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The Bibb County School District Newsletter

November 2025

Thanksgiving Break



We hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving Break! We look forward to seeing students and staff on Monday, December 1st.

Thanksgiving Partnership Feeds Ballard-Hudson Families



This holiday season, Ballard Hudson Middle School is spreading warmth and generosity through a partnership with Kroger, Walmart, JLSR Foundation, and the BCSD Office of Partnerships and Engagement. Principal Dr. Latrina Pennamon-Nash and Family Engagement Facilitator Janna Dixon incorporated the holiday ham and turkey giveaway into the school's Thanksgiving luncheon with families this week. Thank you to our village for providing holiday meals for our families!

10 Student Entrepreneurs Advance in Bibb FLEX Competition



Congratulations to our Top 10 FLEX Competition Finalists! These students now have the chance to advance to the state competition. FLEX is an entrepreneurship program for high school students. Students form companies, develop real businesses, and compete in a series of rounds that include workshops, mentorship, and pitching their ideas "Shark Tank" style. We look forward to seeing who will represent Bibb County!

IFIX4REAL – Jaylen Pleasant – Southwest High School
Jr Fixings – Rufino Durham – Howard High School
Latrell's – Aniya Green – W. S. Hutchings College and Career Academy/ Twiggs Co.
Motivational Studios – Katelyn Fowler and Jamonte Wilmore – Howard High School
No More Ink – Brian Moore – Northeast High School
Sliced By Z – Zylea Dinkins – Westside High School: Home of the Seminoles
SOS Premium Detailing – Om, Saim Iqbal – Howard High School
The Cozy Wick – Kaianna Curry, Cariel Lewis and Dana Thomas- Northeast High School
The Mayan Way – Bilal Ramos – Howard High School
Visionary Co. – Londyn Rodgers – Howard High School

Check out their businesses! The Top 10 student entrepreneurs will have an opportunity to participate in Jen's Market on Saturday, December 20, from 12 – 8 PM at Howard Community Club.

KMBB Visits Elementary Schools to Promote Recycling



November is National Recycling Month! Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful visited 3rd graders at Bruce Elementary School and Southfield Elementary to promote the value of proper waste management and the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.







Students Present at Inaugural Macon Fashion Week



Recently, Bibb County CTAE students participated in Macon Fashion Week! These students showed off their creativity, confidence, and hard work. Macon Fashion Week is a weeklong celebration of fashion, creativity, and community.







STEAM Expo Led by Miller Magnet Students



Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School hosted a STEAM Expo for students. This event allows students to showcase what they've learned from various science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics disciplines alongside community partners. Students visited each table to collect stamps and earn prizes! Special thanks to partners from Georgia Power, Macon-Bibb County Fire Department, Fort Valley State University, Macon-Bibb Emergency Management Agency and Robins Air Force Base for bringing their expertise to this event!

School of the Week



School of the Week | Heard Elementary celebrates students with accelerated reading parties

Reading paid off for Heard Elementary students who celebrated their word-count goals with movies, candy and pajamas.

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Congratulations Heard Elementary School for being the School of the Week!

Georgia Tech Visits Central High for STEM Workshop



Representatives of Georgia Tech's College of Engineering visited Dr. Suneetha Panda's class at Central High School for a workshop about "Nanotechnology and its Future Prospects." This workshop provides students with hands-on experiences with concepts that will be key in various STEM fields.







Student Artwork Showcased at Hay House



Talented student artists recently had their artwork on display at the Hay House. This artwork was a part of the student artists showcase, “Inspired Surroundings.” Students from Northeast, Central, and Howard High School were prize winners!





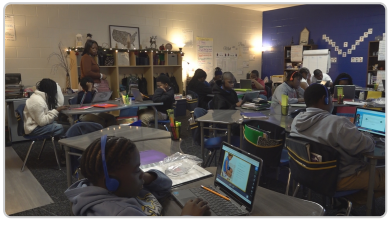


Bernd Brings Literacy to Life with ABC Fashion Show



Pre-K and Kindergarten students at Bernd Elementary participated in an ABC Fashion Show! Each student represented a letter in the alphabet and shared their favorite word that starts with that letter. This was an amazing showcase celebrating literacy for our students!

BCSD Shows Growth in CCRPI Scores



Bibb Schools see growth in new CCRPI scores, with big gains at Ingram-Pye | Here's what that means

New CCRPI scores show Bibb County improving in key areas, and Ingram-Pye Elementary stands out with strong growth driven by hands-on teaching and student support.

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GaDOE Features Content Mastery Growth by Bibb High Schools

Bibb high schools were highlighted by the Georgia Department of Education in success stories with the release of CCRPI data. Learn more about how high schools are making gains: "Turn your numbers into names."

Rutland Middle Students Advance to State Competition

The Agriculture Technology and Equipment Team from Rutland Middle School - Macon, Ga FFA stamped their ticket to go to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College to compete in the State Championship specializing in Carpentry and Woodworking. This team is among the top 12 teams in the state! Congratulations to the Rutland Middle ATE team and good luck!

Heritage Elementary Collecting Meals-in-a-Bag

Heritage Elementary prepares 'Meals-In-A-Bag' for students ahead of holidays - 41NBC News | WMGT-DT

Heritage Elementary in Macon is preparing “Meals-In-A-Bag” kits to help students and families fight holiday hunger, with donated ingredients and recipe cards reaching more than 150 households.

41nbc.com

Heritage Elementary School is stepping up to help students and families during this holiday season! They are preparing Meals-in-a-Bag to hand out to students and families. These include easy to follow recipe cards and nonperishable items. Community members can drop off nonperishable donations at Heritage Elementary or have grocery deliveries sent directly to the school.

Elam's Mrs. Andel is 13WMAZ's My Teacher is Tops



My Teacher is Tops | Mrs. Andel preparing special needs students with life skills at Elam Alexander

Cheryl Anderson wanted to recognize her son's teacher. Mrs. Katherine Andel teaches Anderson's son Sam, who is autistic and nonverbal.

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Congratulations Mrs. Katherine Andel for being named My Teacher is Tops!

Motivational Speaker Encourages Middle School Students

Thank you to Middle GA RESA for bringing The Willie Spears Experience to Ballard Hudson Middle School and Appling Middle School last week. He even met with the Northeast football team while at Appling. A former student-athlete and coach, Spears is now a motivational speaker. He encouraged students to make intentional choices about coming to school and avoiding pitfalls that could cost them their future goals.

Magnet School Deadline is December 2

The online application process for the District’s magnet schools and programs for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Applications will remain open through December 2, for Alexander II Magnet School; Burdell-Hunt Elementary Magnet School; Heard Elementary School; Vineville Academy of the Arts; Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School; and Central High School.

Applicants at the elementary and middle school level will be placed in a lottery, with parents being

notified of a student's status in mid-January. There is no lottery for Central High School, but parents will be notified on the same time frame. From there, students will participate in the required interview, audition or essay, with parents receiving final acceptance notification by mid-February.

Click the link below for more information and to apply!
LINK: www.bcsdk12.net/magnetapps

VIP Academy Applications Open

Learn more about enrolling in Bibb County School District VIP Academy!
VIP Academy is now accepting applications for January and August 2026! Come learn more about what makes the program special! Join an information session either in-person or online:
December 9th
In-person at 2011 Riverside Drive at 12:00pm
Online at 12:00pm (live) or 6:00pm (recorded)

Tips for Parents to Stay Connected with ParentSquare

Bibb County Schools is now using ParentSquare to communicate with parents! This communication tool engages parents through text or email, includes a mobile app, and features language translation tools. The platform is connected to Infinite Campus data, meaning all students, staff and parents, along with class lists and bus lists, are pre-loaded!
https://www.parentsquare.com/signin

Making Changes to Your Contact Information:
Need to make changes to your contact phone number or email for ParentSquare alerts?
Any changes to your contact information must be made in Parent Portal. This will ensure you receive mass notifications in case of emergencies and other important news!
Parent Portal syncs with ParentSquare to update your contact information automatically each night.
Remember, even if you shared your contact information with your child's teacher, it must still be updated in Parent Portal!
Parent Portal: https://www.bcsdk12.net/parents/parent-portal

Change Your Notification Settings:
ParentSquare offers you the ability to change your notification settings to your preference. You can choose instant and receive all communications in real time or digest allows you to set a preferred time. Please know, all emergency communications will be sent instantly by the schools. Thank you for your continued support.
BCSD notifications automate to emails and texts for ParentSquare messages.
Update your Notification Settings (using web browser)

1. From **Home,** click your name and select **Manage Account.**
2. Click **Notification Settings.**
3. Choose your preferred notification settings:
   - General Announcements & Messages by **Email**, **Text** or **App** and frequency for posts (**Instant**

or **Digest**)

After you've made selections, future messaging will send based on your preferences.

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