



GEAR UP ALABAMA stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. This educational program serves 7th and 8th grade students across the Black Belt. The purpose of GEAR UP is to provide activities that will increase students' academic performance and prepare them for post-secondary opportunities. This year at R. B. Hudson Middle School, GEAR UP has incorporated several activities and programs into the curriculum. There are also opportunities for parents to further their education through GEAR UP. For more information, contact Ms. Martin at R. B. Hudson.



Students learned about health care careers from health care professionals at the GEAR UP Career Fair held at R. B. Hudson Middle School.



Students learn about post-secondary opportunities at the Region 6 Workforce Development, Selma/Dallas EDA, and WCCS interactive business expo.



Selma High School students showcase the robot they created as members of the Robotics Team at SHS for R. B. Hudson students and Superintendent Mangum.



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE: KNOX ELEMENTARY

Knox students are experimenting with a Microscope!
 Mr. Alton Green, Fire Chief of the Selma Fire Department, comes to Knox Elementary School every Friday to work with students in Ms. West's Fourth Grade class.
 In this photo, they are learning about the microscope and using it to examine slides that contain different animal parts



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Krystal Dozier, Cedar Park's media specialist, held a reading rally to spotlight Cedar Park's readers and to encourage others to keep reading.
 Prizes were presented to the top AR Readers & Ms. Dozier invited a few special guests to help her hand out the prizes.
 Dr. Seuss' Cat In The Hat, Thing 1 & Thing II danced with the students and encouraged them to keep reading!



THE BRIDGE

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**TRANSFORMING LIVES
 Dr. Angela Mangum, Superintendent**

The Selma City Schools System's mission is to prepare students to be college and career ready for lifelong success. A critical first step in making this mission a reality is to ensure that all students receive high-quality instruction each and every day they attend school.

The quality of instruction is the most important variable in students' academic success. Therefore, beginning last summer, teachers have spent a considerable amount of time and effort engaging in high-quality professional learning that focuses on strategic teaching: explicit instruction that engages students in learning experiences that are aligned with College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS). Through this method of instruction, teachers facilitate activities that require students to actively participate in the learning process.

As a result, student achievement is moving on a positive trajectory towards being better prepared for college and careers. As a measurement of progress toward college and career readiness, The Alabama State Department of Education requires all public school students in Grades 3-8 and 10 to participate in the ACT Aspire and Grade 11 in ACT Plus Writing.

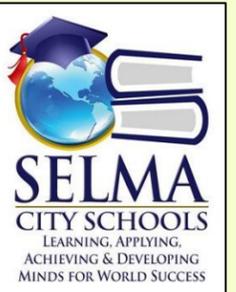
These assessments will be administered during the testing window of April 12 thru April 28, 2016. Even though assessments are only one factor in determining college and career readiness, they provide valuable information that can be used to better serve students in all aspects of their education.

Let's encourage our students to do their very best each day to prepare for a lifetime of success by being present in school every day and by being respectful, responsible, and resourceful learners.

SPELLING BEE WINNERS!



Congratulations to the winners of the Dallas County Spelling Bee! They competed with students from schools throughout Dallas County. We are proud of you!
 1st: Joniya Chapman, R. B. Hudson
 2nd: Jakayla Boone, R. B. Hudson
 3rd: Aniya Mitchell, Edgewood



Cedar Park celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday with a reading rally!



R. B. Hudson students explore career opportunities at the Career Fair!



Students visit with Dr. Mangum and Dr. Chapatwala at the Career Fair!

VILLAGE VOICES

The Village Voices program has been implemented to increase community engagement with the Selma City Schools family. Community members share a one-minute “Thought for the Day” via the school public address system every day. This program has been very successful! Thank you community volunteers!



Cedar Park Cougars begin their mornings in the cafeteria eating a delicious breakfast and listening to a message from “Uncle Pete Brown”. Each morning Uncle Pete delivers a “Thought for the Day” for the students, faculty and staff. His words are always positive and leave a lasting memory on everyone who hears them. A few of his quotes are: “The best time to make a friend is before you need one.” “You only lose if you quit.” “Nobody is nobody. Everybody is somebody.” The Cougars truly enjoy listening to Uncle Pete’s “Thought for the Day”!



This month Clark Elementary was excited to have Ms. Chenise Moore participate in our “Village Voices” program! Ms. Moore helped us start our day off on a positive note by delivering our encouraging thought for the day!

We get so excited when friends and family join us here at Clark to make learning fun and encourage us to always do our best!



Chief Henry Allen is a graduate of R. B. Hudson High School. He is very active in the R. B. Hudson Alumni Association and is often seen volunteering in Selma City Schools. Recently he shared a “Thought for the Day” as part of the Village Voices program. He talked with students about the importance of greeting everyone with a smile and treating others as they would like to be treated. Chief Allen certainly models that philosophy by greeting everyone with a smile and cheerful greeting.



MOTIVATIONAL MONDAY AT THE SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY

In an effort to encourage positive behavior, the School of Discovery has implemented Motivational Mondays. Every Monday, all students are expected to dress professionally.

The faculty and staff have also joined this initiative. The school has provided young men with a tie and young ladies with a scarf that they wear on this day. The young men wear their ties with the shirt and slacks of their choice and the young ladies wear their scarves with other appropriate school attire of their choice.



In addition, as an extension of Village Voices, parents, business owners, law enforcement officials, and other community members come to the school each Monday morning before homeroom and speak with our students about the importance of getting an education, making smart choices, demonstrating positive behavior, and other topics that encourage our students to be successful.

Both of these components of Motivational Monday have been met with great success and enthusiasm.

We appreciate the support of all of those who are continually working towards ensuring that our students Soar Beyond Expectations!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CEDAR PARK



What an eventful Black History Month it has been at Cedar Park. Each class prepared a special program or song to perform at our monthly PTO meeting.

Ms. Paige’s kindergarten class performed a Rosa Parks skit complete with costumes, signs, individual speaking parts and more.

The students’ brilliant performance reenacting Rosa Parks bus boycott was applauded by all.



The skit included Martin Luther King, played by Darrell Walker, delivering his “I Have a Dream” speech.

At the end of the performance Ms. Paige’s class joined together and sang “Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around.”

Their performance received a standing ovation from the audience!



KNOX Black History Book Report T’s

Third grade students from Knox Elementary School took part in Black History month by reading a book on a famous African American.

They created a t-shirt with pictures and words to tell about the book.



R. B. HUDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL celebrated Black History month with a program featuring outstanding performances from the Bulldog Band and Bulldog Choir; an inspirational art show by RBH students; a dramatic performance by Mrs. Peoples; and a motivational address by Mr. James Perkins.

Principal Lashonda Moorer welcomed everyone to the program. The Bulldog Band is directed by Ms. Hanna, the Bulldog Choir by Mrs. Watters, the art show was coordinated by Mrs. Parks, and Mr. Marcus West served as Master of Ceremonies.



