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## DISTRICT NEWS



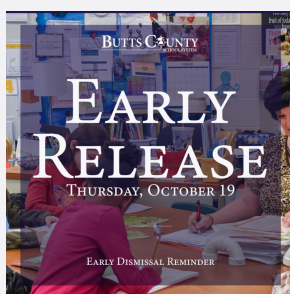
### Support BCSS at the Park Ave BP

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 October 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!

### Every Day Counts

Every single day at school brings new opportunities to learn and grow. Each lesson, interaction, and activity adds valuable building blocks to your education journey. Help your student succeed by ensuring they attend school everyday.



### Early Release

**Thursday, October 19 is an Early Release Day** to allow for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Dismissal times are as follows:

All Elementary Schools - 12:50 PM

HMS and JHS - 1:10 PM

NBA - 11:30-11:45 AM

Additionally, there will be no afternoon pickup for GRCCA.

Please check with your students' school for information regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences.

### Teacher of the Year

BCSS is pleased to announce Mrs. Pamela Chester of Daughtry Elementary School has been named the BCSS District Teacher of the Year for 2023-24. Her educational innovation has influenced the students and teachers at DES. She mentors new teachers and frequently models ELA lessons. Most recently she led the alignment of instructional practices of teaching the informational and opinion writing at DES and has developed a writing graphic organizer to be used school-wide for all young writers. Her grit and initiative demonstrated every day among her peers steadfastly shows that when it comes to preparing students for the world she will do "Whatever it Takes!"



[Read More](#)



## Extra Mile Award - October

Congratulations to our Extra Mile Award winner for October, Henderson Middle School teacher, Ms. Jada Sears! Ms. Sears consistently ensures that her students not only receive a quality education, but also experience personal growth and development. She adapts her teaching methods to cater to the diverse needs of her students, creating a supportive and inclusive classroom environment that enhances the learning experience for all her students. We are so lucky to have people like Ms. Sears at BCSS.

## Title I Documents

Please review important Title I documents on our school websites.

- District Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- School-Parent Compact
- Right to Know



Hampton L. Daughtry Elementary - <https://www.bcscsk12.org/Page/197>

Jackson Elementary - <https://www.bcscsk12.org/Page/1858>

Stark Elementary School - [https://www.bcscsk12.org/SES\\_title](https://www.bcscsk12.org/SES_title)

Henderson Middle School - [https://www.bcscsk12.org/hms\\_title](https://www.bcscsk12.org/hms_title)

Jackson High School - <https://www.bcscsk12.org/Page/1986>

# MENUS

Week of October 16

ALL ELEMENTARY	
<b>Oct 16</b>	Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit Lunch Homemade Tator Tot Casserole w/Roll, Student's Choice, Seasoned Black-eyed Peas, Fresh Veggies w/Dip <i>"I-Up" With Fresh Local Ground Beef</i> Breakfast - Strawberry Pop Tart
<b>Oct 17</b>	Lunch Wild Mike's Pizza or Chicken Nuggets w/Honey Mustard, Warm Roll, Fresh Caesar Salad, Sweet Corn Nuggets <i>"XP Points" For Trying Our New Corn Nuggets</i> Breakfast - Chicken Biscuit
<b>Oct 18</b>	Lunch Spicy Buffalo Calzones or Cheesy Taco Max Snax Quesadilla, Spicy Salsa, Fresh Lettuce and Tomato, Cheesy Refried Beans, Cinnamon Apples <i>"Power Up" with a Protein Item</i> Breakfast - Apple Frudel
<b>Oct 19</b>	Lunch Basket Lunch Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles, Potatoes Wedges, Scooby Doo Cookie Bonus Points Lunchable Choice <i>"Represent" your Favorite Video Game</i> Breakfast - Smile Mini Donuts
<b>Oct 20</b>	Lunch Chili Crispito or Homemade Meatball Sub, Fresh Spinach Salad, Seasoned Green Beans, Homemade Peach Crisp, Fresh Apple <i>"GGWP" for a Healthy Future</i>

HMS AND JHS	
<b>Oct 16</b>	Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit Lunch Mon, October 16 Homemade Tator Tot Casserole w/Roll, Student's Choice, Seasoned Black-eyed Peas, Fresh Veggies w/Dip <i>"I-Up" With Fresh Local Ground Beef</i> Breakfast - Steak Biscuit
<b>Oct 17</b>	Lunch Wild Mike's Pizza or Chicken Nuggets w/Honey Mustard, Warm Roll, Fresh Caesar Salad, Sweet Corn Nuggets <i>"XP Points" For Trying Our New Corn Nuggets</i> Breakfast - Conetti Pancakes
<b>Oct 18</b>	Lunch Spicy Buffalo Calzones or Cheesy Taco Max Snax Quesadilla, Spicy Salsa, Fresh Lettuce and Tomato, Cheesy Refried Beans, Cinnamon Apples <i>"Power Up" with a Protein Item</i> Breakfast - French Toast Minis
<b>Oct 19</b>	Lunch Basket Lunch Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles, Potatoes Wedges, Scooby Doo Cookie Bonus Points Lunchable Choice <i>"Represent" your Favorite Video Game</i> Breakfast - Chicken Biscuit
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## National School Lunch Week

October 16 - 20, 2023



Butts County Schools School Nutrition Department is celebrating National School Lunch Week October 16- 20. We kicked off the week-long celebration with the signing of the proclamation at Daughtry Elementary School this morning. We are grateful to our school nutrition staff for fueling our students' success with nutritious and delicious meals every day.





# Athletic Events



 BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM <b>THIS WEEK IN ATHLETICS</b> 					
16	17	18	19	20	21
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>HMS Basketball</b> Tryouts 3:30-6:00 pm  <b>JHS Softball</b> GHSA Tournament Super Regionals Home-Day 1 4 Teams/4 Games Start Time-12:00 pm  <b>JHS Flag Football</b> Away-5:30 & 6:30 JHS vs Locust Grove JHS vs Luella	<b>HMS Basketball</b> Tryouts 3:30-6:00 pm  <b>JHS Softball</b> GHSA Tournament Super Regionals Home-Day 2 Start Time-3:00 pm	<b>HMS Basketball</b> Tryouts 3:30-6:00 pm  <b>JHS Volleyball</b> GHSA Tournament 1st Round Home-5:30 pm Jackson vs. Savannah Country Day	<b>JHS</b> Cross Country Away-GMC Girls 4:45 pm Boys 5:30 pm	<b>JHS Football</b> Home-7:30 pm vs Pike Co Senior Night	<b>JHS</b> Bass Fishing @ Lake Oconee 6:45 am



**Lady Red Devils Volleyball**  
 Congratulations to the JHS Lady Devils Volleyball team on being 5-time Region 2-AAA Champions!



**Lady Red Devils Softball**  
 Congratulations to the JHS Lady Devils Softball team on being Region 2-AAA Champions!

## DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

Visit [www.bcscsk12.org/DES](http://www.bcscsk12.org/DES) for the latest information.



### Georgia Pre-K Week

Happy Pre-K week! DES has the BEST PreK students, teachers and assistants! We are thankful to our volunteers that came to read to our Colt Pre-K students.



Brandy Phillips, Board of Education, District 1



Kelly Raney, Board of Education Vice-Chair, District 3



Danny Smith, Board of Education, District 5



Brent Watts, Director of Human Resources and Communications



Heather Stamoules, Director of Student Services



Caressa Gordon, Director of Federal Programs, Pre-K, and Extended Learning



Leonora Clarkson, Director of Teaching and Learning



Holly Betz, RTI Coordinator



Julie Solomon, Media Specialist

## JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

Visit [www.bcssk12.org/JES](http://www.bcssk12.org/JES) for the latest information.



### Soil Science

Mrs. Moore's 3rd Grade Soil Scientists are using their knowledge and skills learning about sand, clay, and loam!

## STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

**October 7 - 27**  
Child Safety Matters  
(PE/Health)

**October 16**  
50th Day of School

**October 19**  
Conference Day (half day for students)

**October 20**  
SES Pink Out

**October 26**  
Fall Festival  
6 PM

Visit [www.bcssk12.org/SES](http://www.bcssk12.org/SES) for the latest information.



### Veterans' Day Parade

Friday, November 10, 2023.  
More details to come!

### The Eagles Nest

Students in K-5th grades were introduced to the new quiet reading room in the library called the "Eagles Nest." These are students from Ms. Holland's kindergarten class. They got to select a



character book buddy to read with, and sit in fun chairs!



## HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

Visit [www.bcssk12.org/HMS](http://www.bcssk12.org/HMS) for the latest information.



### HMS 2023-2024 Cross Country Team

Coached by Mrs. Blizzard and Mr. Zellner

Team work makes the dream work - congratulations on a great season, Tigers!



## JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

### Upcoming Events

**October 19**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**October 22**  
Red Ribbon Week

**October 24**  
PSAT administered to all 10th graders

CTAE job shadowing day

**October 28**  
ACT administered

**September 5 - November 16**  
After-school Tutoring  
Tuesday and Thursday  
3:30 - 5:30



### Region 2-AAA Champions

Congratulations to the Jackson High School Lady Devils volleyball team on becoming 5 time 2-AAA Champions! Way to go Lady Devils!

## 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](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

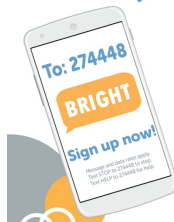


1.) CREATE READING RITUALS AND READ TOGETHER EVERY DAY.

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



## RAISING READERS: WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

[HTTPS://WWW.NEA.ORG/PROFESSIONAL-EXCELLENCE/STUDENT-ENGAGEMENT/TIPS-RAISING-READERS-WHAT-PARENTS-CAN-DO](https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tips-raising-readers-what-parents-can-do)

## 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/)

## READING ROCKETS

[HTTPS://WWW.READINGROCKETS.ORG/READING-101-GUIDE-PARENTS](https://www.readingrockets.org/reading-101-guide-parents)

## 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 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/)

## 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!

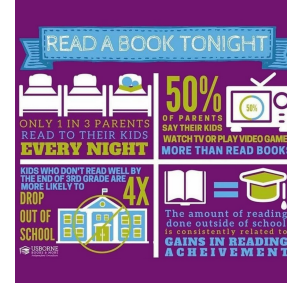
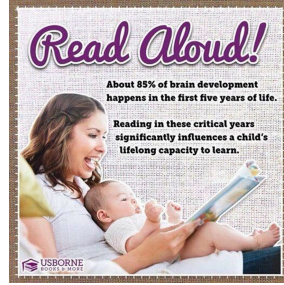


## Here's your chance to be one of the Ferst Fifty

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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