

# *Roll With Maroon*

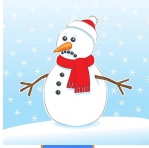


Try to find all 4  
of the fireworks!

## *January's News For You*

Why was the  
snowman sad?

He was having a  
meltdown!



What does a New  
Year's resolution  
do?

It goes in one year  
and out the other!

What is  
Frosty's favorite  
Mexican food?

Brrrr-itos.



**Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! We hope you had a great break and are excited to come back. We are starting a new semester at PES and can't wait to see what all we will learn.**

**As a new year begins, we hope you each have made time to set goals for yourself. These goals could relate to school, your health, or your sports and other activities. If you haven't thought about it yet, how can you be a better YOU in 2025?**

### New Year's Motto

"Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity yet. We only have this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand and melting like a snowflake."  
-Francis Bacon Sr. (Quote found by Zaya Fairley)



# December of the Month-

Landfair- Kyson Lewis

Martin-Mary Falon Wilson

Steverson-Cord Clardy

Overby- Tyler Hayes

Pennington-Avaeh Beauchamp

Shivers-Alli Kate Holyfield

Polk-Marion Yates

Smith- Ben Taylor

Vinson- Cooper Rankin

Spann-Clara Kate Reed

Morrow -Ava Minton

Byrd- Haylyn Sumrall

Pierce- Eli Easterling

Mann- Avery McKinley

Tullos-Beau Hawkins

Williams-Holden Parkman

Palmer- Makayah Bland

Bowen- Emma Rose Williams

Williamson-Grayson Gates

Holyfield- Evan Thomas

Jones-Ellie Hopkins

Weeks- Madelyn Boszor

Kindness Recipient: Judson Hodum, Kindergarten

Teacher of the Month: Mrs. Kayla Byrd, 5th Grade Teacher

Staff of the Month: Mrs. Jennifer Russell, Bookkeeper

Parent of the Month: Lacey Cutrer

Service-lending a hand to  
help someone else



We are "snow"  
proud of you all!



# Our New Staff Spotlight is..... Mrs. Hayes!



1. So far, what's your favorite thing about our school? I love the interaction with the students.
2. Before you came to Puckett Elementary, what did you do? I worked at Rouse Elementary as an ARI assistant for 1st grade.
3. What is one thing you hope to achieve during your time at Puckett Elementary? I hope to achieve the skills and knowledge needed to exceed my role as an ARI.

## **Favorites:**

Food - Hot wings or chicken in general

Loaded Tea - Mermaid & Georgia Peach

Drink - Coke

Book - The Holy Bible

Movie - The Best Man



# Mystery Staff

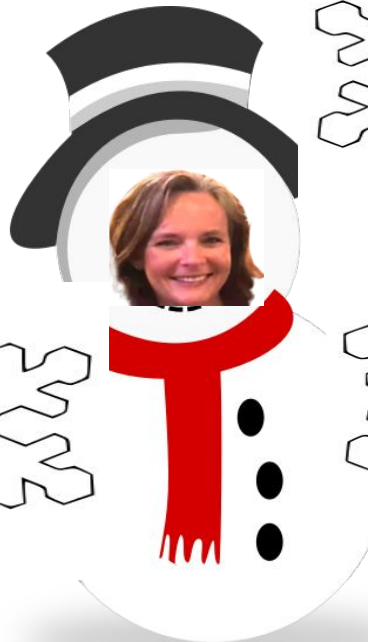
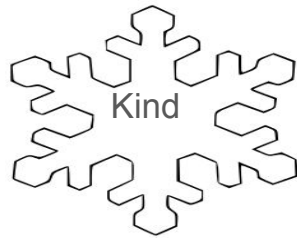
1. What's a nickname people have called you through the years? I've never really had a nickname!
2. When you were a kid like us, what was your favorite thing to do? Vacation at Smith Lake with my family
3. What's your favorite song? "Time Marches On" by Tracy Lawrence
4. What's your favorite restaurant? Tico's
5. What's your favorite color? Purple
6. What's your favorite tv show or movie? Sweet Home Alabama
7. What's your favorite book? anything by Nicholas Sparks
8. If you weren't a teacher, what would another dream job for you be? Veterinarian
9. When you're not at school, what are some hobbies you enjoy doing?  
Spending time with my family and friends
10. If you could be any famous person in the world, who would you be and why? Carrie Underwood - She seems very down to earth and has a beautiful voice, but she is not afraid to show her faith to the world!



Although we have spotlighted most of our staff already, We are “SNOW” glad to have these three amazing staff members in our January Newspaper! As we start a new semester, we want to thank each of them for their hard work and collaboration with our teachers to ensure ALL students are growing at PES! Thank you for helping us “SNOW” much at PES!



Mrs. Boszor



Mrs. Lyle



Mrs. Pagart







# Community Spotlight

Thank you to Towne Station neighborhood in Brandon for donating the balloon arch for our Christmas luncheon. It was a great way for us to make lasting memories. Also, thank you, families, for coming to our Christmas Luncheon. We really appreciate all of our Wolfpack families being a part of our school.



Thanks to our PHS seniors for making our classes merry and bright before the Christmas break! We know the little ones enjoyed it very much!







# 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! This past month, Mrs. Pennington has been teaching about forest trees. Students are learning facts about two types of trees: evergreen trees and deciduous trees. Evergreen trees remain green all year, but deciduous trees drop their leaves in the fall. Trees are a great resource and give us oxygen, paper, toilet paper, chairs, books, and more!

## Deciduous tree



## Evergreen Tree





# 5th Graders Graduate DARE Program

Our newspaper team would like to congratulate our 5th graders for graduating from the DARE program. We would also like to thank this year's DARE officer, Nancy Watts. Officer Watts has provided these students with skills to help them resist drugs and violence. Our overall winner of the DARE essay competition was Bryleigh Westbrook, and the runner ups were Decklan Weghorst and JC May.



# **Puckett Elementary**

## **Reading Fair**

All classes will have Reading Fair discussions in library. If your child is interested in participating in this optional reading project at home, please return the Reading Fair interest slip as soon as possible.

Mrs. Therrell has a limited amount of storyboards that can be given out to participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. We hope this will help our participating families. We can't wait to see how students bring their books to life through their storyboard creations.

If your child is participating, please join the PES Reading Fair Google Classroom.

**Code: rrjy4v7**

Many helpful resources are available here. Please email Mrs. Therrell with any questions: [lauren.therrell.rcsd.ms](mailto:lauren.therrell.rcsd.ms)

**ALL STORYBOARDS/PROJECTS  
ARE DUE FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 21ST.**



We are excited to announce our PES Reading Fair is approaching! You will be having Reading Fair discussions in library and be shown some great examples from years past. If you are interested in participating in this at-home project, please return the interest letter to Mrs. Therrell as soon as possible. She will begin passing out storyboards and helpful packets to students who want to participate.

We can't wait to see how many of our readers want to participate!

# January Dates

<b>January 6th</b>	Staff Development / Student Holiday
<b>January 7th</b>	Students return.
<b>January 9th</b>	Report cards come home
<b>January 13th-17th</b>	Second Grade Standards Mastery Test
<b>January 17th</b>	District Spelling Bee at Pearl (Kenedy McEwen and Dani Blair Stevens will represent us.)
<b>January 20th</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
<b>January 29th</b>	Tier 3 Meetings
<b>January 30th</b>	Tier 2 Meetings
<b>January 21</b>	Pre-K Registration Starts (runs through February 21st)

