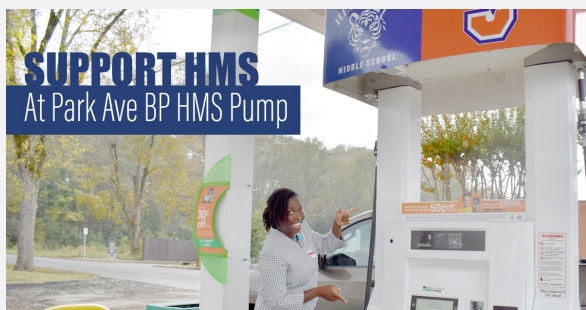


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DISTRICT NEWS



Support HMS 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 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!

HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Saturday School

September 25

October 16

October 23

[Click here to register](#)

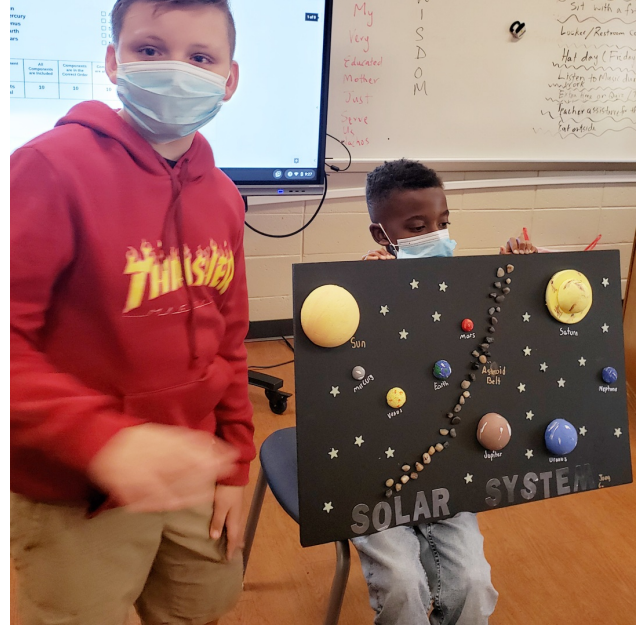
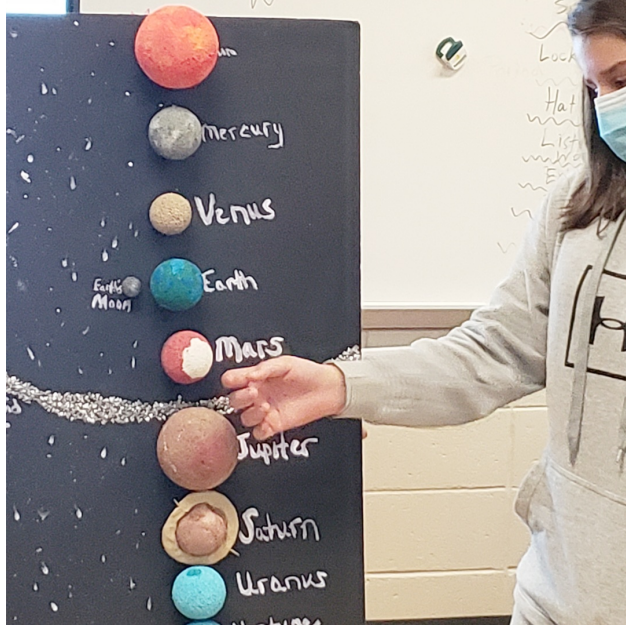
Teacher Work Day

October 8



Solar System Projects

Students in Mrs. Ahmed's class recently completed their solar system projects, explaining the planets' positions in our solar system



JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Homecoming Week
September 27 - October 1
[Click here for details](#)

Teacher Work Day
October 8

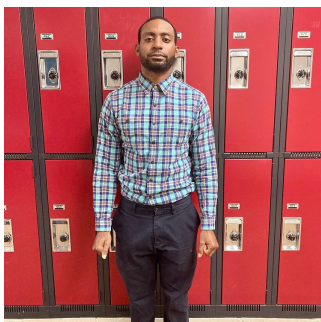
Order 2022 Yearbooks
[Click here to order your yearbook](#)



See Our CTAE

Congratulations to Mr. Lowe, Dr. McKibben, and the Jackson High School CTAE program on earning CEFGA industry certification for their construction pathway. The Construction program joins the Healthcare Science program as industry-certified pathways. Students who complete industry-certified pathways are better prepared to meet Georgia's workforce demands in the 21st century.

Jackson High School's CTAE pathway welcomed the following staff into their department this year.



Mr. Brian Williams
Business Education



Ms. Heather Stanley
Agriculture



PO William Tanner
NJROTC



Mrs. Shindana Morgan
Assistant to CTAE Director

Students of the Week

Congratulations to last week's Students of the Week:

- 9th Grade - Patrice Davis



- 10th Grade - Alyssa Wilkerson
- 11th Grade - John Pilgram
- 12th Grade - Michael Irizarry

Athletes of the week

Congratulations to JHS Athletes of the Week:

- Caliegh Kirby - Kirby has stepped up big last week for the softball team. She is 3 for 5 with two game winning hits against Upson Lee and Crisp.
- Les Callen - In the game against Lamar, Callen stepped in and threw for 293 yards. He scored 2 TDs with a 67% completion percentage.



STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

PTO Coke Fundraiser
September 13 - October 1

Virtual Annual Title I Meeting
September 23 at 5:30 PM
[Click Here to Join](#)

Teacher Work Day
October 8

Fall Break
October 11 - 12

Book Fair
October 15 and 18 - 22



Eagles Nest

Stark Elementary School's very first student-created Eagle's Nest newsletter was published last week. We are very proud of all the students who contributed to the publication!

JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

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

Virtual Literacy Night
September 23
6 PM
[Click here to join](#)

Teacher Work Day
October 8



JES Kindergarten

Students in Mr. Turner's kindergarten class studied items that sink or float.

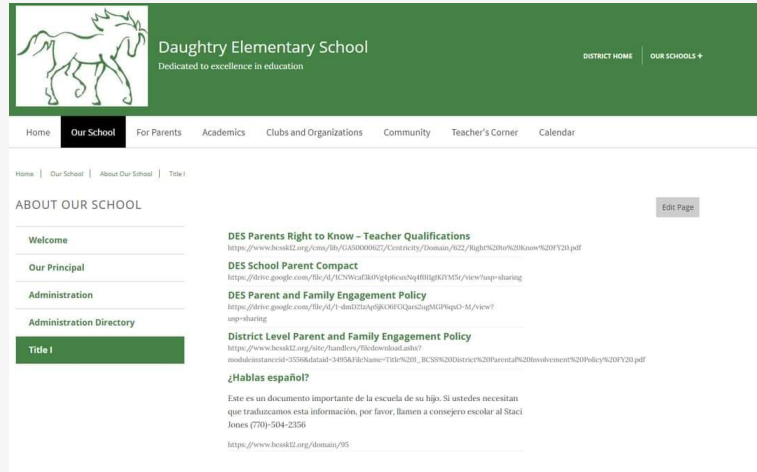
DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Dates

Teacher Work Day
October 8

Title I Documents

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



Parents, please review these important documents on our [school website](#) pertaining to Title I.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

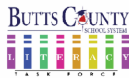
Word of the Month



Initiative

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the ability to assess and initiate things independently.



Initiative

Seeing what needs to be done and doing it

Victor Hugo defined initiative as "doing the right thing without being told. Many a parent would agree with Mr. Hugo here! When you see something that needs to be done, it's usually not wrong to go ahead and do it. It really stands out to BE that person that first of all notices what needs to be done and then takes it a step further and does it!

Character Building

As a family, sit down and discuss things that need to be done at home. What are some needs in the family? Examples might include home improvements, cleaning out closets and donating old clothes and shoes, fixing car issues, resolving relationship issues, etc. Make a goal each week to identify a need and do something about it. Come to the table once the week is finished and discuss ways that each member demonstrated initiative.



“There is no royal and flower strewn road
to success...
Madam CJ Walker

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

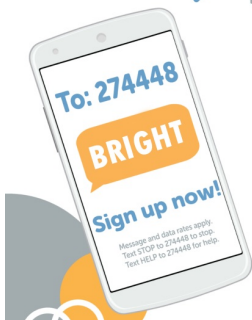
Audible has extended their services to everyone to listen for free. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone, or tablet. Students can listen to a collection of stories across six languages to keep them dreaming, learning, and just being kids.

[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.

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.

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.

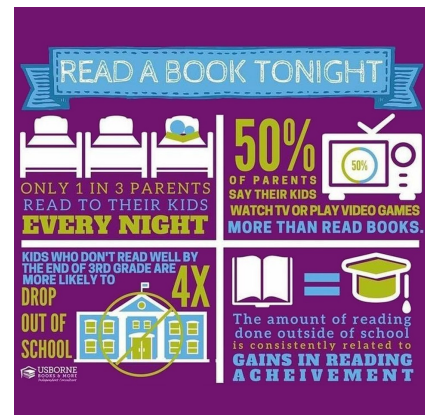
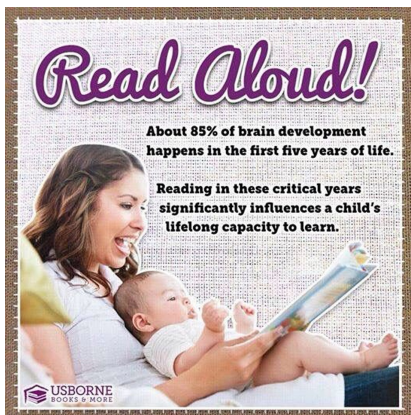


Here's your chance to be one of the Ferst Fifty



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 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.



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.