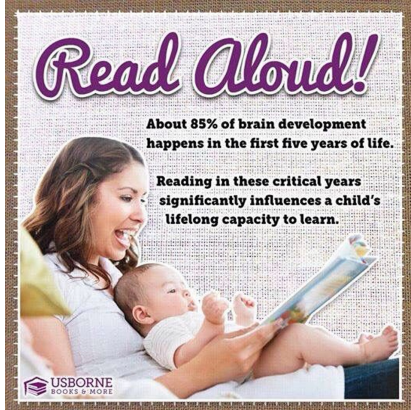


Here's your chance to be one of the Ferst Fifty

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 FESRT 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.





COVID-19 TIPS FOR PARENTS



The CDC's COVID-19 [Guidance for Schools and Childcare Programs](#) now includes tips for parent's including:

- Limiting person-to-person interactions; practicing social distancing
- Revising travel plans
- Stay in touch with your child's school/ teacher
- Create a schedule and routine for learning at home
- Consider the needs and adjustment required for your child's age group
- Look for ways to make learning fun
- Help your child stay active and socially connected

The Georgia Department of Education has compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions which cover protecting children from COVID-19. Click [here](#) to view the information.

TELEMEDICINE VISITS

Southside Medical Center is extending their telemedicine services to members of the community. If you require a doctor's visit for any reason, it is encouraged to use this virtual method instead of going into the office.

To schedule an appointment, call the Butts County Medical Center at 770-504-5566. If you are a new patient to Southside, the receptionist will schedule the appointment and then send an electronic registration link to your phone or email. The office personnel will facilitate the appointment from beginning to end.



Mental Health & COVID-19

Mental Health America of Georgia has compiled a resource page to aid members of the community who have mental health conditions, or are at risk of developing them. Their website is full of information, webinars, emergency hotlines, online peer support, financial support, food pantries and more.

Click [here](#) to visit their site.