

CEDAR PARK GOES GREEN



Councilwoman Angela Benjamin donated a tree to Cedar Park Elementary on Arbor Day. She came to campus and planted the tree with the help of Ms. Kimberly Martin's First Grade class and Dr. Cureton, our principal. Students will look forward to watching the tree grown through the years.

SELMA HIGH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN FINANCIAL LITERACY SEMINAR



Selma High School Business students attended the year-end Financial Literacy Seminar sponsored by Concordia College and coordinated by Ms. Felecia Gill. Shaina Relph spoke to the audience as Daisha Simpson, Ms. Felecia Gill and others looked on.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA



Selma High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) earned "Outstanding Chapter Award" at the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Alabama on April 7-8, 2016. In order to receive this award, the FBLA chapter had to complete several tasks aligned with the goals and creed of the organization. The R. B. Hudson Middle School FBLA chapter earned the "Largest Middle School Chapter Membership Award", 2nd place.

SHS FFA ATTENDS 2016 FFA CENTRAL DISTRICT ELIMINATIONS



Students competed in the 2016 FFA Central District Eliminations. They competed in Forestry, Public Speaking, and Agricultural Construction. From left to right are Jamie Epperson, Denisha Nichols, Brittany Johnson, Patrick Giles, Ja'Kobe Robinson, Amber Holloman, Paige Pritchett, Ronterrious Tabb and Devin Craig. Advisors are Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Pullom.

RONTERRIOUS TABB WINS TITLE AT 2016 FFA MEET



Ronterrious Tabb has been selected as the Go Build Alabama Future Skilled Worker of America Student of the Month for May 2016.

The recognition comes with an article on the Go Build Alabama website, promotions on Go Build Alabama social media and a \$1000 scholarship to any community college or apprenticeship program in the State of Alabama.

CEDAR PARK STUDENTS HELP CHILDREN WITH HEART HEALTH CONCERNS



Adrian Ware, Cedar Park's Physical Education Teacher, challenged the Cougars to raise money for kids with special hearts while improving their own health through *Jump Rope for Heart*. The Cougars joined together to raise funds for children with heart-health issues while learning the value of community service. This year's *Jump Rope for Heart* event doubled the amount of money raised from last year. The students of Cedar Park raised \$820.71.

THE BRIDGE

BRIDGING SUMMER FUN AND LEARNING

Selma City Schools System Newsletter



TRANSFORMING LIVES

Dr. Angela Mangum, Superintendent

Hello Selma City School System Family and Friends,

It is a disheartening fact that the average student will lose 2 months of reading achievement and 2.6 months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer break. In an effort to combat this inevitable decline in learning among students, The Selma City School System will be implementing the **BRIDGING SUMMER FUN AND LEARNING PROGRAM** to encourage students to engage in activities that will facilitate learning while they are out of school during the summer.

Each student in grades **K-8** will receive a **Take-Home Learning Pack** to take home over the summer.

The Take-Home Learning Pack will include:

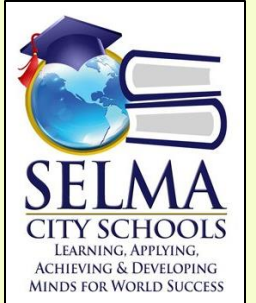
- ✚ **Engaging books** that are appropriate for each student's reading level.
- ✚ **A summer reading journal.**
- ✚ **Think sheets** for every title to reinforce reading and comprehension skills.
- ✚ **A program guide** with implementation strategies, assessment tools, and family engagement resources.
- ✚ **Tips for families** to support their children's reading progress.
- ✚ Other school-based activities.

Students who return their completed packet to include their books, assignments, and activities will be rewarded when they return to school in August. Each school has planned exciting activities and rewards that students will love! Let's eliminate the threat of learning loss among our children by **BRIDGING SUMMER FUN AND LEARNING!**

Thank you for supporting this important effort on behalf of students.

Dr. Angela Mangum
Superintendent

Teachers! The district's summer conference, **Raising the Bar: A Journey to Excellence**, will be held at Selma High School June 28th – June 30th. Check your email for details!



*Ja'Terrious Peasant
Selma High School
Science Bee Winner*



*Ronterrious Tabb
Go Build Alabama
Student of the Month*



*Jayla McDonald
Butterfly and Bridges T-shirt
Contest Design Award Winner*

SELMA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR HELD 2016 SPRING CONCERT



Selma High Auditorium was once again filled with melodious voices as the choir members sang songs that brought sheer pleasure to those in attendance. Members dress in formal attire for the Spring Concert. Under the direction of the Choir Director, Mr. Colin Lett, the students gave an outstanding performance.

SELMA CITY SCHOOL STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Judge Bob Armstrong with Dakari Carmichael & Johnathan Rothschild

On March 31, 2016 we celebrated our first Student Spotlight winners. Dakari Carmichael and Johnathan Rothschild who attend the School of Discovery were honored during our first ceremony. This was awesome opportunity to honor two extraordinary young men from our community that display excellence in our schools.

A special thank you to Ms. Venecia Eaton, Youth Service Coordinator and the City of Selma for supplying these young men with \$50.00 in prizes in addition to a \$50.00 gift card provided by the Dallas County Children's Policy Council.

CREATING A SAFER, CLEANER, PLACE TO PLAY AT BYRD



School staff, parents and other volunteers from the community got their hands dirty planting trees, making garden and sand boxes on the playground at Byrd First Class Early Learning Center recently.

Principal, Dr. Keasal said, "Creating the garden boxes will give students opportunities to participate in gardening. Parent volunteers said, they wanted to support the school and make it a better place for their children." Plants and trees were donated by Statesville Tree Farm.

R. B. HUDSON STUDENTS WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH BOSTON STUDENTS



On March 17, 2016, ten students from the Noble and Greenough School, Boston, Massachusetts, visited Selma as one segment of a Civil Rights Tour. Along with exploring the Queen City, the students also visited R.B. Hudson where they collaborated with fifteen eighth graders on a community service project at "Grow Selma."

After hearing volunteers Ruth and Victor Shaw explain the vision for "Mill Village," students worked together to build a fence, move dirt, and perform other duties. Supervising the two groups of students were Tayla Sokol and David Roane (Nobles) and Demisha Stough and Glenda Davis (R.B. Hudson).

KINGS AND QUEENS



*Payne Elementary
Lower Division King & Queen 2016
Brenden Stallworth and Ashtyn Watts*



*Payne Elementary
Upper Division King & Queen 2016
Herbert Gayle and Daysha Smith*



*Selma High School
King & Queen 2016
Jalen Johnson & Jayda Armstrong*

MISS SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY CROWNED



Aaron; and People's Choice Award: Desiree Robertson.

On March 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pickard Auditorium School of Discovery held its first annual Miss School of Discovery Pageant. She would be a poised young woman with a confident commanding presence. She must be talented, intelligent, and articulate. All contestants received participation trophies for their efforts and hard work. Adrionna Powell was crowned Miss School of Discovery, first runner up and best fitness was Derrica Peterson, second runner up was Desiree Robertson and third runner up was Brea Gordon. Additional awards included Best Talent: Desiree Robertson; Miss Congeniality: Aniya

MISS R. B. HUDSON PAGEANT



were given to the contestants that raised the most money. R'ryanna Deville won Most Sponsors, Aljah Wilson won second place, and tied for third place was Brianna Miles and Krysten Bethel. Congratulations to all!

On April 7, 2016, seven young ladies participated in the Miss R.B. Hudson Pageant at Pickard Auditorium. They were judged on beauty, dress, walk and poise.

At the end of the night Miss R'ryanna Deville was awarded the crown of Miss R. B. Hudson 2016. Akerriyanna Golson was named 1st runner-up and Aalaysia McGhee was 2nd runner-up. In addition to Miss R. B. Hudson, awards

SELMA CITY SCHOOLS GIFTED PROGRAM



The Selma Gifted Program focuses on identifying and meeting the unique needs of gifted learners. Students qualify based on aptitude and creativity.

Gifted Specialists Ashley Strickland and Demisha Stough provide services for students in grades 3-8 and consultative services for 9-12 grades.

Focus areas include: Affective and Socio-Emotional Issues, Creative Problem Solving, Deductive Reasoning, Concept Based Units, Problem-Based Learning, Service Learning, and Career and College Preparation.

