



THE R. B. HUDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL choir welcomed Selma City School Superintendent Dr. Angela Mangum and Alabama State Board of Education President Mary Scott Hunter to their practice session.

They were practicing the Star Spangled Banner in preparation for the Veteran's Day program. The R. B. Hudson Choir is directed by Ms. Christine Bryan.



CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL first graders celebrated Grandparent's Day by hosting a "Grandparent's Day Tea Party." Grandparents came to enjoy some sweet treats and punch with their grandchildren.

Grandparents were presented cards created by their grandchildren and enjoyed a special musical program by the students. A good time was had by all.

SELMA HIGH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



Career Tech students from Selma High School participated in the Joint Leadership Development Conference in Birmingham on October 18th. Students were able to network with members from other chapters and attend motivational workshops.

Students representing DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), AFJROTC (Air Force Junior ROTC) and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) participated in the workshop.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) prepares leaders and entrepreneurs for careers and education in marketing, finance, hospitality, management, and other business areas.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of American) helps members prepare for careers in business and business-related fields.

The objectives of Air Force Junior ROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promote community service; instill a sense of responsibility; develop character and self-discipline through education and instruction in air and space fundamentals and the Air Force's core values.

Pictured above are Takeia Johnson representing JROTC; Brianna Miles representing DECA; Jayda Armstrong, DECA President and Jameka Leshore representing JROTC

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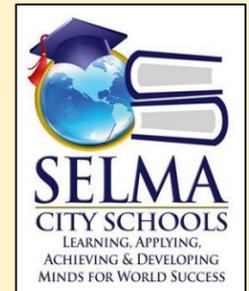


TRANSFORMING LIVES

Dr. Angela Mangum, Superintendent

Great literacy skills open the door to learning, future employment and better overall life outcomes for students. Literacy is also critical to economic development as well as to the well-being of the community as a whole. To this end, the Selma City School System has as its top priority to increase the literacy of all students by providing researched-based reading instruction, increasing children's access to a large variety of books on their reading levels, and motivating students to read both in school and out of school by utilizing the Accelerated Reader Program. Teachers are also targeting students' literacy skills through the use of the strategic teaching model that engages students in thinking, writing, investigating, reading, and listening during each lesson daily. Let's work together to improve students' literacy skills by utilizing the best practices shared below.

1. Listen to your child read at least 15-20 minutes daily.
2. Ask questions about what your child is reading.
3. Have your child keep a journal about what he/she is reading.
4. Read to your child.
5. Show enthusiasm for your child's reading.



AFROTC - Joint Leadership Development Conference



Welding students Bush Hog Field Trip



Agri-Construction students Dumas Furniture field trip



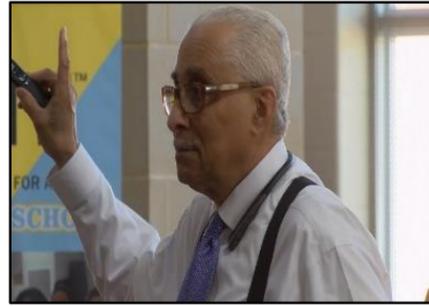
**SELMA HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Career Technical students are on the move striving for excellence. They are learning how to cultivate their technical skills by being exposed to various learning opportunities.

Since the beginning of the school year, CTE students have participated in a Joint Leadership District Conference (JLDC), career forums, and various field trips to Bush Hog, Dumas Furniture Company, and Concordia College. Several stakeholders have volunteered to be motivational speakers to inform our students about the importance of displaying positive work ethics.

The CTE coordinator and teachers have been collaborating with local and surrounding businesses to create internships, apprenticeships, and job shadowing opportunities for our students. Lastly, there are 15 students who participate in the Dual Technical Enrollment at Wallace Community College. Without a doubt, Selma High School Career Technical students are definitely SHINING STARS!

GANG EXPERT VISITS SELMA CITY SCHOOLS



Recently, gang expert Tony Avendorph conducted gang training sessions with some of the faculty, staff and students at Selma City Schools. Through the sessions, his goal was to create more awareness in the hopes that the city and schools can move past its problems with gang violence.

Avendorph visited the School of Discovery, R.B. Hudson and Selma High School, speaking to students in grades 6-12 about the destructiveness of bullying and gang violence. He also spoke to school administrators and teachers about how to identify signs of gang affiliation and how to help prevent young people from choosing that path.

Additionally, he shared stories about his interactions with gang members and stressed the need to connect with at-risk students and those who have already been recruited into a gang.

Furthermore, Avendorph stated that he "wants to see Selma go back to the way it's supposed to be and that's a historic city where people come to visit. The only way the problem is going to be solved is if people don't deny there's an issue here and become proactive and do this together."



PARENT ENGAGEMENT AT R. B. HUDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



Selma City Schools Parent Engagement began the school year by focusing on building good character with the *I Care* parent program and *Capturing Kid's Hearts*.

Parents and students visited with administrators and teachers and enjoyed delicious treats at the *Muffins for Moms*, *Doughnuts for Dads*, and *Popping in for Education* activities at R. B. Hudson Middle School.

This important parent support of Selma City School students is greatly appreciated.

STUDENTS SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Students at Knox Elementary School and R. B. Hudson Middle School showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness by wearing pink.

Knox Elementary School students are "Dabbing Out" Breast Cancer.

FIRST GRADE STUDENTS RECEIVE LIBRARY CARDS



First grade students from Selma City Schools participated in the annual "Welcome to Your Library" campaign held at the Selma-Dallas County Public Library by signing up for and receiving a library card.

The campaign provides students an opportunity to come and explore what the library has to offer and exposes them to many other books that are available to them outside of their school libraries.

While at the library, students were treated to a story by Superintendent Dr. Angela Mangum and other local "celebrities" within the county.

They also had a chance to make a colorful and beaded necklace to hold their library card.

Another goal of the program, which is aligned to the SCS district strategic goal of enhancing literacy, is to help students become avid readers which will help them to be successful in school and in life.



SELMA MIDDLE SCHOOLS HOLD MOCK ELECTIONS: 'Your VOTE will Count!'



The School of Discovery and R. B. Hudson Middle Schools held mock elections to help students understand the voting process.

School of Discovery's students had an experience that they would not normally have had for at least seven more years. They, along with the other citizens in Selma and Dallas County, got a chance to make their voices heard by voting in an election.



At The School of Discovery students used sample Dallas County ballots to vote for the Mayor, City Council President, School Board Chairman, School Board representatives for each district, and City Council representatives for each ward.

"Our vision at School of Discovery is to prepare our students to be productive members of society," said Cicely Curtis, principal of the School of Discovery. "As educators, we make an assertive effort to create a culture of real-world learning opportunities that exposes our students to an array of experiences that will enable

them to be successful. With Selma consistently having such a low voter turn-out, we felt as educators that we could do more to educate and better prepare our young leaders on the voting process."

The R. B. Hudson Middle School "Your Vote Will Count Project" began on October 4th as administrators, teachers and students focused on the issues and views of each presidential candidate. Students participated in a variety of cross-curricular activities including writing essays, knowing terminology, and having classroom debates.

On America's voting day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, students were presented with an authentic voting environment to allow them to experience a realistic voting experience. Students identified themselves and signed in at the registration desk. They then proceeded to their assigned registration tables and voted. R. B. Hudson Ambassadors and Student Government Association officers acted as voting volunteers. As students exited the voting area they received "I Voted" stickers. The Hudson Choir presented a musical program of patriotic songs and The Star Spangled Banner. Principal, Lashonda Moorner, explained that "exercising your right to vote is an informed representation that will empower students to become productive citizens in a global society".

