

# The Lockard Report

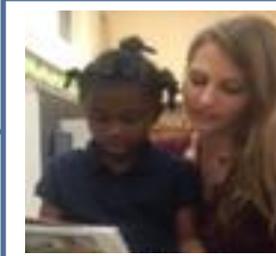
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Linda Rule, Parent Liaison

*Daphne Heflin, Principal*

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*As deep and as wide as the ocean, so is the learning at Lockard Elementary School!*



## The Principal's Message

Welcome back for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year. The new semester opened with learning. The Lockard Elementary School staff attended two days of professional learning prior to the students' return. Staff learned strategies for meeting the needs of all learners, strategies for increasing reading and math speed and accuracy, and finally staff learned about our most recent assessment data.

Overall, students made great growth from the fall CASE assessment to the winter CASE assessment. Our winter goal was for at least 60% of students in each subject area (ELA and math) to show growth. According to the December CASE assessment, 80% of all ELA students showed growth and 67% of all math students showed growth. The data indicates we surpassed our winter growth goal (growth for all) in both ELA and math. Of the low performing students, we had 102 growth points in ELA and 73 growth points in math. Growth is the key to becoming proficient and advanced. To be able to master grade level standards, students must grow from their original performance level and continue the upward growth trend. Not only must growth continue throughout the current year but must also continue from one year to the next so that students graduate college and career ready.

Upcoming assessments include STAR and iReady. The benchmark assessments will begin January 16 and end by January 31. You all may be wondering, "Why do students take all of these different assessments?" We cannot prepare students to be college and career ready if we don't know what they need and their rate of growth. Therefore, we use the assessments to determine such. You will be interested in answers provided through the assessments: What is my child's current level of learning? What has my child mastered? What does my child still need to master? What are my child's needs? Your child's teachers will be sharing such information with you through parent-student reports and data letters. If you would also like to discuss your child's progress in a conference with your child's teacher, you are welcome to schedule a conference during the teacher's conference period.

Have a wonderful new semester and a great new year!

Daphne Heflin, Principal



## In Focus

### Student – Zamyra Harris

Zamyra is a very bright student who is always willing to help others.

### Parent – MyKeisha Aims

Ms. Aims has been a very helpful and supporting parent this year.

### Teacher – Megan Lukacs

Ms. Lukacs is a new kindergarten teacher at Lockard. She has been teaching for 4 years and really enjoys teaching.

## Monthly Calendar

15<sup>th</sup> – MLK Holiday – School Closed

18<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards & Data Night

18<sup>th</sup> – Community Conversation-NFB-6:00PM

22<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Meeting - Lockard

29<sup>th</sup> – Advisory Committee Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> – Parent Training – Discipline/Behavior Management for Children





### Counselor's Corner

#### Mason's Memo

January is one of my favorite months of the year! While I do not love the January weather I do like the chance to start off the new- year with resolutions or a plan to make things better.

As parents, we play such an important role in our child's school experience. If we have a good plan or schedule for the school week our students will see much more success than if we are "winging it" as they say.

Listed below are a few reminders that you might help your child have a better day at school:

- \*Have clothes and backpack ready before bedtime.
- \*Make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep during the school week.
- \*Try to make homework time and mornings are as stress free as possible.
- \*Make sure that your child gets to school early to eat breakfast if you all do not eat breakfast at home.
- \*Remind your child that you expect his/her best effort and behavior at school.

Our students have so much potential and I look forward to working with you to make their school experience a great one!

### Literary Corner

Notes from the Library:

- Jashawn Thornton placed first in our district reading fair in division A for kindergarten. He will represent our school at the regional fair at Delta State at the end of this month. Congrats to Jashawn!
- Our 2nd nine weeks AR celebration was Friday, December 15th. Over 200 students met their AR goals and attended a movie celebration complete with popcorn and juice. Great job!
- Our second RIF distribution of this school year is scheduled for early February.

I look forward to more good days at Lockard Library!

*C. Burkett, Librarian*



### From the Parent Center

Parents I invite you to the Parent Center where resources abound. There are resources on most student or school related topics. Among the resources are pamphlets on school attendance, helping your child with homework, self-esteem, and resources on how to work with your child's teacher. These resources are provided to help parents in an ever changing world. Also, keep in mind that the Ram Store is up and operational. "Ram Bucks" are earned by attending parental involvement meetings and other school functions. I encourage parents who have earned ram bucks to come in and shop. The Parent Center is your oasis, use it.

Welcome to the New Year where possibilities are and opportunities are endless.

Linda Rule, Parent Liaison

### Mckinney Vento Act

Provide activities for, and services to, homeless children, including preschool-aged homeless children, and youths that enable such children and youths to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school, or, if appropriate, in preschool programs.

