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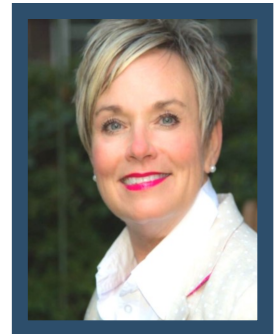
Winter 2019 Edition

Jasper City Schools

Superintendent- Dr. Ann Jackson

The State Department recently released the State Report card in which school districts are graded. Jasper City received a B (85) and we are pleased with that but will continue to strive for an A. I'm sure you have heard about all of the flaws associated with the report card. While we moved up in every category except graduation rate, it certainly left us scratching our heads. The year prior we had 11 students that the state demeaned as drop-outs, and last year we reduced that number to 7 but dropped a point in that category. They added another category to be scored—English Language Learners. Many of our EL students cannot speak or read English, (that's why we refer to them as English Learners), yet they are required to take the test in English....and the score counts in our overall report card score. Go figure. We know that the State assessments are only a "snapshot" of how our students perform one day out of the year. Our students and school system are more than a number. What goes on in our schools on a day-to-day basis and how prepared our students are when they leave us is the real measure of Jasper City Schools' success. We are extremely proud of our outstanding students, dedicated teachers, and supportive parents. THAT is what Jasper City Schools is all about. It's #TheJasperVikingWay

-Ann Jackson



MISSION

Inspire students to achieve academic excellence and make positive contributions to our interconnected community and world.

Future Focused—Tradition Rich

JCS appreciates all our Security Resource Officers do to protect our students and faculties!!

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T.R. Simmons Elementary

Principal- Meagan Fields

Off to a Great Start!

We have had a great start to our second semester. Our attendance data shows that our students are coming to school each day! It is so important for our students to be at school each and every day. We encourage you to start good habits now by ensuring your child is at school and on time for school each day. Thank you so much for partnering with us to show our students the importance of school!

Our little Vikes have been busy learning about many winter activities. December brought about our kindergarten performance of *The Night Before Christmas*. Mrs. Abbott worked so hard with our kindergarten students to get them ready to perform. It was the best performance of the season!

Polar Express Day was a favorite of all of our students and faculty. Students enjoyed riding the train. We are thankful that our PIT provided such a fun learning opportunity for our students. Our students are excited to have our Winter Wonderland dance. This gives students a chance to have a little fun while helping our school. We appreciate our PIT members for organizing the dance, and for all that they do for our students.

We enjoyed the Literacy Council spending time with our pre-school students and reading to them. Each pre-school student received a book of his/her own. We look forward to them returning this semester.

Mrs. Jones will host a Cupcakes with the Counselor session on Friday, January 18th 2019. This is an opportunity for parents from half of kindergarten rooms to meet with Mrs. Jones to learn more about the transition process to first grade. There will be another meeting on February 8th for the other half of the

Upcoming Dates to Remember ...

- February 1- Jump Rope for Heart Kick off assembly (time TBA)
- February 4-15-Jump Rope for Heart
- February 8-Cupcakes with the Counselor
- February 8-13-Candy Grams (PIT)
- February 14-Valentine's Day
- February 18-No School



"Get to know your Admin".... Meagan Fields

What book I am reading right now: *Personal- Girl, Wash Your Face* by Rachel Hollis; *Professional- The Internal Coherence Framework: Creating the Conditions for Continuous Improvement in Schools*, by Forman, Stosich, and Bocala
My favorite book: *Personal-Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom; *Professional- From Good to Great* by Jim Collins

My favorite movie: *Good Will Hunting*

My favorite college football team: *The University of Alabama—Roll Tide!*

My favorite snack food: *Popcorn*

In my free time I enjoy: *Spending time with my family and reading*

One thing you probably do not know about me: *One job I held was a radio DJ.*

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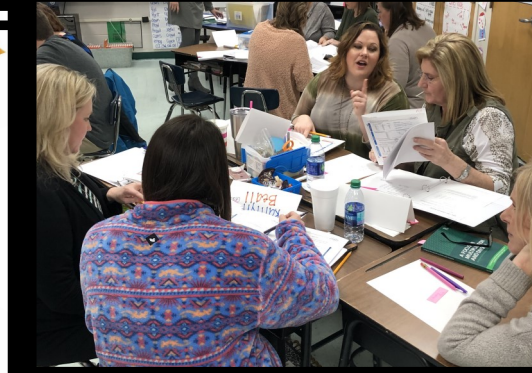
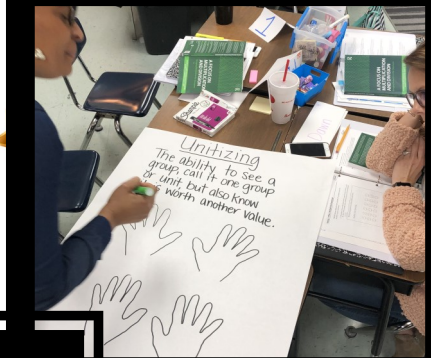
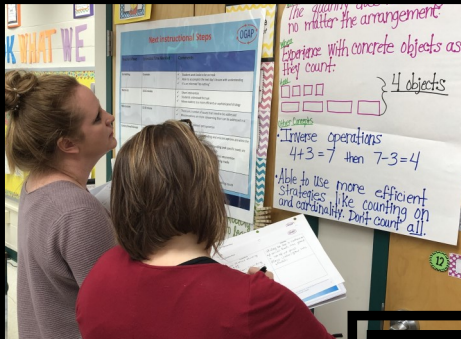
Memorial Park Elementary

Principal- Eric Rigsby

New Year off to a Fast Start!

Teachers at Memorial Park Elementary ushered in the new year with AMSTI OGAP training. OGAP is a systematic, intentional, and iterative formative assessment system grounded in the research on how students learn mathematics. The OGAP system is seamlessly integrated into a set of tools, practices, support materials, and in-depth professional development. Our teachers spent January 7 in sessions, and those sessions will continue on the February 19 in-service day. This valuable training will help teachers expand their math instruction in the classroom environment.

The annual MPS Money Drop fundraiser will take place February 4-8. This week full of fun activities for students will raise money toward additional playground equipment and upgrades to the school building. The finale event for this week is the Black and Gold Dance on February 8th. Please see the school website and Facebook page for additional information in the upcoming days.



"Get to know your Admin"...Eric Rigsby

What book am I reading now : *Whole Brain Teaching for Challenging Kids*

My favorite movie: *Men of Honor*

My favorite college team: *Alabama*

My favorite snack food :*Anything made by Little Debbie*

In my free time, I enjoy :*Spending time with my family, fishing, hiking, hunting*

One thing you probably don't know about me *I am terrified of spiders*

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Maddox Intermediate School

Principal- Marc Sargent

Asst. Principal- Kerri Trawick

What's Happening at Maddox Intermediate??

Girl Strong is a leadership club for girls at Maddox Intermediate School. Sixth grade girls are nominated for admission by a group of teachers who see great potential in them. To participate in Girl Strong they must be committed to work hard in school, be a role model for their peers, and share their time and talents in service to others.

Throughout the year Girl Strong has occasional lunch meetings, after school meetings, and service projects. Several female staff members serve as Girl Strong mentors. In the month of December, Girl Strong participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Their next service project is in the works. They are going to T.R. Simmons to read and spend time with the pre-k students. Exciting things are happening at Maddox Intermediate School!!!

In Mr. Hannah's 6th Grade STEM Technology class students have started their tech projects for the district technology competition. There are currently 50 students getting projects ready from a wide variety of areas. Projects such as- robotics, digital art, website creation, power-point, video production, coding, audio production, and game design. Students are excited for their competition coming up in February! STEM sponsors this year are Mr. Hannah, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Williams.

First Priority is a Christian club that meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30am before school starts to have a bible study and prayer for our school and faculty. This club is open for all grades and meets by grade level. First Priority averages around 75 students per grade level each meeting. It is wonderful to have community leaders and churches involved in sharing with the students! Sponsors this year are Mr. Hannah & Mr. McLain.

Upcoming Dates for MIS:

- District TECH Competition is February 8th
- MIS drama production- "The Bestest Bed Time Stories Told by Grandpa" is April 6th



"Get to know your Admin"... Marc Sargent

What book I am reading right now: *Secrets of the Secret Place; Primary Greatness*

My favorite book: *Right from Wrong*

My favorite movie: *Unbroken*

My favorite college football team: *Alabama*

My favorite snack food: *Peanut butter filled pretzels, Nutty Bars*

In my free time I enjoy: *Spending time with my family, playing at golf*

One thing you probably do not know about me...*I am a preachers' kid and lived in 5 states*

"Get to know your Admin"... Kerri Trawick

What book I am reading right now: *Kids Deserve It by Adam Welcome*

My favorite book: *To Kill a Mocking Bird by Harper Lee*

My favorite movie: *Miracle on 34th Street*

My favorite college football team: *Alabama*

My favorite snack food: *Peanut M & M's*

In my free time I enjoy: *exercising/running*

One thing you probably do not know about me...*I have 3 fifteen year old boys that are 8 days apart.*

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Jasper Junior High School

Principal- Lutis Moore

Asst. Principal- Amy O'Rear

Happy New Year!!!

We are back in full swing of learning and equipping our students to be better and better each day! We kicked off our week with a day of professional development for our teachers where we reviewed our mid-year data and discussed plans to continue perusing AdvancEd STEM Certification! During our second semester, we have committed ourselves to planning and executing cross-curricular activities across the school, furthering our commitment to STEM and providing an overall enriching experience for our students! Coach Otis and Coach Morgan also showcased the talents of our wrestling team with an in-school wrestling match with Corner Middle School, and we are so proud of how our team competed and represented our school! We're also proud to have two of our very own selected to participate in the All-State choir at Samford University, a first in school history! Way to go, Kailee and Claudia!

We're just getting started, and we have much more planned for our students throughout the remainder of the year!

February Events: February 13 – Progress Reports



"Get to know your Admin"... Lutis Moore

What book I am reading right now: *Visible Action into Learning*

My favorite book: *Alex Cross series*

My favorite movie: *Coming to America*

My favorite college football team: *Alabama*

My favorite snack food: *Anything Little Debbie*

In my free time I enjoy: *Catching up on The Flash Tv Series*

One thing you probably do not know about me: *I make a mean grilled cheese sandwich!*

"Get to know your Admin"... Amy O'Rear

What book I am reading right now: *Visible Learning Into Action, and Top Secret Twenty-One*

My favorite book: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

My favorite movie: *Shawshank Redemption*

My favorite college football team: *Alabama Crimson Tide*

My favorite snack food: *Blue Bell Ice Cream*

In my free time I enjoy: *Playing board games with my boys.*

One thing you probably do not know about me... *I am a weather junkie. James Spann is my hero and I read his blog*

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Jasper High School

Principal- Jonathan Allen

Asst. Principal- Beth Kennedy

Asst. Principal- Darius Gilbert

Asst. Principal- Gayle Crump

Welcome 2019!!!

School report cards were an encouraging surprise following the Christmas holidays. The improvement of our overall score from an 83 to an 87 is a testament to the hard work of our JHS family and the support of our community. As we continue to strive for an A rating, there are few areas where your awareness and support can be impactful in our improvement. Chronic absenteeism is quantified as 15 or more days absent from school during the school year. A tenth of our school grade is determined from the percentage of students with 15 or more days absent. Please help encourage your student to be at school each day and all day. Secondly, 20% of our score is determined by academic achievement, quantified by the Juniors performance on the ACT. Our ACT will be given to all juniors on February 20, 2019. In preparation for the assessment, Juniors are participating in an ACT Boot Camp. Our areas of focus are English, mathematics, reading, and science. Lastly, we are monitoring each group of seniors' graduation rate. Every class graduates in four years; we call this a cohort. When students fail courses, drop-out, or enroll in G.E.D. courses, our graduation rate is negatively affected. The cohort reported on the most recent report card was the class of 2017, with an 89%. Due to the work of our administrators, counselors, and teachers, the class of 2018 is now certified at 92%. We are looking forward to seeing this data reported on next year's grade. Our school endeavors to be knowledgeable of our data and how it relates to the needs of our students. We will continue to track our growth and share our progress.

Despite the need for accountability and data, we know schools are far more than numbers. Each student and faculty member represent the hope and future of our community. We celebrate our community with each student's accomplishment whether individual or as a team. From the recent signings that Mr. Jordan shared to the performances and competitions of our teams and fine-arts groups, we are truly proud of our school. We have students committed to the Jasper Viking Way. Be sure to follow our school page and various groups on Facebook and other social media outlets. Your comments are a tremendous encouragement to our students and faculty.

Dates to Remember

JHS Sweetheart Pageant – Jan. 26
Show Choir Competition at Albertville – Feb. 3
Bevill State Torch Invitational – March 1
JHS Prom – April 13

"Get to know your Admin"...Jonathan Allen

What book I am reading right now: *Grit - The Power of Passion and Perseverance* by Angela Duckworth

My favorite book: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

My favorite movie: *The Indiana Jones Trilogy*

My favorite college football team: *Alabama Crimson Tide*

My favorite snack food: *Reese Peanut Butter Cups*

In my free time I enjoy: *Traveling with Megan and Jon Thomas*

One thing you probably do not know about me: *If I am stressed, I clean or do other things like cutting grass*

"Get to know your Admin" ... Beth Kennedy

What book I am reading right now? *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

My favorite book? *...And Ladies of the Club* by Helen Hooven Santmyer

My favorite movie? *The Greatest Showman* (this week)

My favorite college football team? *Auburn Tigers*

My favorite snack food? *Popcorn*

In my free time I enjoy? *Being outside*

One thing you probably do not know about me... *I do not know*

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JHS Headlines

CONGRATS to Jasper High Schools 30+ Club

Jasper High School currently has 19 students who have scored **30 or higher on the ACT...**

Morgan Aldridge

Grayson Barber

Jack Bryan

Rachel Fraley

Atticus Higgs

A. J. Jarman

Spencer King

Reed Lum

Scott Misso

Tyler Morrow

Sawyer Nicholson

Anna Lee Palmer

Blake Pittman

Emily Pridemore

Molly Quinn

Devin Spain

Thomas Ward

James Watson

Stephen Williams

Christian Matthews has been named Alabama Boys Tennis Coach of the Year!



Jasper Viking Marching Band had the honor to march in the Inaugural Parade for Alabama Governor Kay Ivey!

Pressley Madison competed in the 2019 Distinguished Young Women of Alabama Scholarship Program!



Former JHS Band Alumni, are now cheering on the Alabama Crimson Tide as part of the Million Dollar Band at the 2019 NCAA National Championship!

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Viking Athletics

Viking Athletics has had a tremendously successful fall and begin to the Winter campaign. Football, under the leadership of first year head coach Bryan Moore had one of the more successful seasons in school history. The Vikes finished the season ranked #7 in the 5A polls, and after finishing the regular season 9-1, totaled 11 wins for only the 6th time in the 99 year football history of our school. Because of the efforts of the team, Coach Moore was named Daily Mountain Eagle Elite Coach of the Year. Several players earned recognition as well, with Quarterback Michael Crear earning 5A 1st Team All-State, Left Tackle Russ Green being named 1st Team All-State, and Place Kicker Michael Herron earning 2nd Team All-State, all recognized by the Alabama Sports Writers Association.

Volleyball set multiple school records this season en route to the greatest season in school history. The ladies claimed the 5A State Championship, the first in school history. In the process of their historic run, they won a school record 70 matches, losing only 5. They went from the season's opening tip to the trophy presentation ranked #1, which is seldom accomplished. The team blew through opposing competition only losing to 7A competition, not losing a single set to 5A teams. The team also reached new heights by claiming the first National Ranking in school history, being listed at #30 by MaxPreps. Head Coach Bobby Daniels was recently named Daily Mountain Eagle Elite Coach of the Year. Junior McKinley Ferguson is a State Finalist for the prestigious Gatorade Player of the Year Award. Ferguson and Sophomore Alex Oliver were named Super All-State Selections, while Senior Molly Kate Atkins was named a Best of The Rest by al.com. The state coaches will decide on their All-State teams in the coming days, and we expect to have several more players recognized.

Cross Country ran this season with a very young team, but both the boys and girls teams by way of their sectional performances qualified for the State Championships at Oakville Indian Mounds. After all points were tallied, the men finished 11th and the women finished 10th in the State respectively under the leadership of Coaches Ashley Harbin and Caroline Kamplain.

Coach Katie Oliver and the Viking Swim Team had their most successful season in school history qualifying both the boys and girls teams for the State Championships in Auburn. The men finished just off the medal stand in 4th place, while the women finished 8th in 1A-5A Competition. Individual medalists include: Hamp Lee 2nd Place in 100 Fly. James Watson, Luke Oliver, Ethan West, and Hamp Lee claim 2nd in the 200 Free Relay, and James Watson took 2nd in the 100 Backstroke.

Six Viking Athletes have inked National Letters of Intent to participate in intercollegiate athletics. Four female athletes and two male athletes have taken advantage of early signing periods to claim scholarships to compete at the next level. The athletes are listed in the order that they signed followed by their school of choice and their sport: Carlee Muncher (University of Montevallo, Swimming), Morgan McClen-don (Gadsden State CC, Volleyball), Russ Green (The University of North Alabama, Football), Cameron Robinson (Lawson State CC, Baseball), Lilli Ergle (Mississippi University for Women, Softball), and Abby Trotter (Snead State CC, Volleyball). Several more student athletes have committed and will sign throughout the Spring Semester.



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Sweetheart of Jasper High

Congratulations to Mary Helen Williams!



Sweetheart of Jasper High– Mary Helen Williams

1st Runner-up– Ali Kay Alvis

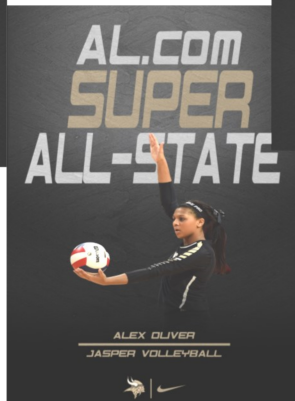
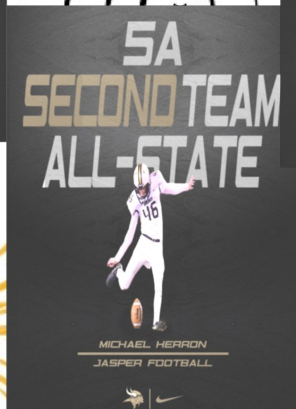
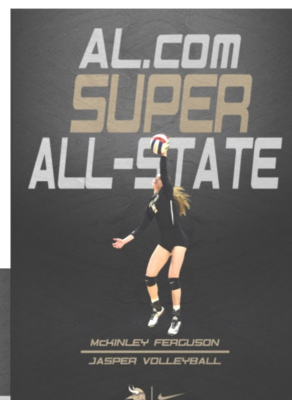
2nd Runner-up– Carlee Muncher

3rd Runner-up– Elise Ivey

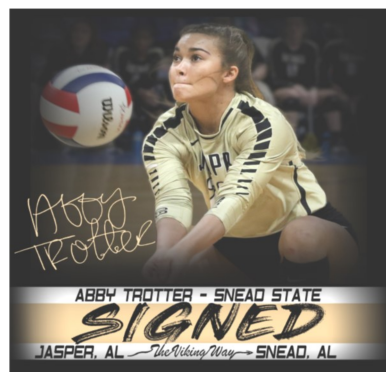
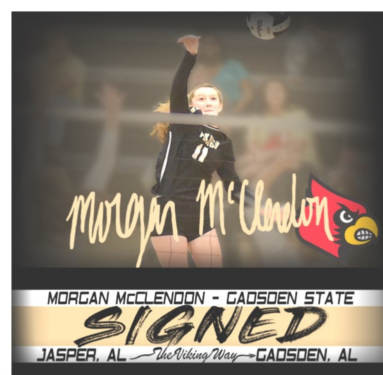
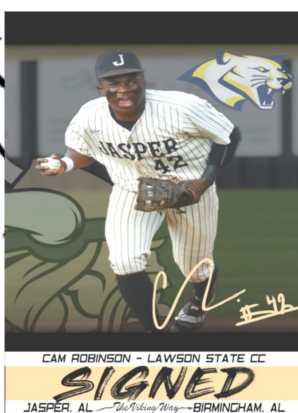
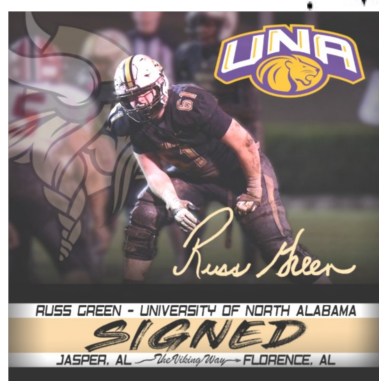
4th Runner-up– Diamond Hightower

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Go Vikes!!!



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