BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

EMPOWERED TO LEARN, LEAD, INNOVATE AND SERVE

February 2, 2024

Superintendent Engages Stakeholders at State of the District



More than 100 business and community representatives joined Bibb County School District on Thursday, January 25, as Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims presented the State of the District: #2gether4Action. This exciting opportunity was a chance to review the blueprint of the #Built4Bibb: More Victory Planned Strategic Plan and the Superintendent's vision to cultivate a strong desire to learn and co-create a path to excellence for every student.
Watch video of the State of the District!







Bibb County Board of Education Elects New Officers



The Bibb County Board of Education elected new officers for the 2024 calendar year. Congratulations to James Freeman, President; Dr. Sundra Woodford, Vice President; and Daryl Morton, Treasurer.

Outgoing officers for 2023 are Dr. Juawn Jackson, President; Myrtice C. Johnson, Vice President; and Kristin Hanlon, Treasurer. Thank you for your service!

Dr. Sims Shares Wish List for Success

TOP 5 THINGS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

K-5th Grade	6-8th Grade	9-12th Grade
1. Lexile Level/Score	1. Lexile Level/Score	1. GPA
2. EOG Test Scores	2. EOG Test Scores	2. Course Completion & Credits
3. Attendance	3. Attendance	3. Attendance
4. Discipline/PBIS Data	4. Discipline/PBIS Data	4. Discipline/PBIS Data
5. STAR/MAP Performance Data	5. STAR/MAP Performance Data	5. EOC Test Scores



Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims is ready to see us all work together with purpose in 2024! See his Top 5 Things Parents Need to Know and listen to his latest podcast to learn more! Listen on Apple at https://podcasts.apple.com/.../in-the.../id1647247866.... Listen on Spotify at https://open.spotify.com/episode/63yCfQzD17LAPkqoUHjlN7.... To review the Superintendent's Wish List and how we can all work together this semester to accomplish these goals! https://youtu.be/KpaAqr8lAmo?si=wCplqGyw9_EH6ofE

Clean School Bus Program Coming to BCSD



Bibb County School District is excited to have been selected to receive funding through U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's first Clean School Bus Program Grants Competition. This national program helps school districts across the country to purchase clean school buses. By accelerating the transition to low- and zero-emission vehicles, these awards will improve air quality and advance environmental justice, all while boosting the economy and creating jobs right here in Macon+Bibb County. The Clean School Bus Program has awarded nearly $2 billion and funded approximately 5,000 electric and low-emission school buses nationwide.

Hutchings Applications Open Now



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Prepare for your future! Applications to attend W. S. Hutchings College and Career Academy for 2024-25 are open through March 1.

Pre-K Applications Opening in February



The Bibb County School District's Pre-Kindergarten registration process will take place **Monday, February 5, through Thursday, February 29.** To register, visit www.bcsdk12.net/prekapp

Ballard-Hudson Students Launch Podcast



Students in Ms. Bryant’s 7th Grade ELA classes are creating their own Podcast. They developed a creative visual and wrote an explanatory essay informing the audience about their dream job or someone they admire the most. Students got on the microphone and presented this project to their peers.
Stay tuned and subscribe to our YouTube Channel “Ballard-Hudson Macon” to see the final product.

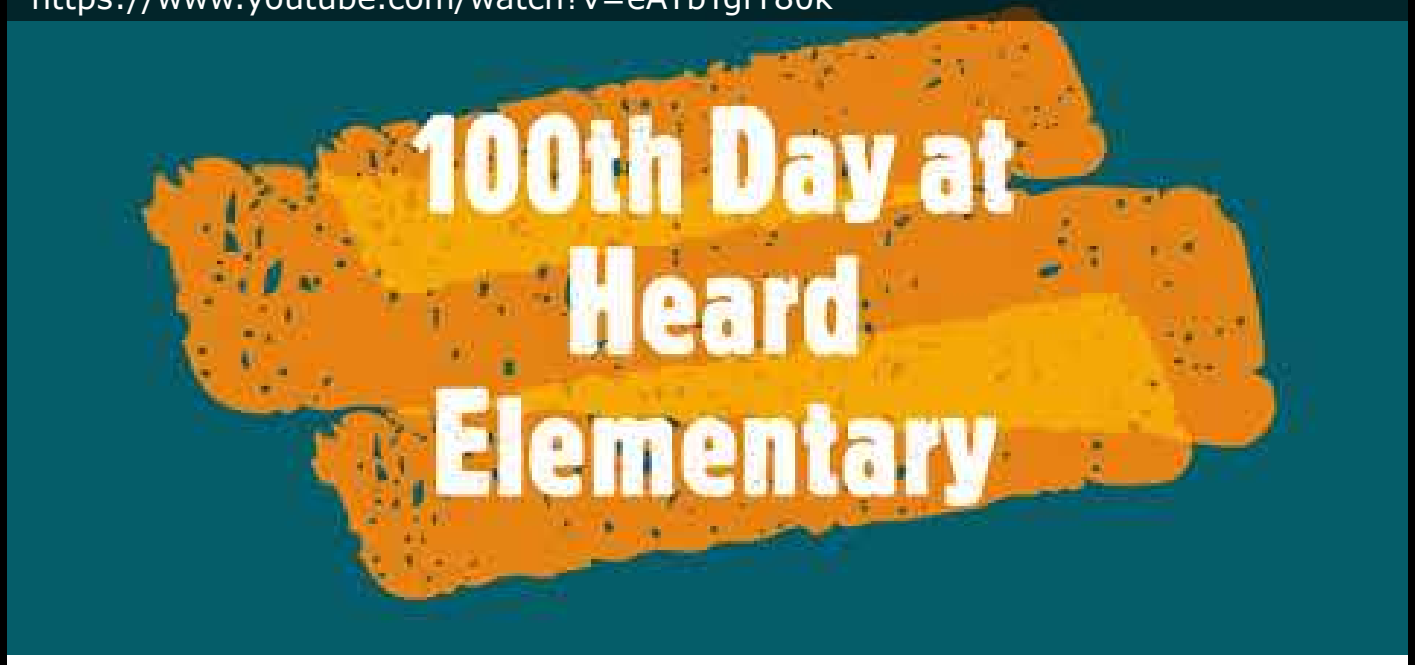
Howard's Sweat Named Georgia Music Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to John Sweat of Howard High and Howard Middle Schools on being named Georgia Music Educators Association District XI Music Teacher of the Year ***AND*** Georgia Music Educators Association Music Educator of the Year Award!

Heard Elementary Celebrates 100 Days of School

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAYbTgfT80k



Each year, Kindergarten students at Heard Elementary School aim to collect 100 boxes of Mac and Cheese to donate to local food banks for the 100th day of school. This year, 440 boxes were collected. 220 boxes were donated to Liberty United Methodist Church Food Pantry and 220 boxes will be distributed by the Helping Hands at Heard for local families.
Before being donated, the boxes were lined up in the main hall. To the cheers of students and teachers, Heard Teacher of the Year Kasaundra Kirkland tapped the first box and set the domino effect in motion.

Bruce Student is Bibb Spelling Bee Winner



Congratulations to 5th grade Bruce Elementary Student, A'Mauri Woodard, Bibb County School District Spelling Bee winner. Let's cheer her on as she represents Bibb County in Regional Spelling Bee.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary Hosts Community Parade









The schools on the Eastside celebrated the first MLK Parade in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thank you to all the incredible students, staff, and community members who made this parade a success!

Sonny Carter Students Visit StarBase Robins



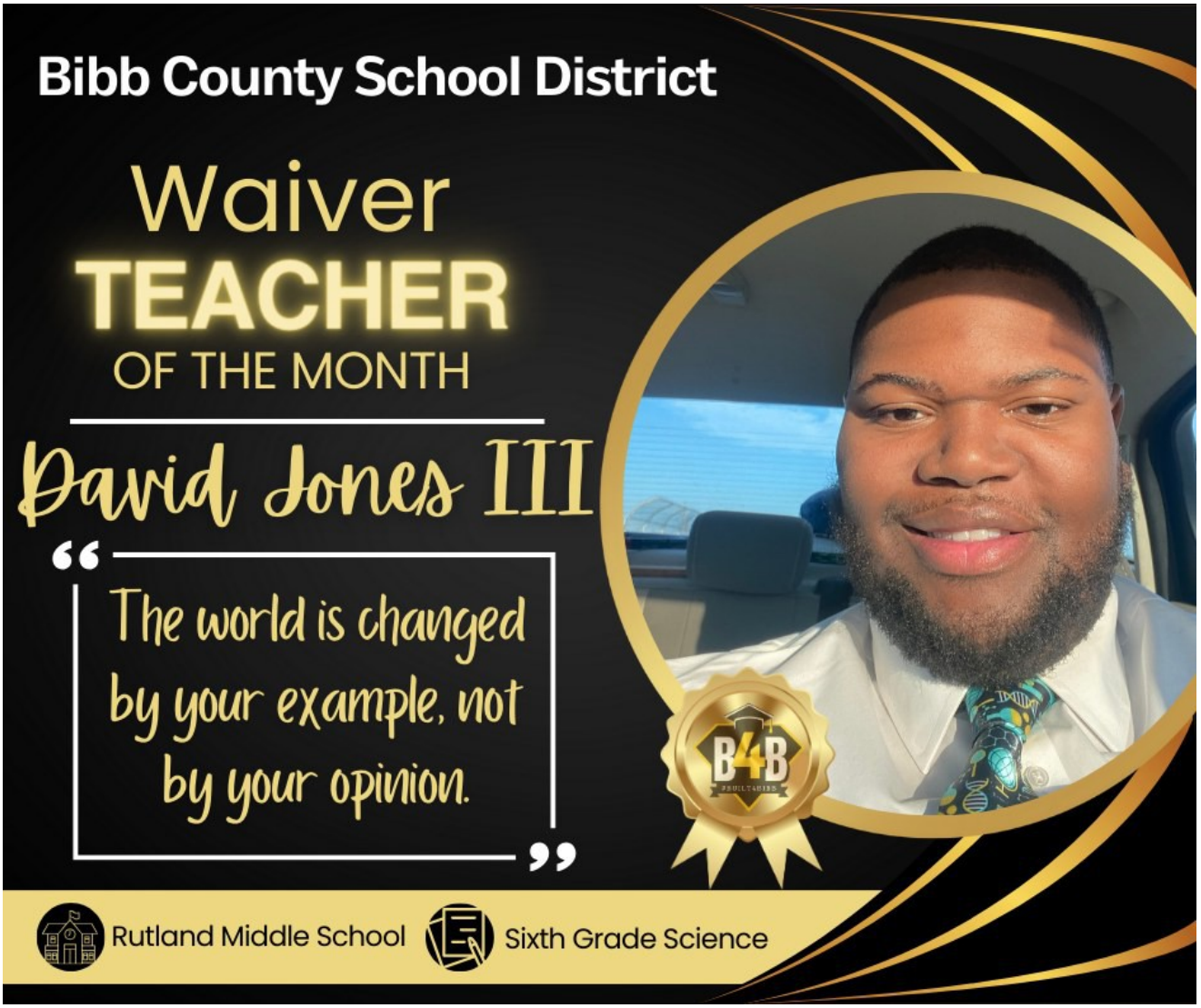
Sonny Carter Elementary students visited StarBase Robins and showed their enthusiasm and passion for STEM subjects as they participated in hands-on activities and learned from the talented team of instructors. From rocket building to coding, these students were engaged and eager to explore the world of science and technology. Here's to inspiring the next generation of innovators!

School Counselors Participate in Professional Learning



BCSD school counselors gathered for professional learning that will inform their work in our schools. For elementary counselors, this included a visit from Dr. Natalie Ball, whose book "Neiron is Just Like Me" highlights the resilience her brother Neiron Ball displayed.
Neiron, a Jackson native, overcame physical and personal hardship to play football at the University of Florida and in the NFL before passing away in 2019. Each counselor received a signed copy of the book as well as activities that they can use with students.

Rutland's Jones is Waiver Teacher of the Month



David Jones III from Rutland Middle School has been named the Waiver Teacher of the Month for January. Mr. Jones sets the bar high with his engaging Science lessons and by using "Get Better Faster" strategies. He has also fostered positive relationships with his students, making him a well-deserved recipient of this award. Congratulations!

Students, Staff Give Back During Day of Service



Howard High School Huskies participated in the Day of Service with Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful's Community Cleanup in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Thanks to Community Foundation of Central Georgia for the grant they awarded to support this effort!

Vineville Academy Students Take Hour of Code to Next Step with Sphero Robots



The students at Vineville Academy of the Arts have expressed their interest in coding and robotics from their different coding experiences during Hour of Code. We took their excitement for learning and watched as the students turned into mathematicians and engineers using Sphero robots! These little tech wonders are not just toys – they're educational tools sparking creativity and critical thinking. Imagine the joy of learning while maneuvering Spheros to measure distances and explore angles!

U.S. Science Envoy Leads On the Menu Masterclass



Southwest High School alumna Dr. LaShanda T.J. Korley was the latest lecturer in the W. S. Hutchings College and Career Academy On the Menu Masterclass Series. Dr. Korley currently serves as a distinguished professor and U.S. Science envoy. A chemical engineer, Dr. Korley graduated from Southwest in 1994 before going on to achieve degrees from Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Tech and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

"When you're thinking about college, are you someone who just wants to be in a classroom, or do you want to have experiential opportunities?" Dr. Korley asked to encourage students to think about all their options.

She also told her students about the numerous stops in her path, from what she learned in her studies to her experiences in countries across the world as a science envoy. In that role, Dr. Korley has discussed important topics like plastics recycling and water access in Europe, Asia and Africa. In addition, she urged students to think about their own well-being beyond their academic and professional endeavors.

"There is a real importance on self-care," she said. "We have to learn to take care of ourselves."

Weaver Students' Success Celebrated



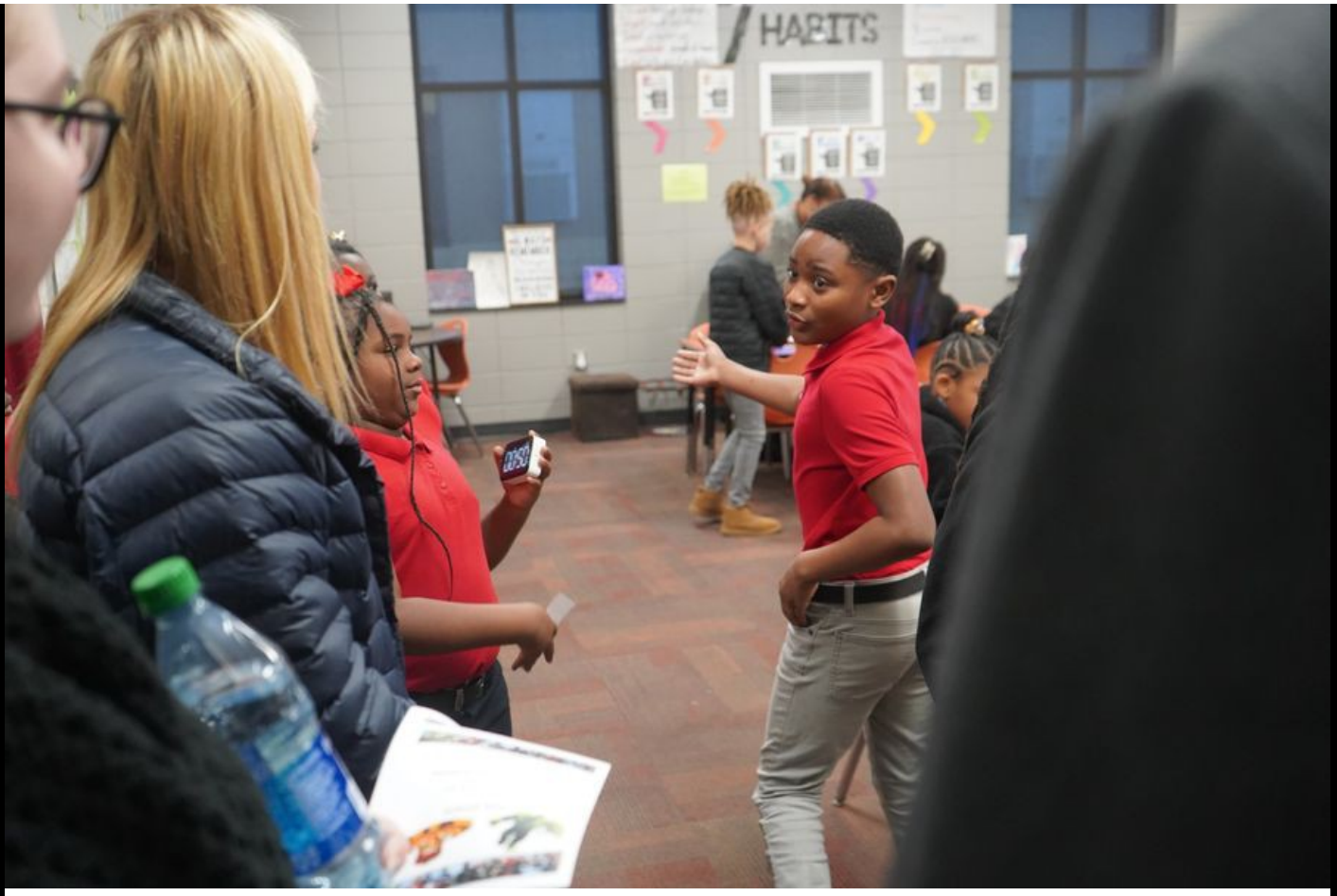
Students, faculty and staff at H. G. Weaver Middle School celebrated Georgia Milestones success and coming off the state's Promise School list. With the help of Faith Walk Community Trust The Process and other partners, students received gift cards and iPads for their individual successes on the Milestones. What a fun day!

Assembly Commemorates MLK at Hartley Elementary



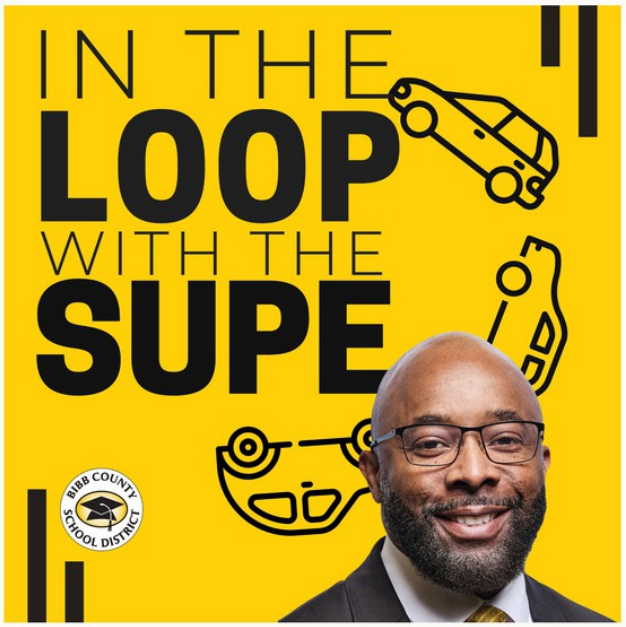
Matilda Hartley Elementary School hosted a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assembly. 1st and 2nd grade chorus students performed as well as the afterschool dance team. After the assembly, students participated in a silent march around the school. This march was lead by the Junior Beta Club Members.

Mercer Students Experience Classrooms During Bears in Bibb



BCSD Human Resources department hosted its 3rd annual Bears for Bibb school tours! Mercer University students had the opportunity to tour each school level in the Northeast Zone as well as a specialty program, meet students, and listen to a panel of current educators. For more information about job opportunities and resources in BCSD, visit https://rb.gy/4wir1x

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