

Have a winter  
wonderful laugh!



What do you  
say on January  
1st?

"Last year just  
feels like  
yesterday!"

What is the  
best food in  
January?

"brr-itos!"



# PES Press

## Bringing the News for You January Edition

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed a couple weeks off with your family and friends.

We are looking forward to a great new semester at PES! One thing we will really focus on in this new semester as a school is PBIS and level setting. This means, we will work to prove to all that PES is a school who follows PBIS effectively.

You can help us by following rules, doing what's right, being respectful, working hard to receive Dojo points, knowing our Pack Pride creed, and wanting to make PES a great place for all. We will have fun incentives like more opportunities to shop with your Dojo points, as well. Of course, we already look forward to our PBIS Big Events which is a great celebration of positive behavior each 9 weeks.



## Look & Find

You'll find 5 easy  
snowflakes and one  
challenging firework  
display.



**DO NOT count the  
ones on this page.**

We are adding a **NEW**  
rule! From now on, you  
can't work together on  
the **Look & Find**. We will  
only accept the **FIRST**  
winner who shows Mrs.  
Therrell the hidden  
image first. We hope  
you're up for the  
challenge!

# A big congratulations to the Venture students!

The Venture students recently did amazing art work for the Walter Anderson Museum. They created their own versions of Walter Anderson's art. Mrs. Lyle entered them into a contest. All of our Venture students' artwork was selected and will be shown in the museum. We are very excited for our Venture students! Way to go, Mrs. Lyle!

*By: Dani Blair Stevens*



Student Art Show |  
Walter Anderson  
Reimagined ✨  
Fri, Dec 19 | Ocean Springs



# A big shout out to our school-faculty, staff, students, families, and community members on this achievement!

On behalf of the Mississippi Department of Education, we have been named Mississippi's National ESEA Distinguished School for exceptional student performance and academic growth. This prestigious honor recognizes the dedication, perseverance, and excellence of students, teachers, administrators, and the entire school community.




**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**TO**  
**PUCKETT**  
**ELEMENTARY**






By: Macy Claire




# PUCKETT ELEMENTARY READING FAIR





We are so excited to announce our school's Reading Fair will be held soon. All classes will have Reading Fair discussions in library this week. 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. Your child will also receive a packet with directions and guidelines to help plan for success when creating your storyboard. We can't wait to see how students bring their books to life through their storyboard creations!



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- **All completed storyboards are due on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> by 8:00 a.m.**
  - **Judging will take place on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.**
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**Email Mrs. Therrell with any questions:  
lauren.therrell@rcsd.ms**



Happy New Year! We are so excited to announce our PES Reading Fair is quickly approaching!

We can't wait to see how many students choose to participate in the Reading Fair this year!

Please let Mrs. Therrell know if you have any questions or need any help.

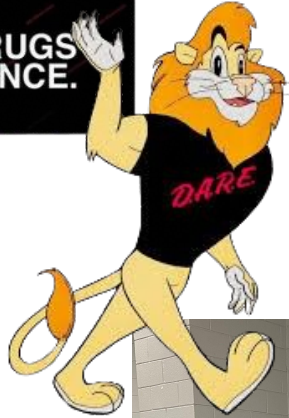
## Spelling Bee Picture & Winners

We recently had our annual Spelling Bee. It was held in the high school auditorium. Our winners were Hank Harris and Decklan Weghorst. They will advance to the next level of the competition. We are very proud of all the PES students who participated in the Spelling Bee. Thanks to Mrs. Ledbetter for her leadership and organization. We also want to thank our announcer and all of our judges who helped that day.



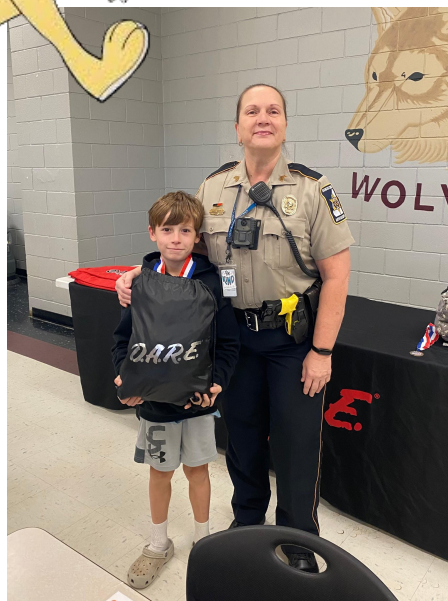
# D.A.R.E.

TO RESIST DRUGS  
AND VIOLENCE.



Congratulations to all of our 5th grade students for graduating from D.A.R.E. We want to especially congratulate McKenzie Roberts for winning the D.A.R.E essay contest. We also want to congratulate Ben Taylor and Skylar Bacon for being runner ups. All of our 5th grade students learned drug and alcohol awareness and bullying prevention.

We also want to give a shout out to Officer Nancy Watts for always teaching and leading the D.A.R.E program.



## Introducing a NEW monthly segment... “Can you Guess the Younger Me?”

We are so thankful for great ideas shared with us for our newspaper. This segment idea was brought to us by Mrs. Bickerstaff’s mom, Mrs. Gwynn James. She thought it would be a fun idea to guess our faculty and staff from their younger years. We couldn’t wait to add it to our newspaper. Teachers and staff, get ready to find those younger pictures when it’s your turn!

Thank you to all the teachers who have participated so far. We appreciate your time and effort! We can’t wait to see if you can guess our next three in this edition.

**all about the younger me**

**WHEN I WAS A KID, I LIKED TO...**  
play softball, read books,  
play barbies, play with my sister

**WHEN I WAS A KID, YOU COULD FIND ME...**  
on the softball field,  
reading a book, playing  
with my sister, or at my  
grandmother's house

**MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...**  
my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Vanderford. She was kind but strict, and she made sure we learned something new every day.

**FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** MATH  
**FAVORITE SNACK:** SLUSH PUPPY ICEE DRINKS, GRANDMA'S CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES  
**FAVORITE COLOR:** PINK  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE:** THE LION KING, FULL HOUSE, ALL THE TGIF SHOWS ON FRIDAY NIGHT, AND SATURDAY MORNING CARTOONS  
**FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY:** BUTTERFLY HAIR CLIPS, ANKLETS, CHOKER NECKLACES

# all about the younger me



## WHEN I WAS A KID, I LIKED TO...

play and explore outside. I loved catching rally pollies, tadpoles, frogs & lizards. I also enjoyed playing school and with my barbies.

## WHEN I WAS A KID, YOU COULD FIND ME...

outside playing in the backyard, jumping on the trampoline, riding my bike or roller blading

## ★ MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...

I have a lot of favorite teachers, but Mrs. Love is one I think about the most.

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: SOCIAL STUDIES  
FAVORITE SNACK: POPTARTS  
FAVORITE COLOR: PINK  
FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE: FULL HOUSE, RUGRATS & ANY DISNEY MOVIE  
FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY: MY PURPLE WINDBREAKER SUIT

# all about the younger me



## WHEN I WAS A KID, I LIKED TO...

Play with my Barbies and my Cabbage Patch Kid doll. My favorite things to play were "house" and teacher.

## WHEN I WAS A KID, YOU COULD FIND ME...

-reading a book.  
-Swimming and playing at my grandparents lake house.  
-Riding my pink and purple bike.  
-Coloring in my Care Bears or Rainbow Britte coloring book.

## ★ MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...

My first grade teacher Mrs. Gardner.  
She taught me to read!

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: READING  
FAVORITE SNACK: HOMEMADE BANANA NUTBREAD  
FAVORITE COLOR: PINK  
FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE: GROWING PAINS AND DIRTY DANCING  
FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY: MY CHARM NECKLACE AND PINK NIKES

# Mystery Staff

It's time for a new Mystery Staff Competition! Be sure and get your guess into Mrs. Therrell's Mystery Guess Box by January 30th. If your guess is correct, you'll be in the runnings for your favorite candy and drink! Our winner for last month goes to Layla Kay Ethridge. She guessed correctly. Last month's Mystery Staff was Dr. Spann. We had the most votes coming in, so it shows how many know Dr. Spann well!

1. **What's your favorite color?**

Red

2. **What has always been a nickname people have called you?**

Byrd-Dawg

3. **When you were a kid like us, what were some fun things you liked to do?**

Ride my bike all through the neighbor and play my Nintendo with my sister.

4. **What's your favorite book?**

The Bible

5. **What's your favorite movie/tv show?**

Law and Order SVU

6. **What's your favorite food?**

Chicken fried rice

7. **What's your favorite song?**

The Blessing and Tootsie Roll

8. **When you're not at school, what are some hobbies you enjoy doing?**

I like to sing on my praise team at church and I love to shop and nap and spend time with family and friends.

9. **If you weren't a teacher, what would another dream job be for you? Why?**

I would love to be a Christian Singer and choreograph dances for music videos.



# Happy Birthday to our January Student Birthdays!

Gracelyn Colgate  
Camden Null  
Angel Warren  
Jack Green  
Layla Etheridge  
Jordan Rawls  
Huxton Parkman  
Brandon Brekeen  
Farrah Smith  
Kathryn Hutson  
Harper Acey  
Aubrie Ingram  
Paisley Owens  
Michael Busby

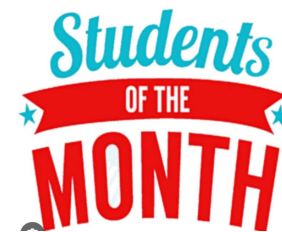


Holt May  
Sanders Tullos  
Kaden McLaurin  
Kaislee Pruitt  
Skylar Bacon  
Elliott Bowen  
Gunner Harrison  
Emmett Kelly  
Parker Lawson  
CAYLEE BRADLEY!  
Chanin Odom  
Decklan Weghorst  
Kaygan Weghorst





# Of the Month Club



*Joy: Is finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way*

## December Students of the Month

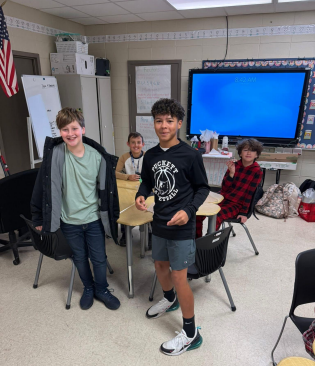
Landfair: Bailey Kate Hawkins	Tullos: GraceLynn Chapman	Shivers: Chloe Fletcher	Holyfield: Charley Grace Miller
Steverson: Jacob Hall	Holyfield: Josiah Culipher	Smith: Annabeth Thompson	Weeks: Olivia Ledbetter
Bickerstaff: Luke Goodman	Palmer: Sawyer Russum	Spann: KaNyah Craig	
Pennington: Millie Nelson	Williamson: Jade Rash	Byrd: Addison Cothorn	
Polk: Rosie Choat	Jones: Jett Means	Mann: Alli Kate Holyfield	
Morrow: Cooper Rankin	Martin: Bryson Madison	Williams: LJ Vick	
Pierce: Ava Harrell	Overby: Kinsley Thurman	Bowen: Harleigh Hopper	



**Teacher:** Coach Overby, PE Coach    **Staff:** Mr. Sam Neely, Bus Driver    **Parent:** Mrs. Bridget Lowery, 4th Grade Parent  
**Kindness Recipient of the Month:** Jameson Carroll, 5th Grader

# Christmas BIG Event and Party Fun

We want to thank all our PES principals, teachers, staff, PTO, families, and community members for making our Christmas Big Event and Party Day a merry good time for all! As you can see from the pictures, there were lots of smiling faces on campus!



# Important Dates



January 5th	Student Holiday / Teacher Professional Development
January 6th	Students Return / Reading Fair discussions in library will begin.
January 8th	Report Cards
January 20th	Pre-K Registration begins
January 19th	Martin Luther King Jr Day / School Holiday
January 23rd	Kindergarten Music Program “When I Grow Up”
February 4th	Progress Reports
February 6th	6th Grade Music Program “Rock Around the 50’s”
February 16th	Presidents’ Day / School Holiday
February 19th	Reading Fair storyboards will be due by 8:00 a.m. for set up to begin.
February 20th	Reading Fair storyboards will be judged. Photos, certificates, and winning prizes given. 2nd Grade Music Program “Go Fish” Pre-K Registration ends at 12:00 noon