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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!

PRINCIPALS MONTH

National Principals Month honors principals for their significant impact on the success and well-being of our students. Principals, thank you for being a guiding light for the students of Butts County.

Meet the Principal

Fun Fact - I am a UGA Triple Dawg.

Your favorite memory as a principal

Watching our 2023 robotics competition team explain their project to the judges. The students worked together, had a well thought out project, and communicated professionally to the judges! It was a proud moment and epitomized what we are trying to foster at DES in terms of scholarship, collaboration and citizenship.

What do you enjoy most about being a school principal

Working with teachers and greeting students each morning.

21.5 YEARS IN EDUCATION

6.5 YEARS IN ADMINISTRATION



FAVORITE COLOR
DAUGHTRY GREEN



FAVORITE FOOD
CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZELS



FAVORITE BOOK
ANYTHING HISTORIC FICTION



Tiffany Flanders
DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Meet the Principal

Fun Fact - I love watching football.

Your favorite memory as a principal

When students have come up to me to ask, "Are you the real principal now?", and when they say "I am glad you are our principal!"

What do you enjoy most about being a school principal

I enjoy the connections and relationships that I get to be a part of every single day with students, teachers, parents, and community members.

19 YEARS IN EDUCATION

3 YEARS IN ADMINISTRATION



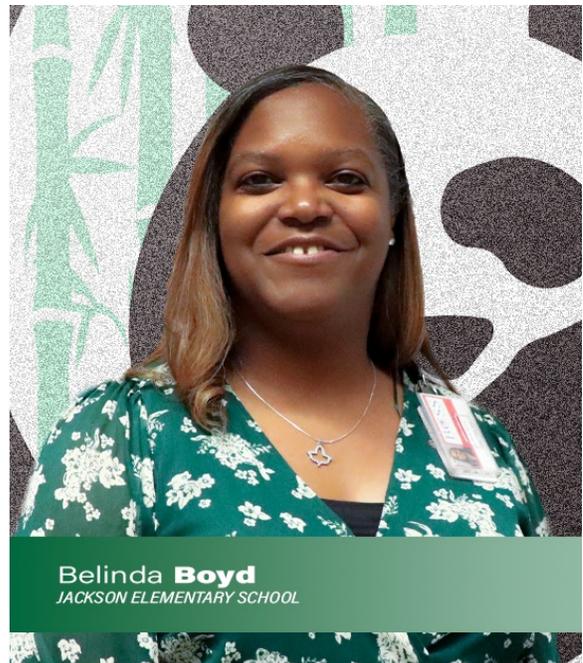
FAVORITE COLOR
ROYAL BLUE



FAVORITE FOOD
VEGGIES!



FAVORITE BOOK
ALL JUNIE B. JONES BOOKS



Belinda Boyd
JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Meet the Principal

Fun Fact - I love to hunt water fowl and white tail

Your favorite memory as a principal

The moment I was named the new principal of Stark Elementary School!

What do you enjoy most about being a school principal

Seeing my students out in the community! I love to see how excited they are about seeing me. That lets me know I am making a difference!

27 YEARS IN EDUCATION

9 YEARS IN ADMINISTRATION



FAVORITE COLOR
PURPLE



FAVORITE FOOD
PEANUT BUTTER M&M'S



FAVORITE BOOK
THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US
BY CHARLES MARTIN



Shannon Daniel
STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Meet the Principal

Fun Fact - I love to try recipes that I discover on YouTube.
Your favorite memory as a principal
I was having a bad day. One of my students asked for a hug. Little did she know that I needed that hug too. She made my day just as much as I made hers.

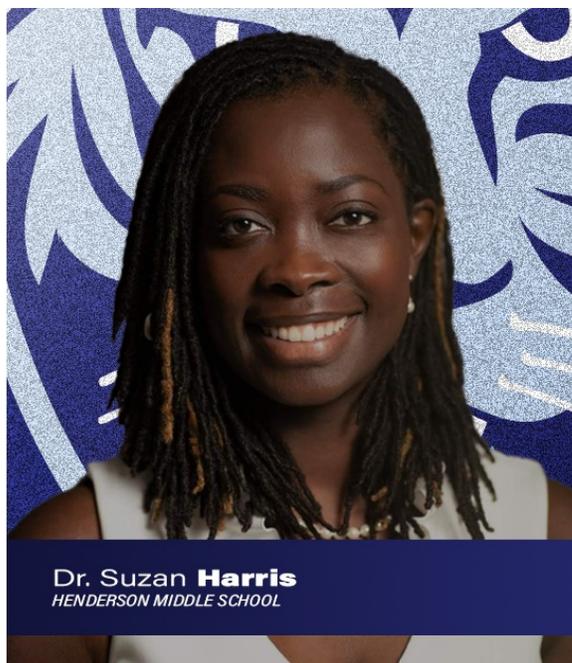
What do you enjoy most about being a school principal?
I enjoy working with middle school students. They are often misunderstood. My biggest goal is to help guide them into discovering who they are and know that their uniqueness is something that they should never be ashamed of.

18 YEARS IN EDUCATION
10 YEARS IN ADMINISTRATION

FAVORITE COLOR
YELLOW

FAVORITE FOOD
JERK PORK AND JERK CHICKEN

FAVORITE BOOK
GONE WITH THE WIND



Dr. Suzan Harris
HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meet the Principal

Fun Fact - I haven't missed a Cowboys game since 1994
Your favorite memory as a principal
Creating an opportunity for students to have graduation during COVID.

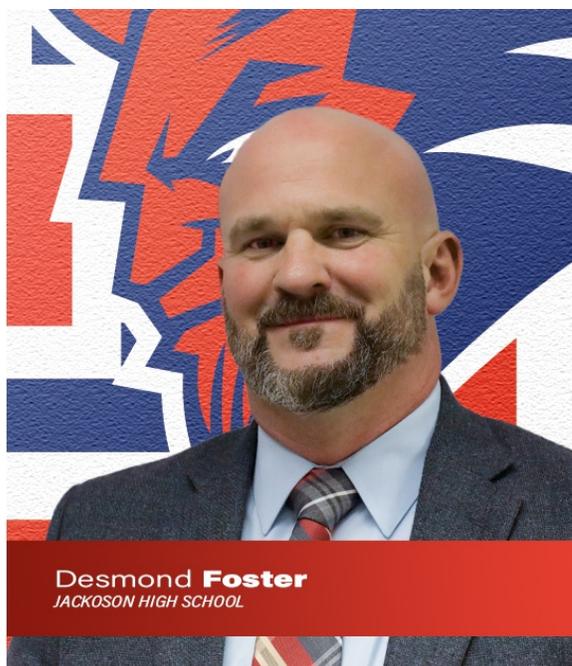
What do you enjoy most about being a school principal
Providing every child every opportunity every day!

18 YEARS IN EDUCATION
7 YEARS IN ADMINISTRATION

FAVORITE COLOR
BLUE

FAVORITE FOOD
LASAGNA

FAVORITE BOOK
GREENLIGHTS
BY MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY



Desmond Foster
JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Meet the Principal

Fun Fact - I raise black angus cattle and have two mini donkeys, Shrek and Fiona.
Your favorite memory as a principal
My tenure at Stark Elementary School.

What do you enjoy most about being a school principal
Serving the students and families of Butts County and the employees of Butts County Schools.

27 YEARS IN EDUCATION
19 YEARS IN ADMINISTRATION

FAVORITE COLOR
GREEN

FAVORITE FOOD
SEAFOOD

FAVORITE BOOK
THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE
TO THE GALAXY



Derek Vander Ven
NEW BEGINNINGS ACADEMY

Every Day Counts

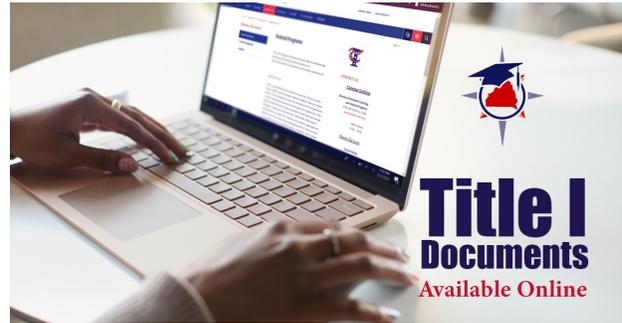
Every single day at school brings new opportunities to learn and grow. Each lesson, interaction, and activity adds valuable building blocks to your education journey. Help your student succeed by ensuring they attend school everyday.



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.bcssk12.org/Page/197>

Jackson Elementary - <https://www.bcssk12.org/Page/1858>

Stark Elementary School - https://www.bcssk12.org/SES_title

Henderson Middle School - https://www.bcssk12.org/hms_title

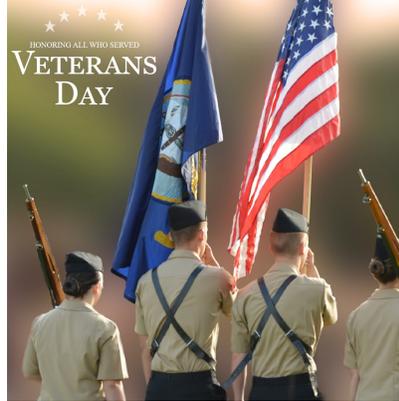
Jackson High School - <https://www.bcssk12.org/Page/1986>

MENUS

Week of October 23

ALL ELEMENTARY	
Oct 23	Breakfast - Pull Apart Honey Bun
	Lunch Crispy Chicken/Waffles or Spicy Sausage/Cheese Biscuit, Seasoned Potato Triangles, Fresh Sliced Tomatoes. Juice Cup, Banana Muffin
Oct 24	Breakfast for Lunch Breakfast - Mini Cinis
	Lunch Manager's Choice or Crunchy Country Fried Steak w/Biscuit, Buttered Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Sweet Peas
Oct 25	Breakfast - Pancake Pup
	Lunch Cheesy Calzones w/Marinara, Spicy Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Fresh Lettuce/Tomato, Crispy Roasted Potatoes, Celebration Cookie
Oct 26	Breakfast - Chicken Biscuit
	Lunch Homemade Mac-n-Cheese w/Sausage Links, or Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Seasoned Black-eyed Peas, Seasoned Collard Greens, Warm Biscuit
Oct 27	Breakfast - Mini Donut Holes
	Lunch Homemade Poppy Seed Chicken w/Rice or Student's Choice, Fresh Spinach Salad, Cheesy Squash Casserole, Birthday Cookie Vanilla Ice-Cream
<i>Harvest of the Month Monthly Birthday Celebration</i>	

HMS AND JHS	
Oct 23	Breakfast - Spicy Sausage Biscuit
	Lunch Crispy Chicken/Waffles or Spicy Sausage/Cheese Biscuit, Seasoned Potato Triangles, Fresh Sliced Tomatoes. Juice Cup, Warm Banana Muffin Breakfast for Lunch
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Athletic Events



- MONDAY**
JHS Flag Football
@ Mary Persons-5:30 pm
- TUESDAY**
JHS Cross Country
Region Championship Race
@ Dauset Trails-5:00 pm
- JHS OAP
Region Championship Competition
@ Mary Persons FAC-11:00 am
- WEDNESDAY**
JHS Softball
GHSA State Tournament
@ Columbus, GA-11:00 am
- THURSDAY**
JHS Softball
GHSA State Tournament
@ Columbus, GA-TBD
- FRIDAY**
JHS Softball
GHSA State Tournament
@ Columbus, GA-TBD
- SATURDAY**
JHS Softball
GHSA State Tournament
@ Columbus, GA-TBD



Lady Devils Softball

Congratulations, JHS Lady Devils Softball, on reaching the GHSA State Tournament! The Lady Devils punched their ticket for Columbus last week with a win over Crisp County High School in the Super Regionals. They will be to the State Tournament where they will face Wesleyan High School on Wednesday, October 25.

DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

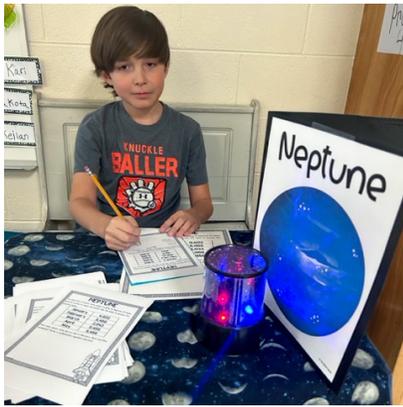
Upcoming Events

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



"Out of this World"

The DES fourth grade was "Out of This World" in math and science. In science, students used articles, research, and books to investigate the similarities and differences between stars and planets. In math, students used their knowledge of multiplication and word problem strategies to complete tasks about stars and planets, proving they had the skills necessary to become an astronaut!



JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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



JES Science

Mrs. Edmonds' little meteorologists checking, reading, and charting their rain gauges.



STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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

October 26
Fall Festival
6 - 8 PM

October 30 - November 3
Red Ribbon Week
Dress up days:
-Mon wear red
-Tue wear camo
-Wed wear a decades outfit
-Th wear pajamas
-Fri wear a costume (no masks/not scary)

November 1 - 17
Canned Food Drive

November 3
Student of the Month
Celebration
8:30 - 9:15 AM

SES Literacy Day Competition
8:30 - 10 AM

Step-Up Celebration

Visit www.bcscsk12.org/SES
for the latest information.



Veterans' Day Parade
Friday, November 10, 2023.
More details to come!





Stark Elementary Literacy Night

November 9, 2023
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join us at the Jackson-Butts County Library
436 E College St, Jackson, GA 30233
*Learn how to support your child's literacy
and public library resources!*



Let's Wrap Coat Project

Thank you to our generous community partners for the Let's Wrap Coat Project! We appreciate the time, effort, and heart that goes into this amazing project!

HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

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



HMS Highlights

The 8th Grade Science students enjoyed their iFLY field trip.

HMS 6th Grade ELA

Jossy Vaughn reciting the poem Haunted Houses by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow during Ms. Cameron's Literacy Days pre-competition.



JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

October 23-27
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



Red Regiment

Congratulations to the JHS Red Regiments on the spectacular performance at the Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational over the weekend. The band received a score of 94.11 with superior ratings in all captions.

Out of 21 bands:
1st place Visual Effect
2nd place color guard
2nd place drum major
3rd place OVERALL

[Click here to watch the show](#)

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!

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.

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/TIPS-FOR-RAISING-READERS-WHAT-PARENTS-CAN-DO](https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tips-for-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/)

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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/)

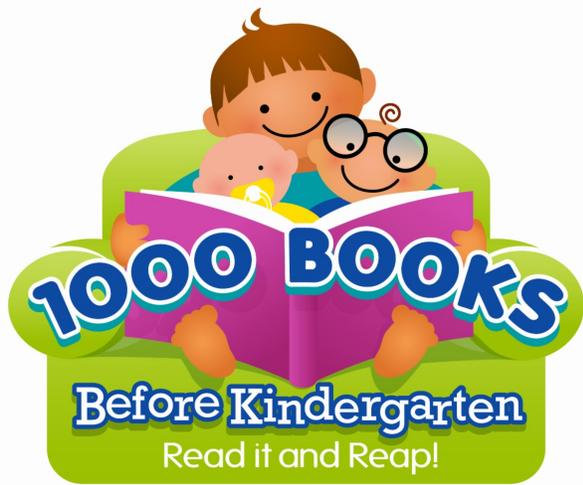
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WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

[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.

Read Aloud!

About 85% of brain development happens in the first five years of life.

Reading in these critical years significantly influences a child's lifelong capacity to learn.

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

FILL YOUR HOME!

A book-filled home encourages a culture of reading for enjoyment and talking about books. A recent study found that when it comes to parental child care, regardless of how many books the family already has, each addition to the home library helps children do better.**

Create a Reading Nook
A dedicated space for books in the child's bedroom or living room. It should be a comfortable, well-lit area with a chair or rug, a small table, and a basket of books.

Impact their Future
Reading to children before they start school helps them learn to read better later in life.

Read Aloud
Read to your child every day. It's the best way to help them learn to read and to love books.

Keep Books Everywhere!
The three best places to keep a box of books for your children to read in are the car, the kitchen, and the bathroom.

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

READ A BOOK TONIGHT

ONLY 1 IN 3 PARENTS READ TO THEIR KIDS EVERY NIGHT

50% OF PARENTS SAY THEIR KIDS WATCH TV OR PLAY VIDEO GAMES MORE THAN READ BOOKS.

KIDS WHO DON'T READ WELL BY THE END OF 3RD GRADE ARE 4X MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL

The amount of reading done outside of school is consistently related to GAINS IN READING ACHIEVEMENT

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