



# The Paw Print

## December



How do the elves clean Santa's sleigh on the day after Christmas?

*They use Santa-tizer.*

What do elves learn in school?

*The elf-abet.*

Why didn't Rudolph get a good report card?

*Because he went down in history.*

Ho ho ho! It's Santa! I need *your* help to make families and kids in our community happy this Christmas with the *Christmas Blessing Mission Project*. We are asking our students and families to donate new toys and daily items, like Lego sets for children, sports equipment for tweens and teens, hair brushes and other hygiene products for teens too, and for adults and elderly, tool kits, candles, and chargers. The sky's the limit on what you can donate. Everything will be helpful! The mission is accepting donations through December 6th at Puckett Elementary, Puckett High School, or Antioch Baptist Church. Please help us make these kids and families happy this Christmas.



*There are 11 hidden gingerbread men throughout this newspaper! NOT THE ONES ON THIS PAGE!*





## **A few reasons why PES is at the top of the nice list:**

- **Because we are an A school**
- **Because the kids are so kind**
- **Because the teachers are  
the best and love teaching**
- **Because we love to help  
make the world a better  
place with kindness and  
service projects**





# ? ? MYSTERY STAFF ? ?



*If you think you know who it is, please write it on our Mystery Guess Slip. Then, put it in the basket marked 'Mystery Staff' on Mrs. Therrell's desk! You might be drawn for a prize! The answers are due on **DECEMBER 13TH.***

- What's your favorite song? "My Jesus" by Anne Wilson
- What's your favorite food? Mexican
- What's your favorite book? The Ugly Pumpkin
- What's your favorite loaded tea flavor? Jimmy Buffett
- What's your favorite color? Red
- What's your favorite sport? Baseball
- What's your favorite restaurant? Newk's
- Which do you like better, the beach or the mountains? Mountains
- What's your dream car? Slingshot
- What do you like to do in your free time? Diamond Art
- If you weren't a teacher, what would your dream job be? Chef

# NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## MRS. THOMAS SPOTLIGHT (2ND GRADE ASSISTANT)

**Why did you decide to teach at Puckett?** - I left a career as a sonographer at the University Medical Center to be able to spend more time with my children in our wonderful community.

**How are you liking teaching at Puckett so far?** - I absolutely love being back in the school that I grew up in and helping kids grow into future productive citizens.

**What is your favorite subject you teach and why?** - I have only been in second grade classrooms so far. However, I enjoy being around all the different age groups at Puckett Elementary.

### FAVORITE THINGS

FAVORITE DRINK: SWEET TEA

FAVORITE COLOR: PINK AND GREEN

FAVORITE ANIMAL: DOG

FAVORITE BOOK: HARRY POTTER SERIES

FAVORITE FOOD: SQUASH CASSEROLE

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: MEXICAN





# NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## Ms. BRADSHAW'S SPOTLIGHT (1ST GRADE ASSISTANT)

**Why did you decide to teach at Puckett?** - I have heard nothing but great things and wanted to be a part of a great school and team.

**How are you liking teaching at Puckett so far?** I am loving every minute of it.

**What is your favorite subject you teach and why?** I like the new phonics program.

### FAVORITE THINGS

FAVORITE DRINK: DR. PEPPER

FAVORITE COLOR: BLUE

FAVORITE ANIMAL: DOLPHINS

FAVORITE FOOD: CHICKEN FRIED RICE

FAVORITE RESTAURANT: JOSE'S MEXICAN



# Important Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday, December 5th	IReady ELA for grades K-3
Wednesday, December 6th	IReady Math for grades K-3 The Christmas Blessing Gift Donations are due. Staff Christmas Party 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the at The Venue at Mill Branch
Thursday, December 7th	IReady for grades 4-6 Christmas Lunch (K, 2, 4, 6)
Friday, December 8th	Student Council Field Trip
Saturday, December 9th	The Christmas Blessing Event at the Multi-Purpose
Saturday, December 16th	Puckett Christmas Parade beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the park
Tuesday, December 19th	Christmas Program "The Littlest Christmas Tree" by first graders at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 20th	PBIS Big Event
Thursday, December 21st	Christmas Parties PreK-2nd 12:45-1:15 3rd-6th 1:30-2:00
Friday, December 22nd	Reduced School Day
December 25th - January 8th	Student Holidays
Monday, January 8th	Staff Development
Tuesday, January 9th	Students return to school.
Thursday, January 11th	Report Cards
Monday, January 15th	School Holiday/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



# Get Creative Spotlight 1

For this month's Get Creative section, we are spotlighting some of our band kids! We are proud of these students who use their musical talents to lead at our school and appreciate them taking time to answer some questions for us.



## Caleb Barnett



**Why did you want to join band?**

When I was in 5th grade, my teachers brought me to the high school auditorium, and I saw the band. When I saw the band perform, I decided I wanted to join the band.

**What instrument do you play?**

I play the saxophone.

**Why do you like your instrument?**

I like the sound of my instrument, and I like how it looks and the color of it.

**What have you learned through being in band?**

I have learned a lot of music notes, and I have learned 3 songs. I have also learned to always practice if you want to get better at something.



## Levi Stephens

**Why did you want to join band?**

I wanted to join the band because my cousin is in the band, and it seems fun.

**What instrument do you play?**

I play the trumpet.

**Why do you like your instrument?**

I like my instrument because it is easy to play, and my cousin plays it.

**What have you learned through being in band?**

We have learned a few notes and songs such as the half rest, whole rest, quarter note, whole note, etc. (The songs are unnamed and are just a bunch of notes to create a tune.)



# Get Creative Spotlight 2

**Brelynn Craven**



**Why did you want to join band?**

I joined band because for the past few years I have been inspired to do band by watching the Puckett High School band. Also I just really like to play instruments.

**What instrument do you play?**

I play the trombone.

**Why do you like your instrument?**

I like my instrument because it's really cool and because I feel like it suits me. It's kind of funny though. It is nearly 10 feet tall when it is all the way extended out, and I am very short person.

**What have you learned through being in band?**

I have learned all types of music notes, and that when you first try something you are not always going to be good at it. You have to keep on trying until you eventually get it.



**Cullen Bradley**

**Why did you want to join band?**

My family has really wanted me to be in band.

**What instrument do you play?**

I play the snare drum.

**Why do you like your instrument?**

It sounds cool, and I have some experience with drums.

**What have you learned through**

**being in band? That drums are the loudest instrument in band. Ha!**





# Get Creative Spotlight 3

**Hayden Jenkins**



Why did you want to join band?  
It sounded fun to me.

What instrument do you play? I play  
the trumpet.

Why do you like your instrument? It is  
fun and challenging to learn my  
instrument.

What have you learned through being  
in band? I have learned how to play the  
trumpet and what the notes sound like  
for the trumpet.

**Rylan Beavers**



Why did you want to join band?

I chose to join band because my brother and my sister were in band, and my brother and sister made it look so cool playing the instruments. I thought I would just do it, so here I am playing the trumpet.

What instrument do you play?

So I play the trumpet. It's kinda complicated. The trumpet is six feet long and you have to blow fast or blow slow air, so you can make a sound. It takes a lot of practice to play the trumpet.

Why do you like your instrument?

I like the trumpet because my sister played it, and I just wanted to take after her. Plus when I was little she showed me how to play the trumpet, so I had some experience with the instrument before I went into band.

What have you learned through being in band?

I've learned that I have one of the best band teachers in the world and that people can work together to achieve goals.



**James Bragg**



Why did you want to join band?  
My mom convinced me  
to by saying I could get a good scholarship.

What instrument do you play?  
I play the mallets/bells.

Why do you like your instrument?  
I like it because it is pretty easy to play, and it  
sounds kind of cool.

What have you learned through being in band?  
I've learned how to play the bells better for sure.



# December- Of the Months - Generosity

**Generosity - Making someone's day by giving something away.**



**Pre-K:** Addie Pierce

**Kindergarten:** Tripp McDougal, Zoe Rawls

**1st Grade:** Abigail Pace, Brice Thompson, Deuce Matson

**2nd Grade:** Tatum Donaldson, Hudson Overby, Brantley Graham

**3rd Grade:** Maverick Miller, Salter Rose Therrell, Liam Rivers

**4th Grade:** Finley Grimes, Avie Jones, Keeleigh Jenkins

**5th Grade:** Khylin Edwards, Lola Holland, Drake Brown

**6th Grade:** Layten Lewis, Kaston Tullos, Hayden Jenkins

**Teacher of the Month:** Mrs. Elizabeth Boszor, Interventionist

**Staff of the Month:** Mrs. Debbie Minton, Secretary

**Parent of the Month:** Mrs. Ashlee Harrison

**Kindness Recipient:** Tucker Burks, 1st Grade



# Canned Food Drive Praises

**We are so proud of each class and the donations brought in to help our Student Council make a difference this season. We brought in 2,193 cans as a school!!!**

1st place- Ms. Williamson's 2nd Grade Class

2nd place- Mrs. Pierce's 1st Grade Class

3rd place - Mrs. Weeks' 6th Grade Class



## Final Counts by Class

Landfair - 102

Pennington - 113

Polk - 77

Morrow - 94

Pierce - 212

Tullos - 80

Palmer - 29

Turnage - 82

Williamson - 453

Jennings - 42

Jones - 74

Overby - 85

Shivers - 105

Smith - 80

Spann - 113

Byrd - 15

Mann - 101

Martin - 47

Bowen - 62

Holyfield - 95

Weeks - 132

20 Cans = Hat Day

40 Cans = PJ Day

60 Cans = Technology Time

80 Cans = Extra Recess

## REWARDS

- Hat Day will be Dec. 4th
- PJ Day will be Dec. 11th.
- Technology Day and Extra Recess will be rewarded during the week of December 18th based on each teacher's schedule.



**Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Beta Club Officers.**

**President:** Chase Martin  
**Vice President:** Kylie Sullivan  
**Secretary:** Sarah Partridge  
**Treasurer:** Cami Brewer  
**Reporter:** Kaine Reed



**5th Grade Representative:** Paislee Windham

**Check out the following students who are Beta Club members. We are proud of each of you!**

### **5th Grade Beta Club**

**Huston Mangum**  
**James Hanks**  
**Heath Henderson**  
**Lilly Kennedy**  
**Paislee Windham**  
**Jordan Harlist**  
**Davis Tyronne**  
**Courtney Nelson**  
**Evan Thomas**  
**Emma Rose Williams**  
**Kenedy McEwon**  
**Kent Hughes**  
**Madelyn Boszor**  
**Ballee Taylor**  
**Owen Wolken**  
**Dyson Wilson**  
**Sadie Holyfield**  
**Zoey Stafford**

### **6th Grade Beta Club**

**Hollie Henderson**  
**Layten Lewis**  
**Charlie May**  
**Levi Stephens**  
**Maci Sullivan**  
**Peyton Taylor**  
**Emma Weeks**  
**Kinsley Woods**

### **Beta Club Sponsors**

**Kayla Byrd-5th grade sponsor**  
**Jennifer Bowen-6th grade sponsor**  
**Connie Weeks-6th grade sponsor**

