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Percent of Students Qualifying for Free Lunch: 69

State Rank in Instructional and Instruction Support Spending per Student: 33

Pike County could make excuses. Across the system, 69 percent of the students qualify for free lunches under the National School Lunch Program, compared to 47 percent statewide

However, Pike County Superintendent Mark Bazzell does not like excuses. "When you are complaining 'We don't have enough money'

or 'our kids are poor'-all those excuses- Well, then, you are giving teachers permission to fail."

Bazzell added that the most reliable predictor of poor performance is "when you have teachers who don't believe in kids"

For a closer look at how Pike County is succeeding, Bazzell pointed to Pike County Elementary School. Located in Brundidge, Pike County Elementary is all-black, and its poverty percentage is higher than the system's, at 86 percent.

Pike Elementary's performance was not always good. Several years ago, Bazzell said it was stuck in a rut

and had begun to settle for diminished expectations. Bazzell installed a new principal who was a strong instructional leader. Together, they let the faculty know that they would be held accountable for the results.

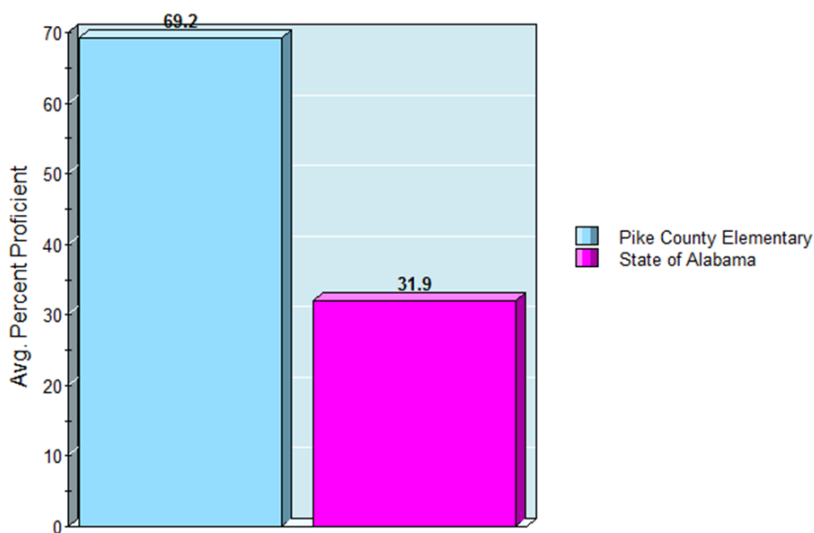
Bazzell added that in such a turnaround situation it is vital to have the support of the school board because it can be uncomfortable at times. "You have to have a board of education that has the courage."

Working with the assistance of a system-level curriculum director, the faculty was provided high-quality professional development.

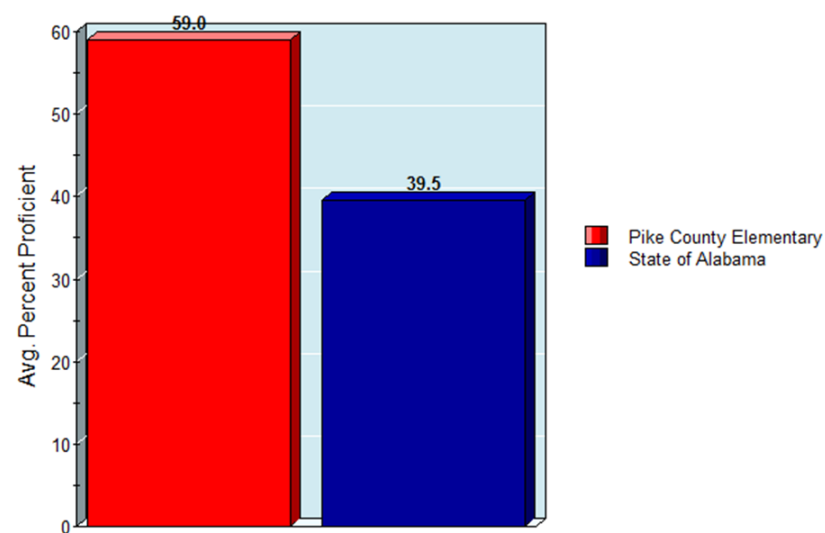
Teachers read books by leading educational experts and came together to discuss them. They a through re-evaluation of lesson plans, dove into new state standards, and concentrated on disaggregating to identify problem areas.

When he starts teaching one, he writes the date above the military, valentine demands discipline and order in the classroom. But he is not harsh in his grading. When a student turns in an assignment, he does not mark wrong answers with a red x; he examines the student's work and highlights where the calculation went off course.

State of Alabama & Pike County, Poverty & Reading



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From the Principal's Corner

As the principal of Pike County Elementary school, I could not be more proud of our faculty and staff. There are so many exciting things going on here.

Our teachers are working hard and doing everything possible to expose, inspire, and facilitate our students learning. We want to ensure that our students receive the best education possible.

There is no one size fits all way of teaching because each student is an individual and learn differently but teachers are teaching to all learning styles.

The entire staff from the culinary staff to the custodians make sure that our campus is conducive to learning.

The teachers are using technology such as mimio boards, SMART boards, clickers, and computers. All of this technology and more is used to ensure that our students are engaged and learning new skills.

Our students are working tirelessly to be prepared for our state assessment, ACT Aspire which they will take in April. Our third grade through sixth grades are being assessed with practice tests called Interim assessments so they will be comfortable when they take the



“real” thing. Our Kindergarten through second grades are assessed using DIBELS. Some computer programs that our students apply their skills learned are Stride Academy, Front Row, MegaMath, ACT Typing club and the list goes on. We want our students to be ready for the next step in life, High School!

One of the things I’m most proud of is the increase in reading. Our students are excited about reading and our goal is to double the amount of books read this year. Accelerated Reader is important to our students and we are now piloting a program for the state called My Own where our students will be able to read books on line and test. No more will they need a book in hand to read; they will be able

to read on any form of technology. We know how important reading is to increasing our knowledge base.

We are constantly working on ways to stay in contact with our parents. We want each of you to know what is going on at PCES. The following ways are used to make contact: Remind, Notify Me, School Messenger, phone calls, text messages, website, letters, and emails.

We will continue our academic assemblies each nine weeks. We want to celebrate our students and all of their achievements. In order for them to receive our best and do their best, each one of them need to be at school on time and stay all day. Please make your appointments after school hours.

Parents, thank you for your willingness to work with us because it is true, “It takes a village to raise a child!”

We would love for you to come and observe our classes but don’t interrupt, because we are learning!

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Tracey Arnold, Principal

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Sharing the Love of Reading

By Patrick Countryman

Writer

Mrs. Dempsey has been an educator for about 23 years, and the librarian of PCES for about 13 years.

Since she has been a librarian she has found some difficulties. "It can be hard to work as a librarian, but it is also rewarding to be the librarian," Mrs. Dempsey said. "You get to see students love reading and how some students lose themselves and end up in some enchanted place."

Mrs. Dempsey said the state does not give

money to libraries for book purchases. Funds from donations and fundraisers help buy books. "It is saddening to see so many books being mistreated by students of PCES," Mrs. Dempsey said. Students don't realize the money involved in making book purchases."

Mrs. Dempsey said students of PCES need prizes for AR because it can encourage the students to read more.

"Students sometimes need that extra boost of encouragement and motivation." Mrs. Dempsey said.

Mrs. Dempsey's goal is for all students of PCES

to read on or above grade level.

"I also (want) students to be lifelong readers, and the library to be the literary hub of PCES," Mrs. Dempsey said.



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Student data is very important for making good decisions about instruction. We use many pieces of data in grades K-6. There are five main assessments we use to guide our instruction here at PCES.

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills) is given three times a year in grades K-2. The entire state of Alabama uses this assessment at these grades. There are goals set each grade level for different times of the year. Our next assessment period is January 9-13, 2017. For this assessment the goal is that Kindergartners should be able to name 34 letters in one minute, students in first grade should be able to read 19 words in one minute, and second graders should be able to read 76 words in one minute. Additionally, students in first and second grades should be able to tell about

what they read during the one minute reading.

Our second grade students also take Performance Series to assess, or test, how they are doing in math, reading, and science. Performance Series is also given three times a year. Students take this assessment on the computer. Scores are automatically generated and teachers are able to get specific data, or information, for individuals, as well as the class, to help with instruction. Each student receives a score that places them in one for four levels: above average, high average, low average, below average. Our goal is for every student to score in the high average and above average ranges.

Students in third through sixth grades take Aspire Interim three times a year. These assessments help prepare students and teachers by providing reports specific to students, classes, and standards. As with Performance Series, Aspire Interim assesses math, reading, and science. This assessment is also computer based. Aspire Interim is brand new to our school this year. Our hope is that by using the information this assessment offers, we can best prepare our students for Aspire, which is the big test that every third through sixth grader in the state of Alabama takes in the spring. Student's scores place them in one of four categories or levels in math, reading, and science. Scores are categorized as exceeding, ready, close, and in need of support. The goal of administrators, faculty and students at PCES is to score in the ready and exceeding ranges.

Classroom tests are still part of our everyday procedures. Math and reading tests are mostly given on the computer, to help prepare students for Aspire testing in the spring. Assessments are given on a regular basis in all subject areas. We also monitor student's progress in less formal ways on a daily basis.

So what can you do as a parent to help your child on assessments? First, check agendas and weekly newsletters for information about upcoming tests your child will have. Study spelling words with students by having students read and spell the words. For parents of students in K-2, listen to your child read for at least 10 minutes each night. Some teachers send home passages for students to practice reading for 1 minute, to help prepare for DIBELS. Students in Kindergarten and first grades always benefit from practice on sight words. Students in grades 3-6 should be reading independently for at least 20 minutes each day. As a school we are putting a bigger emphasis on Accelerated Reader this year. Ask your child about their progress toward their goal, how many points they have, and what book they are currently reading. Knowledge and memorization of math facts are very important in grades K-6. Practicing flash cards for addition and subtraction is excellent for students in K-2. For grades 3-6, it is essential that students know their multiplication and division facts. Flashcards are a very inexpensive and easy way to memorize these facts. They are self-checking because they have answers on the back and they are also easy to practice in the car, home, or elsewhere. Lastly, I encourage attendance of school. Students who miss days, check in late, or check out early are missing very important instruction.



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Mrs. Everett: Teacher of the Year

By: Anaisha Borders

Writer

Mrs. Rachel .J. Everett, a fourth grade reading teacher at Pike County Elementary School, was the 2016 teacher of the year.

She is married to Henry Everett and they are the proud parents of Malachi and Makayla. They attend Banks Middle School in the fourth and sixth grade. She has been teaching for eight years. Her first job was as an Indian Educator at Goshen Elementary and Banks School . She attended Troy University, where she received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees.

During her junior year she thought she would be a pharmacist, but as time passed, her passion for ed-

ucation began to intensify. She became a teacher because of the influence her father John P. Johnston and her sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Patricia Singleton had upon her education.

"Both of these people exemplified passion for their students that stood out among others," Mrs. Everett said. "I can only hope to have an impact on my student's lives as they had on my life. In these short eight years, I have seen teaching change constantly.

"It is more demanding, and educators have to continue with professional development to keep up with the growing demands of local, state, and federal education requirements."

"I think I will continue teaching for twenty five

years, then hopefully move on to something less stress-

she works alongside some "Education is the most powerful weapon you can dynamic teachers. She said



ful," said Mrs. Everett.

She said when she was chosen to become Teacher of the Year, she felt very blessed and fortunate because she put her whole heart into her students. She was also honored because

being the Teacher of the Year encourages her to always do her best for the betterment of her students. As with any accomplishment it should encourage one to continue to strive for excellence.

use to change the world" by Nelson Mandela is my favorite quote," Mrs. Everett said. "I like this quote because he tells the children to go to school and become anything you want if you put your mind to it."

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Pre-K program prepares 4 year olds

Amiyah Townsend

Writer

The Pre-K in Brundidge is a state funded program for 4 year olds that live in Brundidge. This program prepares 4 year olds for kindergarten. Currently, there are 17 children in the program.

According to Mrs. Senn, one of the pre-k teachers, the program helps to develop social, emotional, and academic skills.

“My goal is to help my students reach their full potential and get our community involved with the pre-k program,” Mrs. Senn said.

The Pre-K program recently received a grant to buy furniture, toys, and games for the classrooms.

“The Pre-K in Brundidge was a much needed program for children, in order for them to reach their full potential in all areas when they enter kindergarten,” said Mrs. Senn.

“I love how the students and teachers are dedicated and are involved in all the events,” Mrs. Senn said.

“Working with pre-k is challenging but very rewarding.”



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Pike County Virtual High School

The Pike County Virtual High School is an innovative, proactive solution for students in one of three main programs: 1) a 9th – 12th grade - Credit Recovery/Drop-out Prevention program, 2) a Dual Enrollment/Academy Programs, and 3) a 5th – 9th grade STEM Academy. For the 2016-17 school year, we currently boast 155 total students in grades 5 – 12 involve in academies. Instruction in these programs is provided via various modalities, including: traditional face-to-face lecture-style with instructors; on-line environment that is supportive, flexible, and individualized based on the specific student needs; hands-on, practical application; or



a combination of the three styles. The Pike County Virtual High School was conceived in order to address the needs of students who fall into one or more of the following categories: 1) have not been successful in a traditional high school setting, 2) qualify for credit recovery initiatives, 3) are at-risk or who have dropped out of school, 4) have specific social and/or educational needs that are barriers to them earning an Alabama High School Diploma, and/ or 5) wish to accelerate their academic program through dual enrollment/academy programs.

The Dual Enrollment Program is made up of 7 varied academies with a total of 110 students. The Dual Enrollment Academies include: Agriscience Technology, Art (Drama/Theatre), Business and Finance, Exercise and Health, First in Flight and Leadership, Global Studies, and Health Information Technology. With the exception of Global Studies, all dual-enrollment academies lead to an Associate's Degree. The STEM Academy is an elementary/middle school initiative designed to 1) encourage interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic concepts, 2) develop STEM concept abilities among elementary/middle school students, and 3) prepare students for various dual enrollment academies. The STEM Academy currently serves 45 total students comprised of 3 cohorts, 5th/6th grade, 7th/8th grade, and 9th grade.

For more information on the Virtual High School or Academy Programs, visit our website at www.pikecountyschools.com or call (334) 566-1850.

STEM: What is it and what is it about?

STEM is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Students are selected for STEM based upon their ACT ASPIRE test scores in the area of Science and Mathematics. The STEM program is an off-campus program held at the Troy Pike Center of Technology on a daily basis for two hours.

Takeyah, Jordi, and Anaisha stated, that they build structures out of play-dough, and they built a K'nex ride for an amusement park. All of them said that they liked stem, but for different reasons.

Takeyah Smith said she likes STEM "because it is fun and we get to learn new and exciting things."

Jordi Alatorre said, "I like STEM because it is fun and challenging, and we get to make towers out of play dough and card stock."

Anaisha Borders said that she enjoys experiencing college courses.

When they all got elected for stem they all said they felt shy, excited, and nervous.

They felt they wouldn't make friends, and they weren't clear as to why they were there. After a while they got used to the new

environment and started to enjoy it.

Anaisha Borders said, "STEM is a way of helping me get prepared for the future, it also helps me with my teamwork, extra curriculum challenges, and opportunities for my life".

Jordi Alatorre said, "STEM is a way of helping to prepare me for my career path and it is a fun way to learn."

Takeyah Smith said, "STEM is an awesome experience to have, and we get to do hands on projects.

Anaisha Borders said, "It gives me

a selection of scholarships to colleges."

Jordi Alatorre stated "It teaches me leadership, it helps me to learn, and it challenges me to do my best".

Takeyah Smith said, "The career path I plan to follow will include some of the daily practices that I encounter in STEM."

They all said as they continue to work on stem that it is progressively more difficult because their teachers challenge them even more and they now get grades for STEM.

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Tips from Nurse Angie

By: William Jones

Nurse Angie went to Troy university for about 4 years, and then she came to PCES to be the school nurse. Then, she tries to help children feel better and contact their guardians or guardian. "Kid check is November 29 and it is open to all students that bring back a signed permission form. It is a free health

screening." Nurse Angie said.

"They will check blood pressure, heart, lungs, ears, eyes, and height". She also said If kids are running a fever, throwing up, pink eyes with red charge severe, sore throat, or a really bad cough, they can stay home and come to school with an absence note that they're absent. She said

that it is very difficult to keep up with 450 kid's health needs every day and to keep everyone well and healthy.

"If kids are running a fever, throwing up, red eyes with red charge severe, sore throat, or a really bad cough, they can stay home and come to school with an absence note that they're absent".



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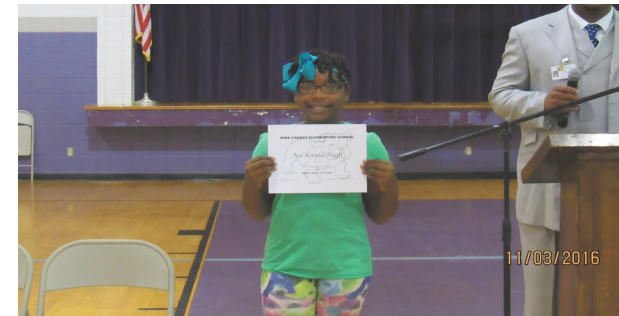
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Third Grade



Star Bryant, Alex Guevara Zavaleta, Khadasia Harris, Jakiyah Hyman, Brooklyn Jones, Christian Smith, Essence Martin

Fifth Grade



Na'Kayla Pugh

Second Grade



Rylee Brooks, Preston Baker, Mark Griffin, Josiah Richburg, Elizabeth Carroll, Nigel Gladney, Brody Austin, Elijah Cotton, Kennedy Jones, Jaleeyah Flower, Kennadee Knox, Camarin Parker, Tabari Townsend, Trinity Thorton, Gavin Wilson, Kassidy Woods, Kaidyn Lee

Fourth Grade



Kayrin Amador, Bryant Brooks, Kelly Maldonado, Carrie McClen- don, Laila Bryant, Brandy Flowers, Kynthis Jackson, Kylan Wilker- son, Robert Brogdon, Joseph Countryman, Jahao DeLaRosa-Rosas

Sixth Grade



Takeyah Smith, Zariya Parks, Ja'Cynthia Wheeler, Jordi Alatorre, Aquavis Pearson

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Third Grade



Isel Guevara Zavaleta, Christopher Guilford, Vivian Holland, Zariyah Jones, JAKobie McKinney, Aaliyah Oliver, Magdalena Rayborn, Arian-na Straw, Jackorian Russaw, Jaley Smith, Saniyah Smith, Cheyenne Sneed, Lucas Stapelton, Valeria Tlaxcaltecalt, Zaikeilien Adams, Abigail Carroll

Fifth Grade



Thomas Patrick Countryman, Whitney Gholston, Nyshioka Harley, John Lott, Amiyah Townsend, Joseph Kyron Wilkerson

Second Grade



Jordyn Allen, Kaitlyn, Carroll, Ashely Hetrick, Janeyah Sheehy, Hannah Adino-Cardenas, Amari Wingard, Kourtnei Christian, Hannah Poppell, Jaasmin Foster, Kason Williams, Janiyah Blair, Yasmin Foster, Lilian Cooper, Jakentai Howard, Tyson Tucker, Melina Onofree Montalvo, Brooklyn Thompkins-Hall, Jaiden Harley, Haley McCray, Jaleeyah Flowers

Fourth Grade



Johnathan Carroll, Sameeria Issac, Urshula Simmons Wheeler, Ari-anna Adair, Makayla Bass, Allen Solis, Kameron Christian, Za'kosha Coleman, Tristan Humphrey, D'Yana Knox, Shariah White, Qualiyah Caffie, Michael Gabriel, Abigail Griffin, Raeven Griffin, Kaylin Jackson, Kobee Rodgers- Wallace, Tehajah Starks, Brandy Flowers

Sixth Grade



Anaisha Borders, Tamiyah Eutsey, Kemel Flowers, Ester Rosales, Urriya Berry, Faith Scott, Jhaiyla white, Damari Thomas, DeVarjae Toney, Mackinsy Barrow, Xavier Carter, Breyonna Gray, Garrett Hatfield, Khloe Lampley, Levi Pittman

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Music Under the Moonlight

By Khloe Lampley and Takeyah Smith Writers

Ms. Anderson, a fifth grade teacher, is hosting the first annual "Music Under the Moonlight," a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness.

"The idea of this fundraiser was originated from a PTO member," Ms. Anderson said.

She said she felt passionate about the idea because

it affected some of her family members and the community.

The event will be held on Oct. 27, 2016, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It will have different genres of music, dancers, a great DJ, and great selections of carnival food. The number of people expected to participate is about 300 people or more.

The goal of the program is

to spread awareness and provide information that can save lives. They also hope to raise money for The Joy To Life Foundation, school technology, and school PTO meetings.

She will be having help from PTO members, volunteers, administration, and people from the community. We hope that this event will be a success and that the goal is not



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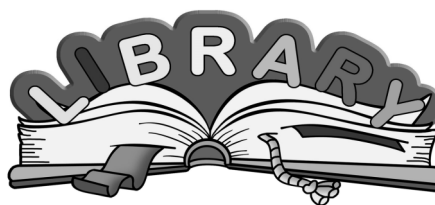
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All ages
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Morning
21 – 10:00 – Martin Luther King Celebration @
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35 years and counting

By Omari Barrow, Ja'cynthia Wheeler, Zavier Carter

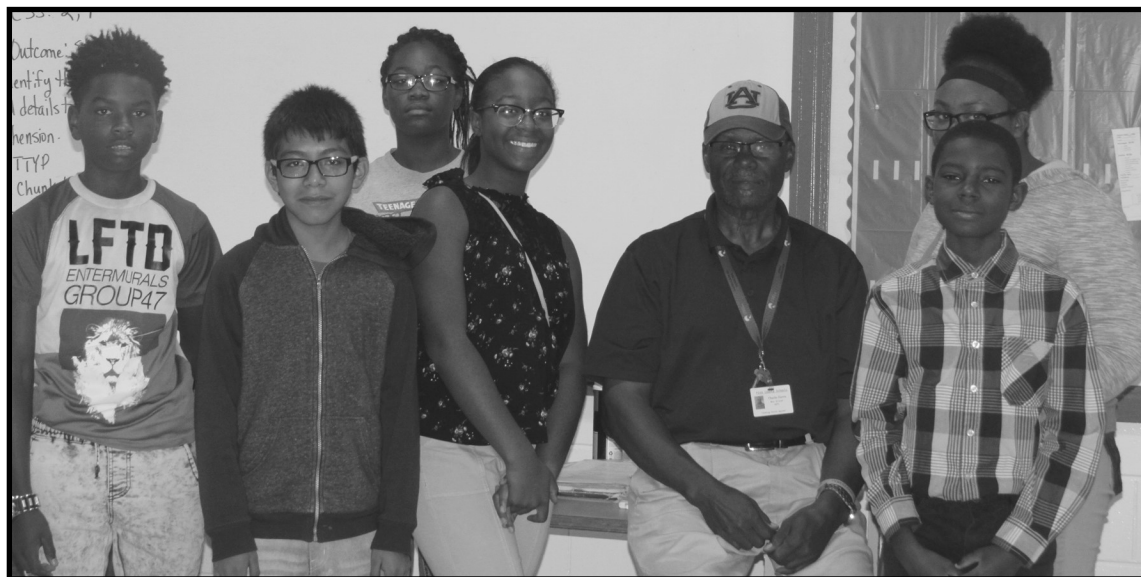
Writers

Ms. Pollard has been teaching for 35 years, and she has been teaching the longest at Pike County Elementary. She has taught at Goshen 5th grade and she has been teaching 1st through 6th. She attended Alabama State University, and she has 3 kids: Rhodes, Racynta, and Gerard. Rhodes and Racynta started at Pike County Elementary and went to the middle school and finished in Troy, and Gerard went to Covert Christian and went to Middle school and graduated from Charles Henderson High school. She learn from so many teachers. They were so passionate, caring, and loving. She has not been to any other schools besides Goshen elementary for one year. "Kids 35 years ago were so different. I could walk to Troy and they would still be seated working or pre-tending." That tells you that Ms. Pollard has great teaching skills.



Photo By: Kemel Flowers

Pike County District 5 Commissioner Charlie Harris



“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”

- Malcom X

Wishing continued success for Pike County Elementary!



Photo by: Kemel Flowers

Exceeding the expectations

By **Whitney Gholston**

Writer

The teachers at PCES are exceeding expectations in the classroom. I asked all of the teachers about classroom instruction. The kindergartners teachers Chance, Tuck, and Henderson are teaching alphabets, sounds, and DIBELS. The fantastic first grade teachers Kelley, Earles, Deloney, and Edwards are teaching their students reading

strategies, and math skills. Ms. Deloney referred to the students as “little scientists”. The special second grade teachers Rhodes, Brooks, Fountain, and Pollard are teaching math and reading skills. These teachers are also using project based learning with Amsti kits. The second also attended the Shakespeare festival to watch “Charlotte’s Web”. The terrific third grade teachers Johnston, Saf-

fold, Rhodes, and Countryman are learning new strategies for multiplication. In social studies, they’re also learning about ancient civilizations. The fabulous fourth grade teachers Lainer, Everett, and Foster are starting on division. Their also starting Reading Street. For science, their investigating African Dwarf frogs, millipedes and fiddler crabs. The faithful fifth grade teachers are working on dividing

(long division) and decimals. Their also getting into Reading Street from Comprehension Tool Kit. In science, they’ll be doing project based learning. The sweet sixth grade teachers Huvad, Valentine, and Johnson are working on standard bases, instructions, and standard number 1. In reading, they’re working on improving they’re Aspire. In science, they’re going to be learning about space.



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Parent EXPO: a success

By Patrick Countryman

Writer

The Parent EXPO was held by Pike County Board Education at the Cattlemen's Ranch Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016. There were bouncy houses, obstacle courses with slides at the end, bubble wands, an inflatable giant football, snow cones, booths, popcorn, chalk, and much more. After visiting three booths, parents were given tickets to get free food and school supplies.

Many people who attended the Parent EXPO said it was really fun and they had a good time.

"Most of the children are playing and having a great time," Ms. McManigle said during the EXPO. "The triple slide is very fun." said Joey Countryman.

Some students and administrators said the Parent EXPO turned out really well. "We had a wonderful turnout on the Parent EXPO" PCES Nurse Angie said.

"I enjoyed seeing my colleagues from throughout the county that I don't get to see on a daily basis." said Dr. Kim Head; Dr. Carter said "I thought the Parent EXPO was a huge success". Those at the Parent EXPO probably saw a lot of classmates, teachers, coaches, principals, and friends. There was something for everyone.

The Parent EXPO was a blast . This is something everyone needs to come to.



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Four down, one to go

Amiyah Townsend

Writer

The Pike County High School football team is headed to the 2nd round of the football playoffs. The Bulldogs defeated American Christian Academy in the first round of the playoffs and will play Bay Side Academy in the second round.

The division 3A team has worked hard during the regular season to get to this point. Many wonder how this must feel, so the newspaper crew decided we should get this information straight from the “top dog”, so to speak. Therefore, I volunteered to interview, my father, Head Coach Fred Holland.

A.T.: How do you feel about playing Bay Side?

Holland: I feel like if the players play better than the previous week, we have a chance to become successful and win the football game.

A.T.: What are the keys to winning the 2nd Round?

Holland: Playing well & eliminating turn-overs try to play state free.

A.T.: What are the team goals for the playoffs?

Holland: I don't set a whole lot of goals, but we have one goal - win. In the playoffs, your goal is to have more points than the other team at the end of the game. I think that's what really matters at the playoffs.

A.T.: Regular season goals?

Holland: Our regular season goals are to get bigger, stronger, and faster in our conditioning program and is one of the things that allows us to be so much better than the other teams.

A.T.: What do you like most about coaching football at Pike County

High School?

Holland: I think the way the kids work their competitive nature with those ingredients that gives them an opportunity to win every Friday night.

No matter the outcome, spectators will likely agree that the football players and coaches have worked hard and have had a successful season. Let's all cheer for the Bulldogs and get ready for that Bulldog Beat!



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PTO NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Parent Teacher Organization (**PTO**) Officers of Pike County Elementary School would like to share our vision for the 2016 – 2017 school year. A major point of focus this year is building student leaders.

Another focus for the PTO is the increase in parent participation within the organization. There's always room for more of our great parents to become a member of the PTO. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Your presence is welcome and you play a very important role in the success of our school!

PTO needs your support financially and physically to implement the programs we have planned for the remainder of this school year. Our new administration has increased Academic Award celebrations that are held at the end of each nine weeks. Therefore, it is necessary to find ways to raise funds to reward our students.

We desperately need your help and support with assisting the faculty with serving students who earn the right to attend these celebrations. PTO will be open to new ideas that will assist in making our school one of the best in the state.

Our next meeting will be held on December 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Please feel free to contact PTO officers at 334-735-2683.

President Coston Collier

Vice President – Brandon Lott

Secretary – Kristy Bryant



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Bulldog Peewee Team: Super Bowl Champions

K. Wilkerson

Writer

The Brundidge Bulldog Pee Wee football team defeated the Troy Trojans 33-12 to win the 2016 Super Bowl. Congratulations to Coach Terrence Boyd on an undefeated season!

On the first play of the game Zack Wheeler recovered a Trojan fumble on the 15 yard line. On the Bulldogs first possession of the game, quarterback Darryle Lee threw a pass to Ian Foster for a touchdown!!

On the Trojans second possession, Kyron Wilkerson sacks the quarterback for a loss. Then on second down Zack Wheeler makes a defensive stop. Matthew Jordan made the stop on 3rd down to force Troy to punt.

On the Bulldog's next possession from the T-Bone swing Lee threw a pass to Zekevin Pennington and he moved the ball down the field to the 2 yard line before being tackled by a

Troy defender. Then Markelis Hobdy scored the touchdown from the 2 yard line on a 32 dive. With 1:12 left in the second quarter the score was 19-0.

The Bulldogs kick to the Troy Trojans and they moved the ball only 6 yards. On first and 10, the Troy Trojans ran the ball up the middle for 4 yards to bring up a 2nd and 6. On third down the Trojan's pass was intercepted by the Bulldog's Ian Foster. Foster ran the ball to the Trojan's 14 yard line. Next play of the game, quarterback Darryle Lee threw a pass to wide out Zekevin Pennington for another Bulldog touchdown!! The Bulldogs lined up for the 2 point conversion and Zekevin Pennington scored the 2 point conversion. The score at halftime was 27-0.

The start of 3rd quarter Troy Trojans received the ball on the 44 yard line. They then ran the ball up the middle and for 9 yards. Troy then scored a touchdown with a pass to Tyler



Cooper. The score in the third quarter was 27-6.

In the 4th quarter the Troy Trojan were on the 6 yard line and they ran the ball up the middle and scored the touchdown moving within 15 with the score Bulldogs 27 and Troy 12. Near the end of the 4th quarter Darryle Lee scored a touchdown on a quarterback sneak, for the final score of the game.

The final score was the Brundidge Pee Wee Bulldogs 33 and the Troy Pee Wee Trojans 12. The Bulldogs are the Pee Wee Super Bowl Champions for three years straight!!!



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Bottom row left to right: Garrett Hatfield, Nakayla Pugh, Amiyah Townsend, Vintavious Siler, Whitney Gholsten, Patrick Countryman, Kemel Flowers

Upcoming Events

November 21st – 25th -----Thanksgiving Break

November 30th ----- Picture Makeup Day

December 15th -----Pre-K -3rd Christmas Luncheon

December 16th -----Christmas Dance \$1.00 (Snacks Sold)

December 19th – January 4th -----Christmas Break

January 3rd -----Teachers Return

January 4th -----Students Return

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