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Wild Adventures Theme Park  
Yelverton Jewelers  
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## Our Mission

*To produce high achieving students.*

## Our Vision

*Our system will be world class.*

## Our Beliefs

- ★ Safety is our number one priority.
- ★ Failure is not an option.
- ★ We do expect that all children can learn.
- ★ We will not be satisfied until all of our schools meet or exceed the highest academic standards.
- ★ We are committed to determining what each child needs to fulfill his potential.
- ★ We take responsibility for learning, for both our students and ourselves.
- ★ We are not afraid of change and will embrace change that is research-based and proven to be effective.

## The Houston County Way

- ★ Strive for excellence in all that we do.
- ★ Have a professional attitude.
- ★ Go the extra mile.
- ★ Base decisions on what's best for the child.
- ★ Provide quality customer service.
- ★ Hard work, dedication and love for children.
- ★ Approach work every day with a positive attitude, hope, enthusiasm and compassion.
- ★ Do things right; do the right thing.

## Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Mark Scott

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## 2016-2017 Opening Session

*celebrating the Houston County Way*



## Welcome Back!



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# Presenting the 2016 - 2017 Employees of the Year

**Bus Driver of the Year**  
Rick Leno

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**Bus Monitor of the Year**  
Tara Butler

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**Custodian of the Year**  
Terri Grayson, Lake Joy Elementary

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**Distribution Center Employee of the Year**  
Wayne Howell

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**Maintenance Employee of the Year**  
Ronald King

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**School Nutrition Program Manager of the Year**  
Regina Waters, Shirley Hills Elementary



**FOUR PILLARS**



# Presenting the 2016 - 2017 Teachers of the Year

Bonaire Elementary..... Merrie DeJeet  
 Bonaire Middle.....Julie McCoy  
 ★C. B. Watson Primary..... Summer Peavy  
 Centerville Elementary..... Richard Jordan  
 David Perdue Elementary..... Florrie Manning  
 David Perdue Primary ..... Kathryn Deal  
 Eagle Springs Elementary.....Lynn Gunerman  
 Edge Academy.....Tara Raines  
 ★Feagin Mill Middle..... Lloyd McDonald  
 ★Hilltop Elementary..... LaRae Harrelson  
 Houston County Career Academy .....Donna Christiansen  
 Houston County Crossroads Center ..... Christie Howard  
 Houston County High ..... Katherine Boudreaux  
 ★Huntington Middle.....Laurie Coggins  
 ★Kings Chapel Elementary ..... Robin Martin  
 Lake Joy Elementary.....Elaine Huffman  
 Lake Joy Primary ..... Stephanie Smith  
 Langston Road Elementary ..... Rachada Page  
 Lindsey Elementary ..... Krystalyn May  
 Matt Arthur Elementary .....Monica Woods  
 ★Miller Elementary ..... Sue McDonald  
 Morningside Elementary ..... Megan Spigener  
 ★Mossy Creek Middle .....Kearston Arnold  
 Northside Elementary ..... Charlie Ross  
 ★Northside High ..... Janann McSwain  
 Northside Middle .....Ralph Swem  
 Parkwood Elementary ..... Shirley Rumph  
 Pearl Stephens Elementary .....Curtis Singleton  
 Perry High..... Susan Bray  
 Perry Middle .....Susan Campbell  
 Quail Run Elementary .....Allison Tarrer  
 Russell Elementary ..... Marley Mills  
 ★Shirley Hills Elementary .....Ashley Watkins  
 Thomson Middle .....Mark Ivory  
 Tucker Elementary..... Bethany Bembry  
 ★Veterans High .....Dave Gibbs  
 Warner Robins High ..... Jonna Puryear  
 Warner Robins Middle ..... Aimee Bagwell  
 Westside Elementary ..... Latria Harris

★ Top 10 TOTY Finalist

# Order of Events

Welcome.....Mr. Fred Wilson  
 Chairman, Board of Education

**Patriotic Music on the Bagpipes** .....Mr. Jack Story  
 Shirley Hills Elementary School  
 Mr. Jeff Bare  
 Perry Middle and Perry High Schools

**Presentation of Colors**.....Perry High AFJROTC

**Pledge of Allegiance**.....Mrs. Katherine Branch  
 2015 Houston County Teacher of the Year

**National Anthem** .....Houston County Music Teachers

**Introduction of Special Guests**..... Dr. Mark Scott  
 Superintendent of Schools

**Recognition of Event Sponsors**.....Mrs. Beth McLaughlin  
 Director, Community & School Affairs

**Medley** .....Houston County Music Teachers

**Celebration**.....Dr. Scott

**Award Presentations to Honorees**..... Mrs. Branch

**TOTY & Finalists Announcement & Awards** ..... Mrs. Branch  
 The Honorable Shaw Blackmon      Robins Regional Chamber  
 HEA Federal Credit Union      Sonny's Bar-B-Q  
 Perry Area Chamber      Hughes Honda

**Comments** ..... 2016 Houston County Teacher of the Year

**The Year Ahead**.....Dr. Scott

**Message from a Graduate**.....Mr. David Jackson, Jr.  
 Northside High School Class of 2012

**Closing Remarks** .....Dr. Scott

