

# RAIDER REVIEW

Newsletter of Lamar Elementary School

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## Lamar Elementary Places Third at MCM Coding Challenge

BY: LUKE CASSELL

On September 14, four students went to the C-Spire coding challenge which has been held for eight years at the Children's Museum. Those four students were Audrey Vonderheide, Zafir Bokari, Charlotte Dues, and Luke Cassell.

They worked hard coding for three hours. They coded with a robot called Dash. The Dash's name was actually This Guy. Twenty schools sent four students to represent them. Overall, Lamar School placed third, Enterprise Elementary placed second, and Newton County placed first.

Mrs. Singley, who was our sponsor says, "I think Lamar could have won if we had more time to prepare." Student Audrey Vonderheide says, "The coding challenge was really fun. I'm excited we got 3rd place and I hope Lamar school will do better next year. We had to create a maze and then run the Dash robot through. We got to keep the Dash robot, so now we have a new robot." Lamar School won 500 dollars worth of robotic prizes. They won a Vex robot, the Dash robot, and a robot sketch kit.

## “Art Through the Ages”

BY:ADDIE WALKER

Our fabulous art teacher, Mrs. Burt, has a wonderful theme for the year. The theme is “Art Through the Ages”. She also has planned artwork to match perfectly, such as Van Gogh Paper Collage Sunflowers. These beautiful flowers were released on the second week of October.

Mrs. Burt chose this theme because it would give her the opportunity to highlight many different artists and their styles through the years. She thinks this will be a great year in the art room, and the students are excited and engaged for the new school year.

Out of all the themes she has done, this is her favorite. The after school art class has a totally different theme, but it is just as fun. She is really looking forward to the school year and has lots of surprises for us. Mrs. Burt also says about art, “Trust the process.” We all are excited for a great year.





## Meet the New Teacher

BY: LOTTIE COWSERT

Mrs. Radcliffe is a new teacher at Lamar, with more than 26 years of experience. She said that she enjoys teaching because she loves to see the kids light up when they learn something.

She realized she wanted to teach when she was working with students at a church. Mrs. Radcliffe has worked in education in many different roles including teacher, principal, lead teacher, curriculum coordinator, and literacy coordinator.



Mrs. Radcliffe, Pre-K Teacher

We are so lucky to have Mrs. Radcliffe as a teacher here at Lamar.

## Pre-K Dads & Donuts

BY: MAGGIE MARTIN

Pre-K Dads and Donuts is something fun our Lamar Pre-K . It is a special day to have fun with your dad or special friend. You get to eat donuts and drink orange juice. This year's Dads and Donuts was held in the Mitchell Cafetorium on September 8 at 8:30 a.m. There were about 30 Pre-K students and 30 dads or special friends. They made little ties for their dads to wear, and they also made an art project for them. Pre-K student Ivey Gordon said, "my favorite part was eating the donuts." Mrs. Radcliffe said "My favorite part was having all the dads come and spend time with their kids." The dads also got to go into their classroom to see their class. Pre-K will host their mom for Moms and Muffins on April 12th.



## Choose Kindness

BY: ANNE GIANAKOS

Bullying is a problem that has always existed. How can we as Lamar students prevent bullying?

Did you know that many famous people were once bullied? Some of those include Ed Sheeran, Taylor Swift and Lady Gaga. There are several things you can do if you see someone being unkind to others. Dr. Lin Hogan, Licensed Professional Counselor at Weems Community Mental Health Center, said there are ways to ward off or stop bullying. You can tell someone to stand up for their friends, to tell a teacher, or to just walk away. **Choose kindness.**

Lindsay Kyle, a Licensed Professional Counselor said, "A lot of the kids come to see me because they have trouble at school with kids being mean to them. It's just hard for some people to be kind." Everyone can choose to do the right thing. Bullies often feel insecure about their own self.

A bully would probably be embarrassed if other kids saw what they were doing. Speak up if you see someone being unkind. Comments like "You're being rude," or "What are you doing? Not cool," are some things you can say to someone being unkind. So even though bullying may never go away, there are tools we can use to prevent it. **Kindness always wins.**

Be  
KIND

Be  
NICE

Be  
positive

Kindness  
MATTERS



## MAIS Swim Meet

BY: MASON ORDWAY

On September 26, 2023, the annual MAIS swim meet was held. In this event, the MAIS school swim teams, which include Lamar, Jackson Prep, and many others, competed in the many exhilarating events like relay races and backstroke competitions. It was held at the GRIT Training Facility in Jackson, MS. Embrie Trost, sixth grader, said, "This is my 8th swim meet, and I enjoy having fun with my team." Also, Coach Barefield said, "This is my second year with the Lamar Swim Team, but I have coached swim for 30 years. My favorite thing is seeing kids improve."





## Fall Mileage Club

BY: RIDAH SHAIK

This week kicked off the fall Mileage Club for first – fifth grade students, and Coach Sterling excitedly reported that the first day was a record attendance with 126 walkers/runners! The Mileage Club will run for three weeks, ending on November 3, and it revolves around walking the track outside.

Have you ever had that feeling when you are just too tired and worn out in the mornings? Well, Mileage Club can fix that. Mileage Club is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. each morning during the school week. Mileage Club's goal is to get as many tokens as you can get by doing laps around the track. Mileage Club is a great way to get energy in the morning, stay fit, and help to pay more attention in class.

Coach Sterling said the Mileage Club has been running for more than 16 years. "Mileage Club is a great way to start your day by walking, talking, and having fun with your friends," she said. "Teachers tell me that students are paying more attention in class."

If you decide to join the Mileage club here are a few things you should try. Collect tokens of one color, try to collect the colors of the rainbow in tokens, and show your friends your amazing collection of tokens. Macy Aull, a student who has been doing Mileage Club since first grade says, "I think that Mileage Club has helped me focus in class more."

All in all, Mileage Club is a must-do thing you should do this year. Spring Mileage Club is March 18 – April 12.





## New Students at Lamar Elementary

BY: LOTTIE COWSERT

LAMAR ELEMENTARY WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS TO THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

Remaining new students will be featured in the next issues of Raider Review



"I like going to  
art class."

**Caroline B.**



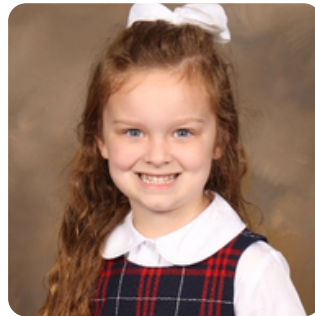
"I like my  
teachers."

**Bo G.**



"I like the  
playground."

**Lilla C.**



"I like music  
class."

**Mela C.**



"I love  
learning!"

**Darcy H.**



"I like my  
teachers."

**Brynn B.**

Welcome  
TO LAMAR

## Brag Tags

BY: RUBY MOSLEY, GUEST WRITER

Have you ever wondered about how brag tags got started? Mrs. Jill Gavin said, "It started with just getting brag tags for AR wall, then Mrs. Honeycutt and I decided to award students for more than the AR wall. Other brag tags include clubs & activities such as swimming, art, guitar, piano, etc." Fifth grader Anderson Honeycutt said he would like to continue adding brag tags. "I would like there to be one for BETA Club," he said. This is the second year brag tags have been part of Lamar Elementary.

## Homecoming Week

BY: ANNA MORGAN MIMS

Lamar Homecoming was on the week of September 11-15. Homecoming is a way for students to come together and show their support for their school. Students were able to dress up Monday-Friday with fun outfits they could wear throughout the week.

The week ended with a fun football game where the Lamar Raiders beat Jackson Academy. Monday was Decades Day, and the chosen decade for the Elementary was the 50s. Some girls dressed up with a poodle skirt, and some people dressed up with a Pink Ladies Jacket. The boys wore leather jackets with their hair slicked back. One of the days Teacher Swap. Cline Isom said "I chose to dress like Mrs. Hines because she is my favorite teacher."

Homecoming was definitely a fun week for all of the Lamar students!





## Guess the Teacher

BY: SIMMONS DAVIS

- HER FAVORITE CANDY IS A TWIX BAR OR SKITTLES!
- SHE LOVES ALL SHADES OF BLUE!
- SHE IS VERY OUTGOING!
- SHE SINGS TO HELP HER FEEL BETTER!
- HER FAVORITE ANIMAL IS A DOG!



WHO IS IT?!

TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Crushing Truth by Charlotte Duer



# Lamar Launches Youth Basketball Program

BY: HADLEY BLACKLEDGE

Lamar School is very proud to host the first ever 5th/6th Grade Basketball League here in Meridian. Schools all over Lauderdale County will be participating as both boys and girls in 5th and 6th will be able to compete in regular season games that will culminate in a postseason tournament!



This event has the regular games in December and January, while the postseason tournament is on January 27th. One of the students who signed up to play said, "Basketball isn't my favorite sport, but it is really fun." Making friends, being competitive, and being active are the many qualities of this league! For example, everyone there should love sports, and that's something to bond over. When actually playing the game, you can be as competitive as you'd like.

## OTHER BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

- Intramural basketball (1st-4th grade) will have their first game on December 2.
- Little dribblers (kindergarten) will have their first performance on November 9.

Games will be played in the Lamar gym.

## Pee Wee Football

BY: RHETT WHITEHEAD

The Lamar Pee Wee football team is an amazing thrill this year. Coach Morrow the head coach, says they have practiced hard and are ready for whatever comes at them. For three years Lamar Pee Wee has had a big rivalry with Northeast. Chael McDonald says, "They have beat us every time, but they won't this year." They play most games on Saturdays around noon. They would love Lamar students to be there.





## OUTDOORS

BY: WILLIAM GILMORE

For outdoor enthusiasts, the beginning of fall season means one thing: hunting! There are many types of hunting seasons. Check out the charts below for more details.

SEASON	SEASON DATES
Youth Squirrel (private lands and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.)	Sept. 23 - 30
Squirrel – Fall Season	Sept. 30 - Feb. 28
Squirrel – Spring Season	May 15 - June 1
Rabbit	Oct. 14 - Feb. 28
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 23 - March 2
Frog	April 1 - Sept. 30
Raccoon	July 1 - Sept. 30
Possum, Raccoon, and Bobcat	Sept. 30 - Oct. 31 (Food and sport)
	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28 (Food, sport, and pelt)
Trapping	Nov. 1 - March 15

METHOD	SEASON DATES
Archery	Oct. 1 - Nov. 22
Youth Season (15 and under)	Nov. 9 - 22
Antlerless Primitive Weapon	Nov. 11 - 22
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 23 - Dec. 1
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - 23
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24 - Jan. 22
Archery/Primitive Weapon	Jan. 23 - 31

## BEST TIMES TO HUNT DEER

**First Major Time:** 3:55 AM - 5:55 AM

**First Minor Time:** 11:21 AM - 12:21 PM

**Second Major Time:** 4:17 PM - 6:17 PM

**Second Minor Time:** 10:16 PM - 11:16 PM

**Sunset:** 4:54 PM

**Sunrise:** 6:45 AM

**Moonrise:** 10:46 PM

**Moonset:** 11:51 AM

## Raider Review Newsletter Staff



FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT) CHARLOTTE DUES, MAGGIE MARTIN, ANNA MORGAN MIMS, LUKE CASSELL, ANNE GIANAKOS, LOTTIE COWSERT, ADDIE WALKER

BACK ROW (FROM LEFT) MRS. MARY KATHERINE, MRS. SYNER, WILLIAM GILMORE, MASON ORDWAY, RHETT WHITEHEAD, RIDAH SHAIK, HADLEY BLACKLEDGE, SIMMONS DAVIS, MRS. CASTLE.

Rhett.

Luke  
Cassell

Anna  
Morgan

Hadley

Maggie

Anne

Simmons

Ridah

Ruby

William G

Mason

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Lottie  
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