

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE BOULEVARD



Voices of Leadership: A Word from Your Principal

"Expect success and you will find it." Jon Gordon

As we enter the second month of 2026, I challenge each of you to push yourself and not quit. Your success is waiting for you, but we must remain focused and continue to put in the work.

#OneTeamAndWinning

Kind Regards,
Dr. Middleton



Hallway Headlines: Your Monthly Recap

With our community making a strong comeback for the new year, we're diving into an exciting start to the new semester. January kicked off with soccer, tennis, and baseball tryouts, bringing fresh energy to our athletic teams. Middle school students also had the chance to explore their future as they toured Laney and got a first look at the campus. Our basketball players hit the court with a thrilling performance, pushing for their best shots and showcasing their hard work.

Prom is sneaking right around the corner. This year's prom will be celebrated by a dark theme, Midnight Masquerade. Be ready to prepare your best looks decorating yourself with deep blues, silvers, and golds; masks decorated with glitters and fleeting feathers. As the date gets closer, the anticipation builds. We are beyond excited to see what your creative minds can get up to.

On January 19th, we paused to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect on the impact he has made within our community. To close out the previous semester, report cards were distributed on January 13th.

Hall of Fame: Celebrating Excellence

Certified Staff of the Month:

Ms. T. Briscoe



Classified Staff of the Month:

Mr. G. Huff



9TH

Tammy Geter

10TH

William Turner-Jones

11TH

Kaliah Willingham

12TH

Gerald Brown III



Mark Your Calendars: What's Coming Up!

February 12th
Spring Progress Report # 2

February 13th:
Student Holiday

February 16th:
Student Teacher Holiday

February 17th – March 16:
Spring Parent Conference

Hallway Highlights: This Month's Best



The MOD Squad in Action

"This month we are excited to highlight the hard work and dedication of the MOD Squad.

The MOD Squad focuses on one practical life or vocational skill per week. For our first week back after Christmas, we worked on folding clothing. Each student participated in folding t-shirts, pants, shorts, polos, and socks.

On Friday, we put what we learned into practice by volunteering in the JROTC closet folding the dress blues pants. Our students were thankful for this chance since JROTC cadets are always willing to help us by being our "buddies" when we go on trips or need support.

Next week our skill will be sweeping hard floors."

~ Mr. Martin



Marching Toward Success: JROTC Feature

On January 20th, the JROTC rifle team competed against Apalachee High School in a scheduled match. Coming straight off winter break with no prior practice, the team quickly adjusted and remained focused. Despite the challenge, the cadets performed with discipline and determination, securing a well-earned victory. The win highlighted the team's resilience, adaptability, and commitment to excellence.

After coming back from winter break the JROTC cadets went out to the Golden Harvest to serve the community and show their outstanding dedication to give back.

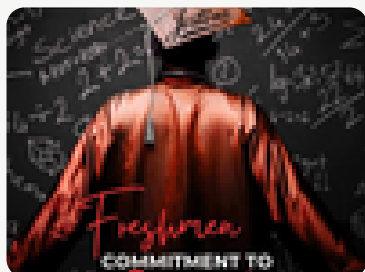
JROTC cadets guided eighth-grade students from Hornsby Middle School on a tour of the CTAE and Fine Arts Department, introducing them to the various electives offered at Lucy C. Laney High School. The tour helped broaden students' understanding of the different pathways and opportunities available to them throughout their high school years.

Wildcat Connections: Building Bridges Beyond School



A Laney Alumni is standing up to make a change! Jeremiah Jackson is planning to run for an Augusta Commission seat after losing friends to gun violence and seeing his city fall behind. His campaign aims to focus on public safety, modernizing Augusta, and economic development. You can find the full article on the WJBF News Channel 6.

Hallway Highlights: This Month's Best



The Class of 2029 gathered to show their dedication and commitment to graduate. They symbolized the commitment with a green wrist band, a handshake, and by signing a banner.



Spring Senior Photo Sessions are right around the corner. Book yours today!



The 2026 Prom theme is out! We can't wait to see everyone at the Lucy C. Laney Midnight Masquerade!



Scan to order your yearbook today!



Yearbook- The W.I.N Within

Our 2026 yearbook is almost here, don't miss your chance to be in it. Send photos and memories so we can capture the year together.

- **Deadline:** March 15, 2026. Please email early to guarantee inclusion.
- **Seniors:** Reserve a senior ad (full/half/quarter page) to celebrate your journey.
- **Senior Quotes:** One submission only per senior; please use appropriate wording. All quotes are reviewed before publication.
- **Superlatives:** Nomination and voting forms will go out; winners will be featured in the senior section.

Make it count! If you have any photos email them to

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All senior submissions (ads, quotes, superlatives) must be submitted through the online form.

Hallway Highlights: This Month's Best



Basketball

On January 17th, the Girls JV team won the championship with a strong 50–39 victory over Josey. The matchup took place at Butler, where the team delivered an awesome performance on both ends of the court to earn the win.

"Play harder and play better together."
~ Coach Gamble



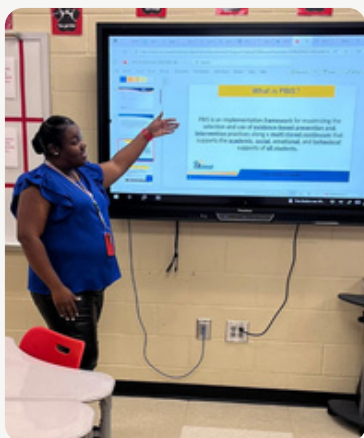
Blood Drive

We saw a huge turnout for this years blood drive. Our participation nearly doubled from last year! We appreciate all the students and staff who gave blood and helped saved lives in our community.



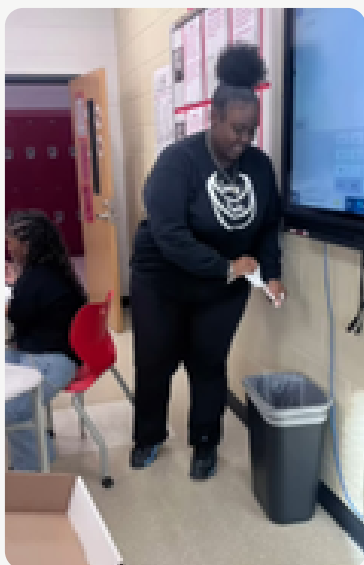
Math Team

Our math team placed 2nd overall in the Richmond County Math Competition. Aniyah Jones placed 1st overall in the 24 Competition. They have truly showed hard work and dedication. Congratulations!



PBIS

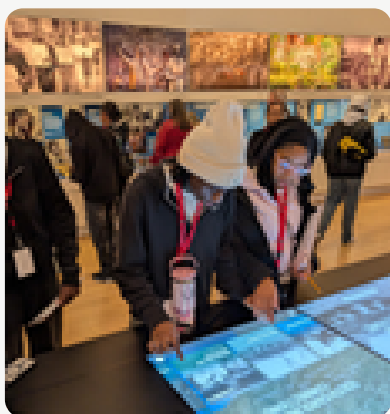
PBIS is a proactive, school-wide approach that focuses on teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors rather than relying on punishment. It creates consistent expectations across all areas of the school, reduces disciplinary issues, and builds a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment. By incorporating celebrations and recognition into the school day, PBIS helps students feel valued and motivated. These acknowledgments strengthen engagement, encourage responsible behavior, and promote a positive school climate where students are rewarded for meeting expectations.



P.E.A.R.L.S

Laney P.E.A.R.L.S stands for Proud, Examples, Aspiring, Real, Life, and Success. The Laney P.E.A.R.L.S is a mentorship group dedicated to guiding young women toward success by fostering leadership, confidence, and personal growth. Through positive role modeling, skill-building activities, and community engagement, the program empowers participants to make informed decisions, set meaningful goals, and develop the qualities needed to thrive academically and socially.

Field Trip to the International African American Museum



“Going to the International African American Museum on January 14th was honestly one of the most memorable field trips I’ve ever been on. As soon as we walked in, I could tell it wasn’t just another museum; everything felt meaningful, especially knowing it sits right on Gadsden’s Wharf, where so many enslaved Africans first arrived in America. One thing that really stuck with me was learning that the 18 pillars holding up the museum are made from an old building material created by Africans using seashells, rocks, and sand. When it dries, it becomes almost like concrete, which made me think about how much knowledge and skill people brought with them, even in the worst circumstances. Walking through the exhibits, I learned so many stories that were powerful, emotional, and honestly eye-opening. It made me appreciate how deeply African American history connects to the world we live in today. I left feeling inspired and grateful that I got to experience it firsthand.”

~ Christine Williams



MLK Jr. Celebration at Paine College

During our field trip to Paine College for the MLK Jr. Celebration, we gathered inside a historic church where students from other schools joined us. The atmosphere felt meaningful and respectful as we listened, reflected, and took part in the program honoring Dr. King's legacy. Being surrounded by so many young people from different places made the experience feel even more powerful. We were there to show our appreciation for Dr. King's work and to recognize the impact he continues to have on our communities today.



College Visits

Graduation is around the corner, and for our seniors that means it is time to be serious about college.

Two seniors, Marcus Taylor and Gerald Brown, went on a visit to Clayton State University. They were able to explore what the college has to offer. For our seniors and upcoming seniors, be sure to visit colleges and explore your options!



P.O.A is on the Move for MLK Jr. Day

Laney High School's band and dance team had the exciting opportunity to travel to Florida, where they showcased their talent, hard work, and school pride.

The Augusta MLK parade held on Saturday, January 17th brought together students from all schools to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Schools marched proudly with banners, music, & performances that represent unity, equality, & respect.



The Power of Words: Debate Team Showcase

We are excited to spotlight our Lucy C. Laney High School Debate Team, led by Ms. Jessica Hill, the Librarian/Media Specialist and Debate Team Coach. Under Ms. Hill's leadership, students are developing strong public speaking, critical thinking, and leadership skills that prepare them for success in school and beyond. The Debate Team encourages students to express their ideas confidently, think analytically, and engage in meaningful discussions on important topics.

Over and above that, the Laney Debate Team also hosted a debate including other Richmond County Schools.

Lucy C. Laney High School is committed to empowering and preparing every learner to become a successful leader and productive citizen. Our vision is to Empower, Engage, and Excel Every Learner, Every Day. We are proud of our Debate Team and look forward to their continued growth and achievements!

Bri'Yana Collier interviewed Emiya Jordan from the debate team about their recent competition. She shared that the team participated in their debate against schools across Richmond County. The topic focused on Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion, where students discussed how thermal energy can be used as a renewable power source. Emiya said the debate was GREAT and she also won her six battles and it helped the team gain valuable experience for future competitions.



We Want to Feature You!

For a newspaper spotlight please email Ms. Zills with your details and pictures.

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