



Roll With Maroon

See if you can
find 5
Christmas
trees and
elves!



December's PES News For You

Christmas trivia—How many can you get correct?

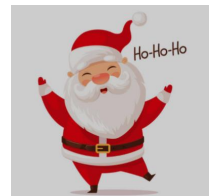
We started with the easiest and worked our way to the most challenging question.

1. What is the name of the jolly, old man in the red suit who delivers presents to those on the nice list?
2. Who is the reindeer that leads Santa's sleigh even in the foggiest conditions?

Think you're as smart as an elf? Try these harder questions.

3. Where did the custom of sending Christmas cards originate?
4. Who wrote the traditional song, "Jingle Bells"?

See how many you got correct on the last page of the newspaper with our trivia answers.



What do you
call a
snowman
with a
six-pack?



The
"ab-dominal"
snowman.

What kind of
music do
elves like
best? Wrap
music.



November of the Month-

Landfair-Mattie Odom

Martin- Maisyn Baxley

Steverson- Kaizleigh Hayes

Overby- Scarlet Miller

Pennington-Easton Bradshaw

Shivers- Kyzer Nichols

Polk-Ava Sullivan

Smith- Hadley Hughes

Vinson-Ramsi Gregory

Spann- Jaecee Kennedy

Morrow -Kennedy Tullos

Byrd- Logan Martin

Pierce- Tripp McDougal

Mann-Dani Blair Stevens

Tullos- Zoe Rawls

Williams-Charley Grace Miller

Palmer- Jett Means

Bowen- Kent Hughes

Williamson- Kambry steverson

Holyfield- Zoey Stafford

Jones- Annabeth Thompson

Weeks- Paislee Windham

Kindness Recipient: Emory Barrentine

Teacher of the Month: Mrs. Landfair (Pre-K teacher)

Staff of the Month: Mrs. Peak (Pre-K Assistant)

Parent of the Month: Christina Tyrone (4th grade & 6th grade parent)

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



Thanks for shining brightly
as leaders.



Our New Staff Spotlight is....Mrs. Hudson!



1. So far, what's your favorite thing about our school? My favorite thing about Puckett Elementary is the warm hometown feeling the people create in the school and community. I'm from a small town, I'm outgoing, and I enjoy talking to people. So, the environment with bright smiles and generous greetings stole my heart and are my favorite.
2. Before you came to Puckett Elementary, what did you do? Before coming to Puckett, I taught ACT Prep and College & Career Readiness to juniors and seniors. I also worked as a Dyslexia Therapist at my dyslexia center. Most of my teaching years were served as a Special Education Inclusion/Tutorial teacher.
3. What is one thing you hope to achieve during your time at Puckett Elementary? While at Puckett, I hope to achieve overall student success by helping students gain academic growth in reading as evidenced on data charts. Also, I hope to encourage everyone to be the best version of themselves daily. I believe in living, laughing, and loving.

Favorites:

Food - Nacho Cheese Doritos, Snickers, honey buns, boiled peanuts, soft cookies (lemon, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, sugar), Amerigo's seafood pasta with fettuccine, seafood boils, shrimp gumbo with rice, chicken legs & wings, Half Shell's shrimp alfredo pasta, taco salads with Doritos, cheeseburgers fully dressed without mustard, garden salads with Ranch. I LOVE FOOD!

Drink - Root Beer, sweet tea, Creme Soda, Faygo Redpop or Pineapple

Book - social text, informational, and investigative articles

Movie - Home Alone 1 & 2

Loaded Tea - Pina Colada....anything super sweet!



Mystery Staff

1. What's a nickname people have called you through the years? Dimples
2. When you were a kid like us, what was your favorite thing to do? Water ski
3. What's your favorite song? Eye of the Tiger
4. What's your favorite restaurant? Captain Al's
5. What's your favorite color? Hot pink
6. What's your favorite tv show or movie? Growing up it was Dukes of Hazard and now Heartland Series
7. What's your favorite book? Where the Red Fern Grows
8. If you weren't a teacher, what would another dream job for you be? Photographer
9. When you're not at school, what are some hobbies you enjoy doing? Hunting and fishing
10. If you could be any famous person in the world, who would you be and why? The Late Betty White- She was witty, excellent dancer, had an illuminating smile, and advocate for animal rights Her love for the military lead her to travel and entertain them as a comedian and shared her beautiful voice during their deployments overseas.

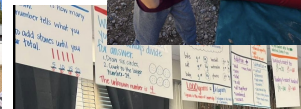


Community Spotlight

We are so thankful for all the families who attended our Thanksgiving Luncheon for Pre-K, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade students. Seeing so much family support at our school makes us so thankful.

We can't wait to see our K, 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade families for our Christmas Luncheon on December 12th looking merry and bright!

Thanks to our PTO for helping us celebrate our A-status with a carnival at PES! From carnival games, to popcorn, and cotton candy, it was OVER THE TOP fun, and we think our students are mighty deserving of the reward.



We also want to spotlight Mrs. Bridget Lowery for making a big impact in 3rd grade. She is the Business Loan Center Manager at Trustmark Bank. She did a great lesson with 3rd graders on budgeting. They had fun spending their money (beans), and we hope they learned to save some too.

PES Merry Little Elves- Part 1

Since it's December, we wanted to spotlight some of our amazing staff to show them how they make PES a joyful place to be. We interviewed students all over campus to tell us what they loved about different staff members. Check out what they had to say about some of our PES staff.

We will also be spotlighting some more of our amazing staff in January who help us SNOW much!



Mrs. Barrentine is a merry little elf at PES! Scarlett Miller says this about her, "She's so funny and makes me laugh. She's sweet and my most favorite teacher. She helps all students get better grades and a better understanding."



Layden Wadsworth loves Mrs. Huff. "She helped me this year when I got hurt. She's friendly in the hall and holds doors open for people too."



Joe Cothorn- "Mrs. Smith is funny when she tells me jokes. She's always nice and helpful to me too."



Adalyn Graham - "Mrs. Dotson helps me with my words. I love whenever she comes to pick me up from my classroom to be with her."

PES Merry Little Elves: Part 2



Libbie Jones loves Mrs. Hudson and thinks she's a very merry little elf! She says, "Mrs. Hudson is sweet because she helps me learn even better. She uses the alphabet to help us focus on words."



Byron Russell loves Ms. Lindsay and all she does for our school! He said, "She always cleans our messes. Plus, she's kind to us always!"



Tripp McDougal LOVES Ms. Debbie because she greets everyone with a wave and gives compliments. It's a good way to start your day.

PES Merry Little Elves: Part 3



KaNyah Craig said this about Mrs. Nan: “She helps us pick up and clean up our whole school. Plus she’s nice to me.”



“Mrs. Rawls helps me whenever I need help with my work. She is sometimes funny and sweet.”
-Samuel Gravitt



Mrs. Erica wears many hats at PES. Ruby Lynn Holyfield said this about Mrs. Erica: “She’s nice and makes copies for teachers. She also fills in for teachers when they need someone to help in their classroom.” We also loves how she decorates and helps every event stand out at PES!

We are also thankful for Ms. Makenzie who is a positive influence on campus, as well. We appreciate all she does for our students!

PES Merry Little Elves: Part 4



"She helps people, and she's very nice. She comes by our classroom often. She also plays with us."

-Andrew Mann when asked why he loves Mrs. Stevens



"I like singing songs with her, and I think she helps our school because she teaches music, she's nice, and she plays with us."

-Cooper Cutrer when asked about why he loves Ms. Williamson



We can go into Coach Overby's room and help with the little kids sometimes which I love. I like being in her PE class because she is funny and honest.

-Paislee Windham



"Mrs. Russell has a good personality and makes things better for all. She keeps everything in order too." -Morgan Taylor

PES Merry Little Elves: Part 5



Knox Bowen said this about Mrs. Therrell: "I like her books, and she helps our school by teaching library. She's very nice, and she plays with us a lot."



"Mrs. Hawkins always helps you no matter what. She helps anyone she can who struggles with their work."
-Haylyn Sumrall



Jaliyah Owens- "I love all of the cafeteria staff because they help me get a good lunch everyday. Plus, they have good ice cream!"

PES Merry Little Elves: Part 6



“Ms. Stanley is kind in many ways and helps our school. She always greets me in the hallway too.”

Josiah Anderson



“Mrs. Ingram helps people with their work, and she also says “Hi” to me in the hallway which makes me feel good.”

-Addison Moss



“Mrs. Ledbetter is nice to us by being a great listener for any kids needing help.”

-Carmen Magee



“Ms. Lene is nice and always willing to help. If someone needs something, she is there to clean the mess.”

- Karlie Hodges

Mississippi Ag Facts of the Month

As part of Mrs. Pennington's leadership in being named "Mississippi's Ag Teacher of the Year," she and her class will share insight on our state's agriculture each month in our newspaper. You can see how much they're **GROWING** in Mrs. Pennington's class!



Pig in swine is a big motto of Mississippi. Pigs produce bacon, sausage, ham, and more. A pig, wild or domestic swine is a mammal of the Suidae Family. Pigs have lots of fat which is called lard. Pigs are also used to produce crayons, shaving cream, makeup products, toothpaste, plastics, and even popular snacks like Cheetos or Doritos.

Fun Fact about Crayons: Fatty acids in pig fat help keep crayons together with soybean oil.

Soybeans are one of the fastest growing crops. Seeds germinate in two days while growing in pods. One acre of soybeans produce around 83,000 crayons!

Corn is another example of agriculture Mrs. Pennington's class has studied. A typical ear of corn has about 800 kernels on it. As you can see they used some of the agriculture they've been learning about to make hands-on projects in class.



Parent Of Year: Ashlee Harrison

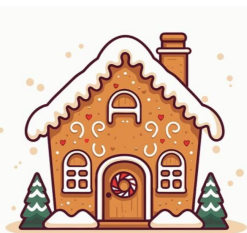
Ashlee Harrison, Pre-K and 2nd Grade Parent

Please help us celebrate our Parent of the Year, Mrs. Ashlee Harrison. Ashlee is our PTO treasurer and works behind the scenes to ensure funds are organized. We appreciate all of the work that goes into her role. In addition, she works to be present at any school event- Cash for the Pack incentive days, Book Fair family night, teacher appreciation celebrations, class parties, and more! She is one of the reasons PES is the best place to be. We appreciate her hard work, support, and love for our school!



We are proud of all of our hardworking students on this Honor Roll list and can't wait to see who receives Honor Roll for 2nd 9 Weeks when we come back from the holidays.

Thanks to
our PTO for
treating these
students to a
sweet treat!



Puckett Elementary 1st 9 Weeks Honor Roll

Asah Ainsworth
Jace Alford
Briar Anderson
Skylar Bacon
Claire Bain
Emory Barrentine
Evie Black
Braylen Bland
Madelyn Boszor
Caylee Bradley
Ruston Burks
Jameson Carroll
Sophia Charczenko
Macy Claire Chatham
Lila Cole
Finley Collins
Addison Cothorn
Kodi Earls
Khylin Edwards
Cash Ellington
Layla Etheridge
Storm Garretson
Brantley Graham
Kaige Graham
Samuel Gravitt
Jack Green
James Hanks
Hank Harris
Jordan Harrist

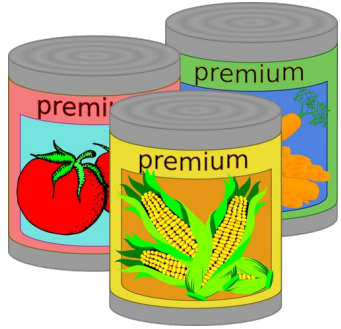
Tyler Hayes
Heath Henderson
Ava Hill
Karlie Hodges
Alli Kate Holyfield
Sadie Holyfield
Hadley Hughes
Holly Hughes
Kent Hughes
Kathryn Hutson
Avie Mae Jones
Emma Kellum
Hadley Kelly
Jaecee Kennedy
Brenner Lafferty
Isaiah Latham
Callie Lauderdale
Olivia Ledbetter
Presley Lowery
Carmen Magee
Huston Mangum
Levi Mangum
Olivia Mann
Logan Martin
Maddyx Martin
Millie Martin
Talon McCrory
Kenedy McEwen

Puckett Elementary 1st 9 Weeks Honor Roll

Nash McWilliams
Avery Mckinley
Ellis Mitchener
Dallas Cole Murphy
Clara Nelson
Courtney Nelson
Landon Orr
Hudson Overby
Joy Anna Partridge
Kaislee Pruitt
Khylar Rawls
Lucie Rials
Liam Rivers
Mallory Ruth
Ethan Searcy
Brady Shivers
Brennan Shows
Timothy Smith
Caroline Smith
Gavin Smith
Jackson Smith
Maggie Smith
Isabella Solis
Zoey Stafford
Dani Blair Stevens
Bailee Taylor
Ben Taylor
Morgan Taylor
Hazle Teasley

Salter Rose Therrell
Evan Thomas
Addison Thompson
Annabeth Thompson
Davis Tyrone
LJ Vick
Levi Wadsworth
Angel Warren
Bryleigh Westbrook
Adelyn Wigginton
Emma Rose Williams
Dyson Wilson
Mary Falon Wilson
Paislee Windham
Owen Wolken

We are so proud of Ava Minton, 1st grader at PES. She chosen to participate in Peoples Bank Christmas Card Coloring Contest and was chosen a winner receiving Honorable Mention. We are proud of the way you shine bright for our school.



Thanks to all classes who participated in our Student Council Canned Food Drive. As a school, we raised 1,455 cans. These cans will be used at *The Christmas Blessing Mission* for local families in need. The following classes were our top contributors:

Ms. Williamson's 2nd graders: 252 cans
Mrs. Byrd's 5th graders: 170 cans
Mrs. Week's 6th graders: 112 cans

Congratulations to our very own 1st grader, Ava Minton!

She recently participated in the Peoples Bank Christmas Card Coloring Contest and received Honorable Mention for the 5-6 year age division. She has been invited to a winner's Art Exhibit on December 4th. We are so proud of you, Ava!



Bullying Posters

Congrats to these students who participated in the bullying poster contest and won in their category. They will be representing PES at the district competition.



Ledger Welch, Ruby Lynn
Holyfield, Cierra Craig

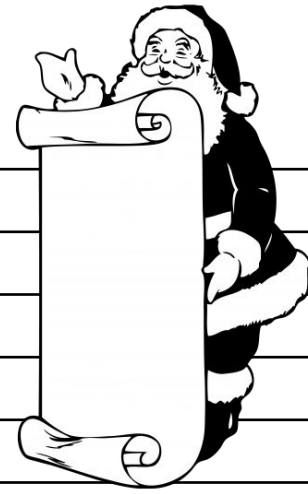


Clara Nelson, Salter Rose
Therrell, Maddyx Martin,
Jaecee Kennedy, Millie Martin,
Stella Clay Therrell,
Libbie Jones



Kenedy McEwen

December Dates



December 4th	Faculty/Staff Christmas Party & Shopping at the MPR after school
December 5th	First Grade field trip - Children's Museum
December 6th	Hat Day: Canned Food Drive Incentive
December 9th	PJ Day: Canned Food Drive Incentive
December 12th	Christmas Luncheon K, 2nd, 4th, and 6th grade families
December 17th	1st Grade Program - "The Littlest Christmas Tree" at 8:30 a.m.
December 19th	PBIS Big Event Class Parties
December 20th	Reduced School Day/Half Day
December 23rd-January 3rd	School Holidays
January 6th	Professional Development for Faculty/Staff Student Holiday

1. Santa Claus
2. Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
3. United Kingdom
4. James Lord Piermont