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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 March 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!



Softball Head Coach Survey

We would like your feedback as we prepare to hire a head softball coach. Please take a few minutes to fill out the following survey and let us know your thoughts on the qualities that make a great coach. Your feedback will help us strive for excellence on and off the field.


[Provide Your Feedback Now](#)



BCSS Stakeholder Input Meeting

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Stakeholder Input Meeting last Thursday. We appreciate your feedback as we develop our community-inspired strategic plan.






This Week in Athletics

BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

March 27th - April 1st



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|--|----------|
| All Events Below Are Rained Out!!! HMS Baseball Home-Lamar Co 4:30 pm JHS JV Baseball Away-ELCA 5:30 pm JHS Golf Away-Eastside 3:45 pm JHS Tennis Home-Upson Lee 4:00 pm | HMS Volleyball Away-Hampton 5:30 pm JHS Baseball Away-Peach Co 5:55 pm JHS Tennis Away-Lamar Co 4:00 pm | HMS Soccer Home-Byron G 5:45 pm B 7:00 pm HMS Volleyball Home-Stockbridge 5:30 pm | HMS Track & Field MS Championship Home-1:00 pm HMS Volleyball Home-Locust Grove 5:00 pm JHS JV Baseball Away-Jones Co DH 4:00 pm JHS Soccer Away-Stratford G 5:30/B 7:30 pm JHS Golf-Home Mary Persons-3:00 pm JHS Tennis-Away Peach Co-4:00 pm | JHS Baseball Home-Peach Co DH 5:00/ 7:00 pm | |



Stark Elementary School Drama Club
presents

Moana Jr.

April 14 at 7 PM

April 15 at 2 PM

Rufus Adams Auditorium

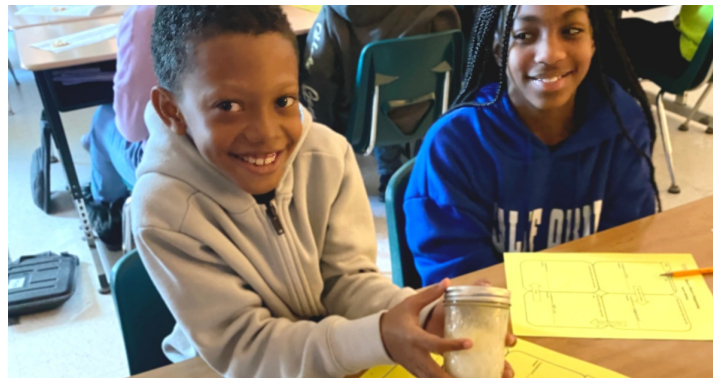
Admission - \$5

DAUGHTRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Spring Break

April 3 - 7



Making Butter

The students at DES had the opportunity to make butter with Ms. Bonnie from 4H. She talked to the students about physical and chemical changes. The students were able to document the stages of butter making from heavy cream to butter. We even got to taste what we made!

DES The Little Mermaid Jr.

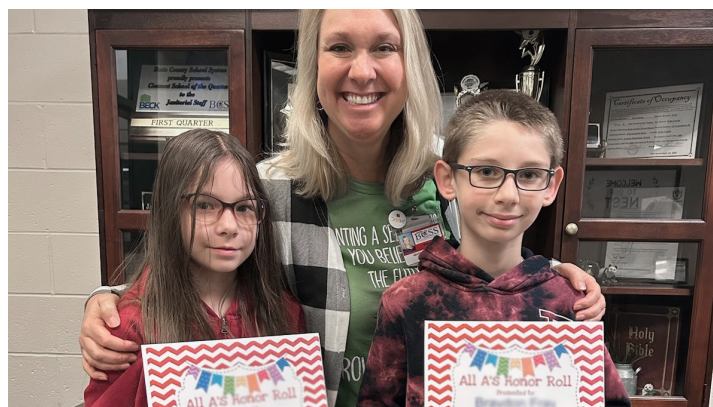
DES actors did an amazing job at their performances of the Little Mermaid Jr. last week!



JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Spring Break
April 3 - 7



Principals Breakfast

Congratulats to our straight A Honor Roll students!



STARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Spring Break

April 3 - 7

Drama Club presents Moana Jr.

Friday, April 14

7 PM

Saturday, April 15

2 PM

Last Day of Extended Learning

April 19

Title I: Annual Input Meeting Virtual

April 20

5:30 – 6:30 PM

School Council - Lunch & Learn Title I Input Meeting

April 21

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Kindergarten Registration

April 24 – May 5, 2023

Progress Reports

April 26

Clubs:

Robotics - Mondays

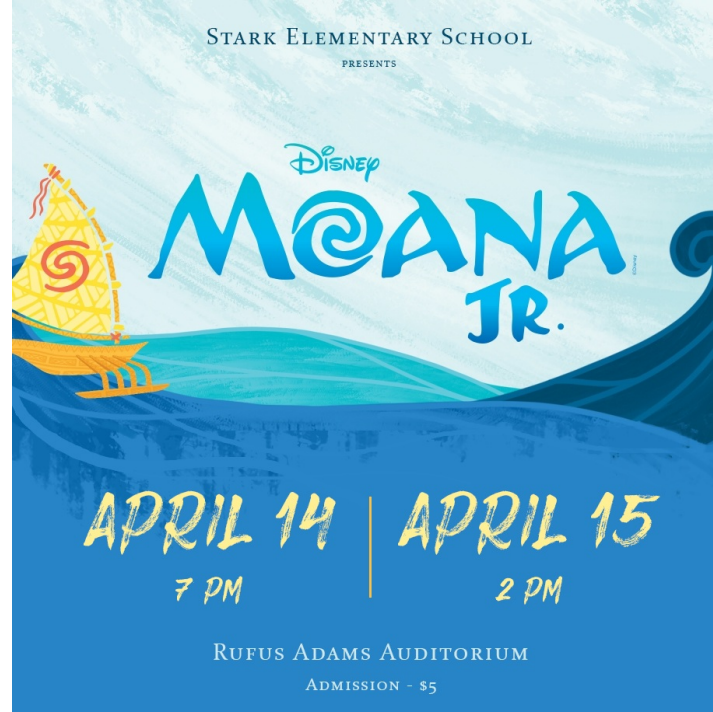
Student Council - Mondays

Young Men & Girls on the Move -

Tuesdays

Good News - Tuesdays

First Kids - Wednesday (Bus 14-45)



SES Drama Club Presents Moana Jr.

April 14 at 7 PM

April 15 at 2 PM

Rufus Adams Auditorium

Admission - \$5

HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Spring Break

April 3 - 7



National Beta School of Merit

Henderson Middle School has been named a 2022-2023 National Beta School of Merit. This prestigious honor is a true indication of HMS's dedication to academic excellence and commitment to celebrating students' achievements. Offering National Beta to all eligible grades provides our students with experiences in leadership development and service involvement.

JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Spring Break
April 3 - 7

Tutoring
Monday - Thursdays
3:30 - 4:30 PM



JHS Sports

Be sure to support our athletes this week!



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3:45 pm

JHS Tennis
Home-Upson Lee
4:00 pm

TUESDAY

HMS Volleyball
Away-Hampton
5:30 pm

JHS Baseball
Away-Peach Co
5:55 pm

JHS Tennis
Away-Lamar Co
4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

HMS Soccer
Home-Byron
G 5:45 pm
B 7:00 pm

HMS Volleyball
Home-Stockbridge
5:30 pm

THURSDAY

HMS Track & Field
MS Championship
Home-1:00 pm

HMS Volleyball
Home-Locust Grove
5:00 pm

JHS JV Baseball
Away-Jones Co
DH 4:00 pm

JHS Soccer
Away-Stratford
G 5:30/B 7:30 pm

JHS Golf-Home
Mary Persons-3:00 pm

JHS Tennis-Away
Peach Co-4:00 pm

FRIDAY

JHS Baseball
Home-Peach Co
DH 5:00/ 7:00 pm

SATURDAY

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Word of the Month



Forgiveness

/for'givnas/ noun.

a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether they actually deserve your forgiveness



Forgiveness

Deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay

Squeeze your hands together as tight as you can. Keep holding... tighter... even tighter... now let go. How did it feel to have our hands free from the grip and tightness? That's kind of what it is like to let go of anger. Sometimes it just makes you feel looser, better, or lighter!

Character Building

Provide small rocks and Sharpies® and allow everyone to write on the rocks something that they have been holding onto (a grudge, a problem that they are facing, etc.) without using names or other identifying factors. Collect the rocks in something that you can keep for the month. Near the end of the month, when it is full of rocks and heavy, ask a student or two to try to lift it or carry it for a brief time. Discuss what it is like to carry around so many burdens.



“The heart always has the pardoning-power.”

MADAME SWETCHINE (ANNE SOPHIE)





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.

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

Message and data rates apply. Text STOP to 274448 to stop. Text HELP to 274448 for help.

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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/TOLS-TIPS/RAISING-READERS-WHAT-PARENTS-CAN-DO](https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tols-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 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.

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 standardized tests, "regardless of how many books the family already has, each additional in the home library helps children do better."

Create a Reading Nook
 A dedicated space for books and reading.

There is no such thing as too many books, only not enough of them!

Impact their Future
 Research shows that children who are read to regularly score higher on standardized tests.

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Keep Books Everywhere!
 The three best places to keep a lot of books for your children to read are:

In the car
 In the home
 In the library

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READ A BOOK TONIGHT!

50%

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

ONLY 1 IN 3 PARENTS READ TO THEIR KIDS EVERY NIGHT

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

4X

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

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