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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 May sales go to Henderson Middle School. 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!

May 8 - 12, 2023   
**Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week**



## BCSS Retirees 2023-24

Please join us in celebrating our 2022-23 retirees: Ms. Tracey Allen, Ms. Lucinda Brackett, Mr. Mike Eakin, Ms. Thelma Evans, Ms. Ruth Fewell, Ms. Fay Freeman, Ms. Carri Halcome, Ms. Edna Head, Ms. Theresa Hobbs, Ms. Angela Lamar, Ms. Jennifer Lucier, Ms. Jeanne Mathias, Mr. Gregory Miller, Ms. Margaret Pugh, Ms. Karlyn Smith, Mr. Lamar Smith, Mr. Terry Smith, and Ms. Debby Stone. They have been an asset to our school system and will be greatly missed. Thank you for your years of dedication to the students of Butts County.



## Topping Out Ceremony

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, the final beam in the Butts County Schools Performing Arts Center was put into place during the Topping Out Ceremony. Students and staff from the art, theater, band, and chorus departments in Hampton L. Daughtry Elementary, Jackson Elementary, and Stark Elementary School, Henderson Middle School, and Jackson High School visited the construction site last week to make their mark before the final beam was secured in place. Their names will forever be at the Performing Arts Center



## Graphic Design Interns

Melissa Griffin from the Development Authority is working with 3 Jackson High School graphic design students as interns. She met with the students recently to discuss some brochures and flyers the students are working on with her.

The Graphic Design Pathway is new and was finished being implemented this year.

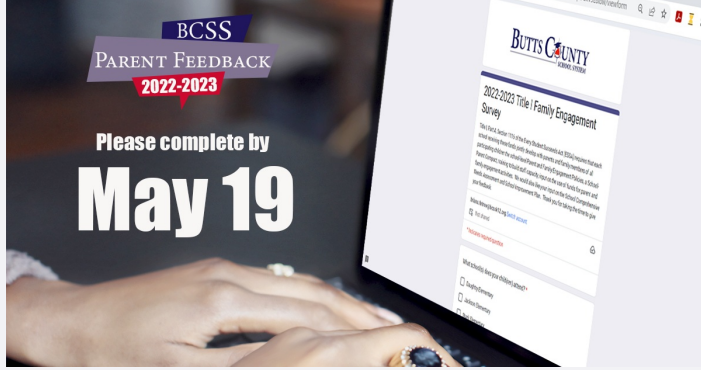


## 2022-2023 Parent Feedback

Your Input is Valuable. Each year we seek your input in the development of the School-Parent Compact and the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. We look forward to receiving your responses.

**Please complete by May 19.**





[Click here to provide feedback](#)



### SNP Hero Day

Last Friday was School Lunch Hero Day. BCSS recognized our School Nutrition Program teammates for their hard work and commitment to serving our students healthy meals everyday. Thank you, SNP Heroes!



### School Nurse Day - May 10

Join us in celebrating and recognizing the contributions that our school nurses are making to the health and learning of our students. We appreciate the difference they make in the lives of children every day!

## DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events



### DES Kindergarten

Kindergarten is learning about math and science threw baby chicks that have hatched this week.





## JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

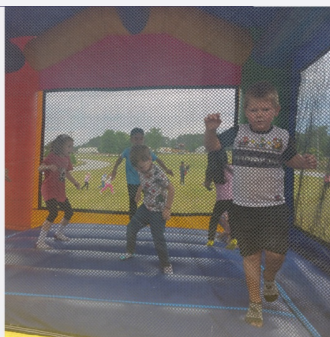
### Upcoming Events



### Field Trip

JES Beta and chorus enjoyed their field trip to the Griffin Ballet's performance of Cinderella.





### Panda Pride!

Students enjoyed a bouncy house and popsicles

### Thank you PTO

PTO surprised 3rd grade with some popsicles for surviving testing.

### Panda Bucks



Corbin spent his Panda Bucks to read to Ms. Swint's Pre-K class last week.



Raylon paid panda bucks to read to the class.

## STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

#### Clubs:

Robotics - Mondays



Student Council - Mondays  
Young Men & Girls on the Move -  
Tuesdays  
Good News - Tuesdays  
First Kids - Wednesday (Bus 14-45)



## Stark Reads

Stark Elementary School readers have already checked out over 31,300 books so far this school year! We only have one week of checkouts left.

*Books are due Monday, May 15.*

Parents and Families,

Your Input Is Valuable! Each year we seek your input on how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement through the development of the School-Parent Compact. The compact is a written commitment that helps bridge the learning connection between school and home.

We also seek your input on how we can establish the expectations for family engagement and strengthen student academic achievement through the development of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The policy describes the different ways that the school will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

[Click Here for Survey.](#)

## HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



### HMS Football Spring Practice

May 15 - May 19  
3:30 - 6:00



### HMS Softball Try-outs 2023-2024

May 22 and 23  
3:45-5:45  
Butts County Athletic Complex

*\*Must have an up to date Physical to participate*

## JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL



## Upcoming Events

### Tutoring

Monday - Thursdays  
3:30 - 4:30 PM



### JHS HOSA

Thank you to the Butts County Fire Department for all the time they spent with our Jackson High School HOSA students during their Trauma Unit. They went above and beyond setting up and creating events to engage students in safety and emergency response. Students learned how to administer CPR, set up and operate a cleaning zone for hazmat, use the Jaws of Life tools, place patients on a stretcher and were given a tour of an ambulance.

## PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

### Word of the Month



#### Determination

/di-tar-ma-shən / noun.

firmness of purpose; resoluteness



### Determination

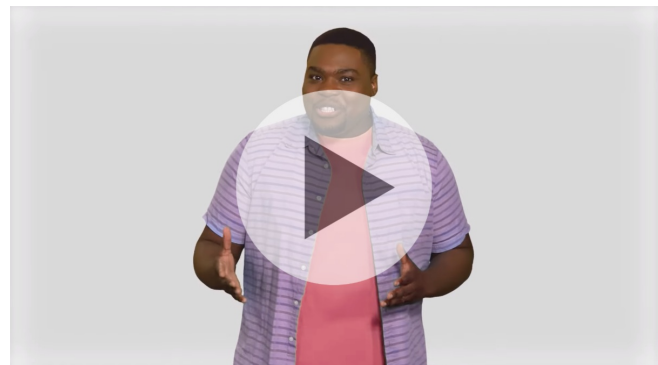
*Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started*

When situation goes wrong or not as expected, we all consider giving up. Considering quitting is normal, but are you aiming for normal or extraordinary in life? When things go wrong, we can lose our confidence and begin questioning our judgement. Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple said, "Half of what separates successful entrepreneurs from unsuccessful ones is pure determination." Determination is deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.

### Character Building

#### Ask a Child

- Tell me about a time you finished a task even though it was difficult.
- When did you give up on a task and leave it unfinished?
- Why did you finished one task but give up on another one?



“Energy rightly applied and directed will accomplish anything.”

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## LITERACY CORNER

### How Can I Help My Child Who Is Struggling To Read

- Don't wait to get your child's 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](http://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

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## 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)

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## 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/)

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## 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!

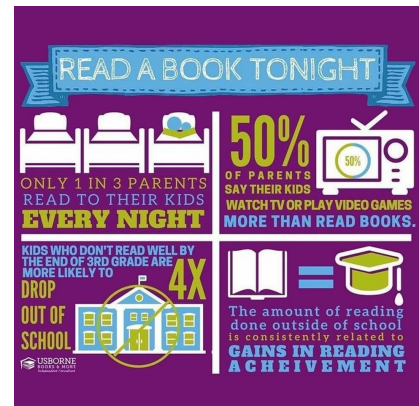
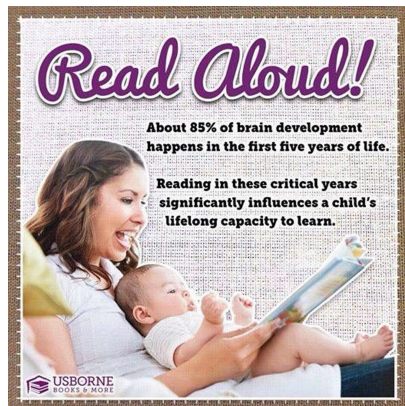


## Here's your chance to be one of the Ferst Fifty



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.*



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