

## Applause for our Court!



*By: Kylan Wilkerson*

Once again Pike County Elementary School hosted its annual homecoming activities. The activities include, attendant ceremony, pep rally where the band comes and plays a few songs and the parade. Each grade level has one attendant but one king or queen. Even our pre-k has attendants. Here are our pre-k through fifth grade attendants.

**Pre-K-** Caleb Johnson and Destini Johnson

**Kindergarten-** Messiah Cole and Nia Clove

**1<sup>st</sup> grade-** JayZarion Guice and Chelsea Carroll

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade-** Noah Terry and Paytyn Adams

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade-** A'Zoree Eutsey and Noelle Richburg

**4<sup>th</sup> grade-** Kourtnei Christian and Elizabeth Carroll

**5<sup>th</sup> grade-** Jackorian Russaw and Hayley Sneed

**6<sup>th</sup> grade-** Wallace and Kaylin Jackson. Our second attendants are Kameron Christian and Alexandria Daffin. Our last attendants are Audrey Catteuw and Johoa De La Rosa Rosas.

Each year sixth grade votes for king and queen and for our sixth grade 2018 king and queen is Alexandria Daffin and Kameron Christian.



# The Principal's Corner: A word from Ms. Arnold

As the principal of Pike County Elementary school, I could not be more proud of our faculty and staff and everything they have done up to this point. It's hard to believe that half of the school year has already passed and we are getting ready for the break!

Our school has partnered with Troy University Department of Education to allow their STEM students to come and teach lessons throughout the semester. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, and math. This is the future and we are eagerly preparing our students for the next step in their quest to be successful in life. We were honored to have John Weis from NASA come to assist with the STEM projects and look forward to his next visit in February.

We are working hard at implementing STEM across grade levels. Dr. Bazzell has extended it to lower grade levels. Don't forget we already have a STEM academy for grades 5 through 8. Our students are learning and solving real world problems.

We were so excited to partner with Alabama Public Television to bring a STEM workshop to the community and our own grades Pre-K through Second. At this workshop valuable resources were shared and it was awesome watching the teachers be the students.

We continue 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. We are proud of our new lab on our campus. Our students participated in the Hour of Code along with more than a million people across the world to learn how to program computers and that's not a one-time thing we will do it again in the spring. Our students thoroughly enjoyed this assignment.

Our students are working tirelessly to be prepared for our state assessment. Although the assessment has changed from the Aspire to Scantron, we are continuing to teach the standards to our students. Both assessments will be taken in the spring. We are currently practicing with 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, No Red Ink, ACT Typing club and the list goes on. We want our students to be ready for the next step in life, High School!

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. Parents, please let us know if you changed numbers, so that we can always get the most up to date infor-



mation to you.

We will continue our academic assemblies each nine weeks. We want to celebrate our students and all of their achievements. We have also started having free admission to dances if you have no discipline referrals. 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, "There's no I in team."

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

Sincerely,

Tracey Arnold, Principal

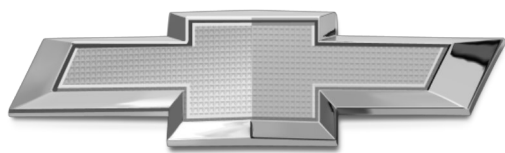
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# Teacher of the Year

*By Carrie McLendon*

This year's teacher of the year is Mrs. Debbie LaViner, who teaches fourth grade math. She was asked the following questions and provided the answers.

**Q. How does it feel being teacher of the year?**

A. It is an absolute honor.

**Q. Why did you want to be a teacher?**

A. I wanted to be a teacher because I really enjoy kids. Prior to being a teacher, I owned a daycare called Little Tykes.

**Q. What is your favorite subject to teach?**

A. Reading, because I have always

loved reading.

**Q. When did you decide you wanted to be a teacher?**

A. I wanted to be a teacher when I graduated from high school, but I didn't have the money for college at that time.

**Q. What is your teaching philosophy?**

A. My philosophy is "All kids can learn."

**Q. What grade do you enjoy teaching most?**

A. First grade, but I enjoy teaching fourth grade as well..

Thank you Mrs. LaViner for all that you do and congratulations!



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# Top Accelerated Readers

*By Kayrin Amador*

Pike County Elementary School participates in the Accelerated Reader Program (AR), a software program assessment tool that helps teachers motivate their students to read and improve their reading skills. Listed below are the top ten Accelerated Readers campus wide.

1. Khadasia Harris.....224.7 points
2. Nivea Cox.....214.3 points
3. Joey Countryman.....107.2 points
4. Kelly Maldonado.....89.7 points
5. Michael Gabel.....84.2 points
6. Logan Cordle.....81.9 points
7. Ta'Khia Colman.....80.4 points
8. Audrei Catteeuw.....80.1 points
9. Bentley Lucas.....79.7 points
10. Kason Wilkerson.....78.6 points



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# Election Day

*By Kynthis Jackson*

Sixth grade students of Pike County Elementary had their own election day. The students got to experience what voting feels like. They voted on a look-a-like ballot.

Ms. Johnson, a sixth grade teacher planned this small event. She demonstrated on how to vote on the ballot. Instead of waiting a few more years to vote Ms. Johnson made it possible for sixth grade students to experience voting.



Kylan Wilkerson a, 6th grader in Mr. Valentine's class, shows the class how to vote.

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# Let's Play Ball



***By : Kynthis Jackson***

This year Pike County Elementary hosted its Second Turkey Bowl against Banks Middle School. Last year P.C.E.S. was successful in 2 of the games, and lost 1. This year's game occurred on November 30, 2018. Fourth grade of P.C.E.S. takes a lead of 4 to 2. Fifth grade of P.C.E.S. takes a lead of 4 to 3. The last game of the Turkey Bowl was of sixth grade. The school that took the lead out of sixth was P.C.E.S., with a score of 4 to 2. This year, with the over-

all points, Pike County Elementary School won!

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Participants:** Riley Brooks, Melina Montalvo, Isaiah Lampley, Amari Parzenski, Josiah Richburg, Haley McCray

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Participants:** Braylin Jackson, Hailey Sneed, Noah Cox, Abigail Carroll, Zaikeilen Adams, Zariah Jones

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Participants:** Kayrin Amador, Tamayah Boyd, Jabrian Jackson, Bryant Brooks, Michael Gabel and, Nivea Cox.



# School Events and Activities



Twin Day



Turkey Bowl



Super Hero Day



Fall Decorating

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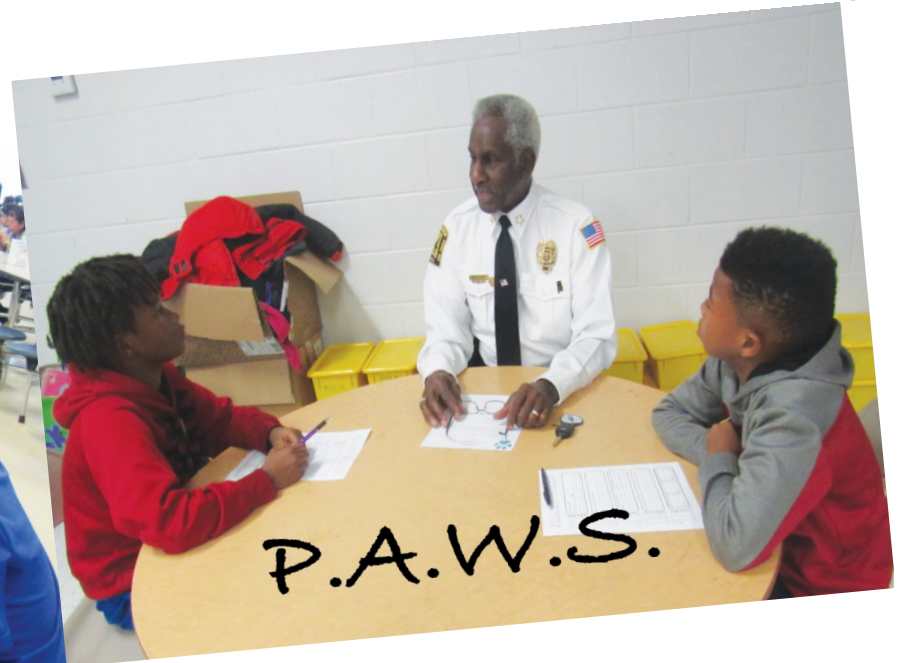


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# Congratulations Patriotism Essay Winner

*By : Makayla Bass*

This year sixth grade was in an contest to see who could write the best patriotism letter. The person who writes the best article won \$100 and got to present their poem to South Side Baptist Church. And the person who won was Samya Provitt from Ms. Johnson's sixth-grade class.

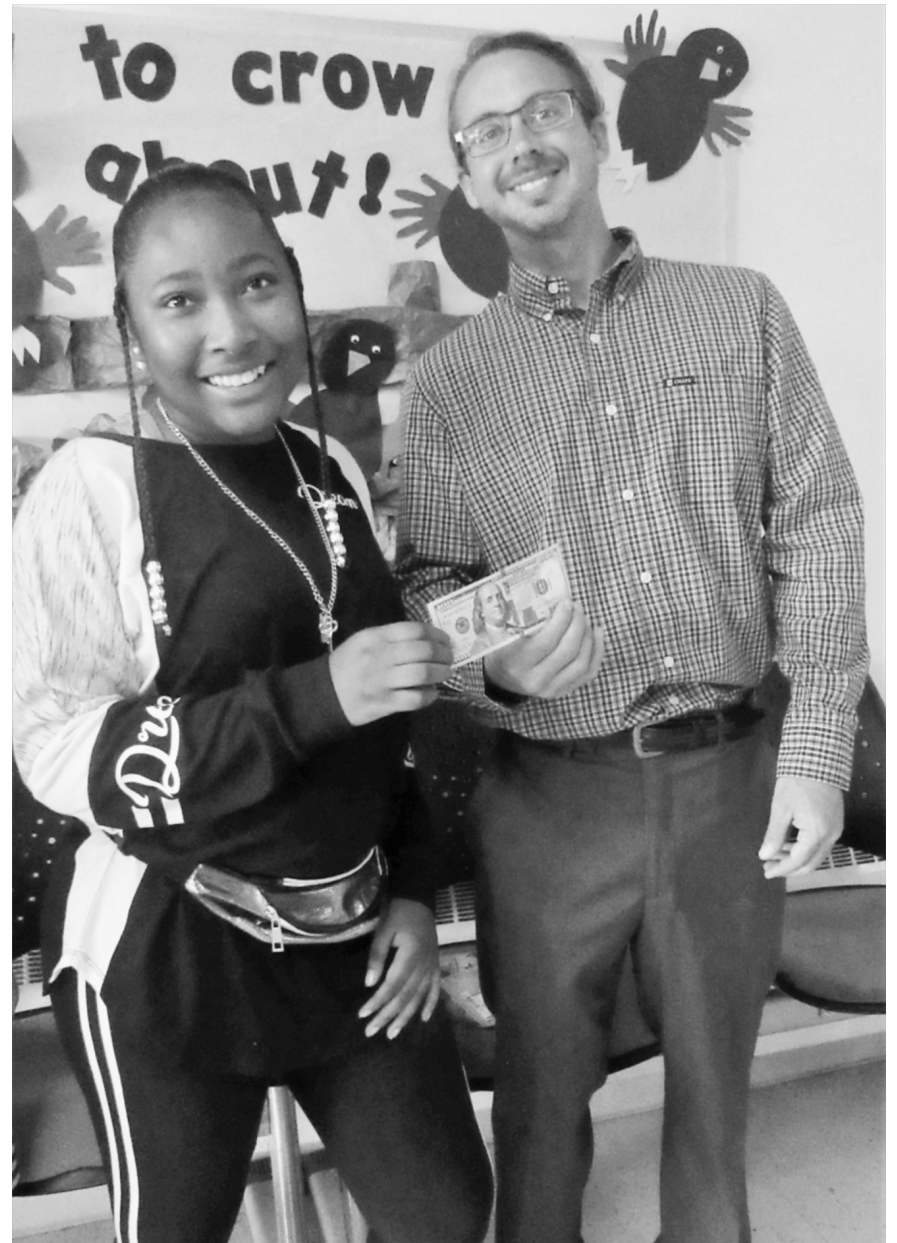
**Q: How did you feel when you won the contest?**

A: "I felt happy and I wanted to cry tears of joy. I accomplished something I was set to do!"

**Q: Did you feel like I accomplished something great?**

A: "Yes, because I knew this accomplishment would take me father in my life."

**Q: Where you nervous when you spoke at the Southside Baptist Church?**



stumble over a word or get stage fright."

**Q: How did you feel when you received \$100 dollars?**

A: "I felt good and rich as a kid."



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## Pike County Elementary Salutes Our Veterans

*By Kelly Maldonado*

Once again Pike County Elementary School celebrates Veterans Day. We do this, to honor the men and women who fought in wars for the freedoms we all enjoy on a daily basis. To honor our veterans PCES 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, along with Mrs. Foster from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and students host the Veterans Day Program on November 9, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Josiah Richburg, Ms. Kathryn Dennis sang the National Anthem and Mrs. Rachel Everett delivered a brief synopsis about the History of Veterans' Day.

Each branch of the military was represented by a fourth grade student. The representative for the Army was Amaiah Rindflesich, the Marines was Elijah Cotton, the Navy was MaRico Myhand, the Coast Guard was Rylee Brooks, and the Air Force was Trinity Thornton. A word of thanks to our men

and women that served in the various branches was given by Eric Walker and the importance of Veterans' Day by Hannah Cardenas. The fourth graders gave personal "Shout Outs" to their special veteran!

After all these events came the main part, the slideshow and the Blackout Presentation. The slide show displayed some veterans that were relatives of students and teachers.

The Finale was the blackout presentation! The lights were turn off as the song "God Bless the U.S.A." was played as background music. During the song, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students raised signs that had lyrics of the song. In the background there was students with white gloves doing hand motions to the song.

At the conclusion of the program, Mrs. Tracey Arnold (principal) gave Special Remarks. "Taps" was played in honor of our fallen heroes.



# Pike County Elementary School Honor Roll

Tracey Arnold, Principal

Rodney Drish, Assistant Principal

**First Grade All A's** – Aiden Reynolds, Keyonna Foster, Jazyrion Guice, Aubrey Bradley, A'Rihanna Dees, Judith De La Rosa-Rosas, Cedric Arnold, Cobian Stewart-Barrow, Abbigail Bergins, Chelsea Carroll, Kameron Eutsey, Zion Flournoy, Janiah May, and Azareya Nelson

**Second Grade All A's** Aniyah Lampley, Jose Enfinger, Eli Culver, Logan Cordle, Izabella Dunn, and Bentley Lucas

**Third Grade All A's** Malasiaa Caffie, Daniel Collins, Pityn Flowers, and Noelle Richburg

**Fourth Grade All A's** - Dazaria Appling, Rylee Brooks, Kennedy Jones, Marico Myhand, Josiah Richburg, and India Thompkins

**Fifth Grade All A's** – Star Bryant, Khadasia Harris, Jakiyah Hyman, Brooklyn Jones, Essence Martin, Diana Martinez, Christian Smith, Arianna Straw, Alex Zavaleta, and Isel Zavaleta

**Sixth Grade All A's** - Laila Bryant, Sameeria Issac, Carrie McLendon, Urshula Simmons-Wheeler, Robert Brogdon, Bryant Brooks, Audrei Catteeuw, Nivea Cox, Samya Provitt, Kayrin Amador, Joseph Countryman, Tristan Humphrey, and Kynthis Jackson

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**First Grade A's & B's:** Brayden Adams, Odyssey Davis, Leah Dixon, Jamal Nickson, Javious Thomas, Niriha Saucier, Ca'Mauri Brown, Zaiyden Sanford, Rayveonne Smith, KaeDence Drinkard, Jevon Baker, Camille Flowers, Caileigh Kilpatrick, Kevin Martinez-Meza, Adrian McKinney, Jordan Toney, Ma-Kayla Franklin, Elijah Hubert, Winter Knowling, Jariya Scott, Kayla Selby-Davis, and JoMyiah Simmons-Wheeler

**Second Grade A's & B's -** Jaffrey Amador Morales, Briece Baker, Sarah Floyd, Tanner Jones, Semaj Leverette, Shantia Lias, Jessean Patterson, Freddy Solano-Meneses, Eniya Condrey, Mayson Issac, Kimora Reeves, Marcus Walker, Paytyn Adams, Roberto Cortes, Nylah Johnson, Kayveon Rodgers, Kar'lysia Rogers, Deric Siler, Noah Terry, Samara Thompson, Richard Collins, Niyorii Flowers, DaCara Kilpatrick, JaKameron King, Jeremiah Rumph, Elliana Stroh, and Justin Xiquin

**Third Grade A's & B's:** A'zhoree Eutsey, Dylan Kinson, Kaylee Miller, Alfonso Onofre-Montalvo, and Maximo Stroh

**Fourth Grade A's & B's:** Brody Austin, Kasen Burger, Elizabeth Carroll, Sara Carroll, Nigel Gladney, Mark Griffin, Jakentai Howard, Xander Hueston, Zanylah Jordan, Amaiah Rindfleisch, Brooklyn Thompkins-Hall, Randy Xiquin, Mercedes Cortes, Jaasmin Foster, Yasmine Foster, Ashley Hetrick, Kaidyn Lee, Melina Onofre Montalvo, Eric Walker, Kason Wilkerson, and Gavin Wilson

**Fifth Grade A's & B's:** Tyrell Barrow, Michaela Borders, Abigail Carroll, Noah Cox, Jakayla Flowers, Tykevia Fuller, Christopher Guilford, Janeah Harris, Kyri Haynes, Rachel Hernandez, Vivian Holland, Zariyah Jones, Ziyanna Larkin, Jakobie McKinney, Aaliyah Oliver, Edward Parker IV, Jose Ramirez, Yaretzi Ramirez, Antavious Redmon, Jackorian Russaw, Ventashia Siler, Jasmine Smith, Saniyah Smith, Cheyenne Sneed, Haylee Sneed, Tamieja Taylor, Kyema Townsend, Shree Williams, and Valeria Zepahua

**Sixth Grade A's & B's:** Qualiyah Caffie, Quentavian Carter, Kameron Christian, Takhia Coleman, Aniyah Cox, Alexandria Daffin, Shayna Davenport Isaiah Hager-Mitchell, Cornelius Hall, Avianna Myhand, Wilfred Neri Gomez, Micah Stabler, Tehajah Starks, Makayla Bass, Johao De Le Rosa Rosas, D'Yana Knox, Ra'Vionna McKinney, Edwin Neri Gomez, Tamayah Boyd, Brandy Flowers, Michael Gabel, Kelly Maldonado, Masslon Reynolds, Kobee Rodgers-Wallace, RurTyiuas Ross, Shariah White, and Kylan Wilkerson



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# Brundidge Rotary Club Treats Third Grade

*By Ny'Rhia McClendon and Noelle Richburg*

The Brundidge Rotary Club visited Pike County Elementary School November 29, 2018. Third graders reported to the lunchroom and got seated. Then members of the Rotary Club said, "We are happy to be here, and we are the Rotary Club. Today, we are giving you guys dictionaries. We hope that you guys read your dictionaries. And we are so happy that you get these dictionaries."

Each third grade teacher took a turn calling a list of names to pick up a dictionary which had already been personally labeled with his/her name. As each student was called forward, he or she accepted the personalized dictionary and shook hands with one of the Rotary Club members. Members present includ-



ed Mayor Isabell Boyd, Chief of Police – Moses Davenport, and former long term mayor – Jimmy Ramage.

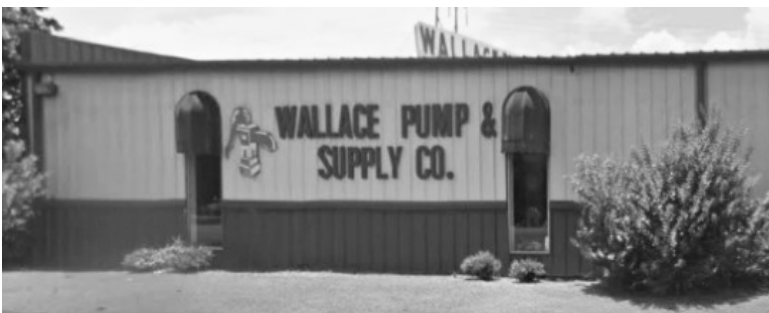
One student commented, "We will use the dictionaries a lot at this age, and we are so appreciative for the thoughtfulness of the Rotary Club."

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# PCES Third Graders Go to the Moon?

*By Dezyah Carlton  
and Malasiaa Caffie*

No, third grade didn't go to the moon but rather imagined how to create chambers to grow plants *on* the moon. The third graders only traveled to a much closer place... Troy University. This expedition took place on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 for NASA STEM DAY.

Third graders stated... We learned about how people go to the moon in space, and we watched videos about the

planets. We did a STEM activity which incorporates science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We talked about how plants get both sun and shade, and of course water. We talked about space and answered some funny questions about planets. We then completed a collaborative project, in small groups, to make a plant growth chamber. During presentations at the closing, each group shared while others observed the plant chambers along with full explanations of how they

worked.

The Troy University ladies (pre-service students in the Department of Teacher Education) did a great job on Nasa Day. We thank them for the teaching and activities we enjoyed. We also want to give a big shout out to Chick-Fil-A for feeding everyone! Believe it or not, several classmates indicated they had NEVER had it.

Teachers indicated everyone had a great time at Troy University, and we really appreciate the effort made to put on this learning event.



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(Left to Right) Zach Henson, Kayrin Amador, Kylan Wilkerson, Kelly Maldonado

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