
WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE BOULEVARD



Message from Dr. Middleton

"Success is not final,
failure is not fatal: it is
the courage to
continue that counts."
— Winston S. Churchill



Coach Smart

Coach Smart reached an amazing milestone by scoring 1,000 wins over his 40 years in basketball. This accomplishment shows his long-term dedication, discipline, and love for the sport. Throughout his career, he worked hard to improve his skills and helped lead his teams with confidence and determination. Earning 1,000 wins over four decades proves that Coach Smart's impact on basketball is lasting and meaningful.



February Recap: Spirit, Culture, and Career Exploration

We hosted our Career Day on February 19th, which was a wonderful event that exposed students to a variety of career opportunities.

In celebration of Black History Month, we also held a vibrant Spirit Week during the Week of February 23rd. The week kicked off on Monday, February 23rd, with Roots & Culture Day, where students and staff were invited to wear traditional African heritage attire. On Tuesday, February 24th, we celebrated Black Excellence Day by dressing as our favorite athletes or celebrities who inspire us.

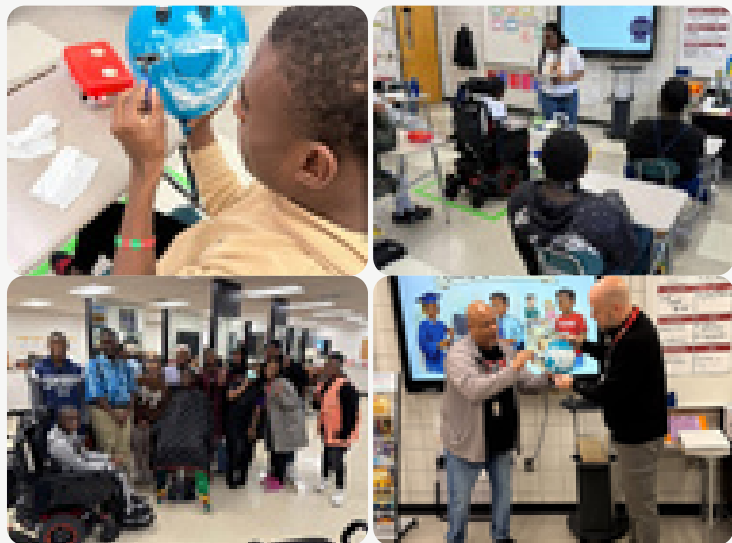
On Wednesday, February 25th, we celebrated HBCU Day, and students were asked to wear apparel representing their favorite HBCUs. On Thursday, February 26th, the week continued as we recognized the impact of influential voices during Leaders & Activists Day, encouraging students to dress as notable political figures who have shaped history. We closed out the week on Friday, February 27th, with 90s Hip Hop Day, celebrating the iconic style and cultural influence of 90s hip-hop fashion.

The MOD Squad in Action

February was a busy one for the MOD Squad as they mastered several essential life skills thanks to some wonderful guest instructors.

Hand Washing: Mrs. Smith, from the Media Center, taught the importance of hygiene. Students demonstrated their knowledge by creating hand-washing posters for the school bathrooms.

Hair Care: Ms. Turner's 3rd-period class led a hands-on session on shampooing, conditioning, and styling, sharing professional tips for maintaining healthy hair.



Virus Lab: The squad joined Ms. Greenwood's Biology class to study how viruses spread. They tracked "outbreaks" through daily interactions and learned how to stay healthy.

Shaving Skills: Coach Gamble closed out the week by teaching shaving best practices. Students practiced their technique on shaving-cream-covered balloons—and we're happy to report zero "pops!"



2026 Honor Graduates



Our 2026 Honor Graduates represent the highest level of academic excellence at Lucy C. Laney High School, and we are incredibly proud of the dedication, resilience, and leadership they have shown throughout their high-school journey. Each student in this group has demonstrated a commitment to learning that goes far beyond the classroom balancing rigorous coursework, extracurricular involvement, and personal growth with determination and grace.

A special congratulations goes to our Valedictorian, Vertex Moore, and our Salutatorian, Aniyah Jones, whose outstanding academic performance and leadership have truly set them apart. Their accomplishments shine brightly, and we know their futures will be just as remarkable.

Honor Grads Brunch



The Honor Graduates Brunch was held to celebrate students who achieved academic excellence throughout their high school years. Teachers and staff gathered to recognize these graduates for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to success. The event included a brunch meal, words of encouragement, and special recognition for the students' accomplishments. This celebration highlighted the importance of perseverance and academic achievement as students prepare for their next chapter after graduation.

Winter Sports Senior Night



Senior Night was a heartfelt celebration of our winter sports athletes as we honored their dedication, leadership, and years of hard work. Surrounded by teammates, families, and supporters, our seniors took the court one last time reflecting on the memories they've made and the legacy they leave behind. Their commitment has shaped our programs and inspired the next generation of student-athletes, and we are proud to recognize all they have accomplished.

Donte Flono: Scholar Athlete



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Laney's Donte Flono Jr. named Scholar Athlete -
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Donte Flono was nominated as a Scholar Athlete for his outstanding classroom achievements. He is recognized for being a dedicated student and a smart leader who balances academics and athletics with excellence.

Attendance and Honor Roll Celebration



Lucy C. Laney High School held a special celebration to recognize students who earned A and AB Honor Roll, as well as those with outstanding attendance for 1st Semester. The event highlighted the hard work, consistency, and dedication students showed throughout the grading period. Teachers and administrators congratulated honorees, emphasizing how academic achievement and strong attendance build the foundation for long-term success. The celebration created a positive atmosphere across the school, encouraging all students to stay focused, show up, and continue striving for excellence.

Appreciation Week



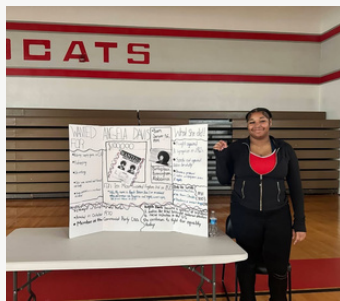
Counselors

We dedicated an entire week to honoring, celebrating, and appreciating our incredible school counselors. Their guidance, compassion, and unwavering commitment play a vital role in supporting our students' academic, social, and emotional growth. This week allowed us to spotlight the meaningful impact they make every day and to express our gratitude for all the ways they strengthen our school community.

School Resource Officers

Sunday, February 15, 2026, was School Resource Officer Day. We are grateful for Officer McAlpin and the hard work put into keeping our school safe.

Lucy C Laney Wax Museum



The Lucy C. Laney High School Black History Month Wax Museum was a powerful showcase of student learning, creativity, and pride. Throughout the event, students brought influential Black leaders, innovators, artists, and trailblazers to life by transforming the gym into a living gallery of history. Each presentation board reflected hours of research and preparation, allowing students to step into the roles of the figures who have shaped our world.

The Wax Museum not only highlighted the achievements of iconic individuals, but also helped students deepen their understanding of Black History, cultural identity, and the importance of representation. Families, teachers, and classmates walked through the exhibits, engaging with students as they shared stories, answered questions, and embodied the legacies of the people they studied.

Law and Justice Program



We want to thank you Solicitor General Omeeka Loggins for making time to speak with the Law and Justice Program during CTAE Month.

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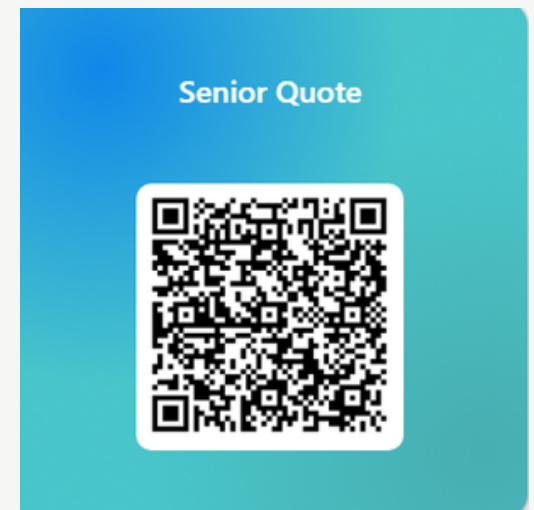
Our 2026 yearbook is almost here, don't miss your chance to be in it. Send photos and memories so we can capture the year together.

- **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.

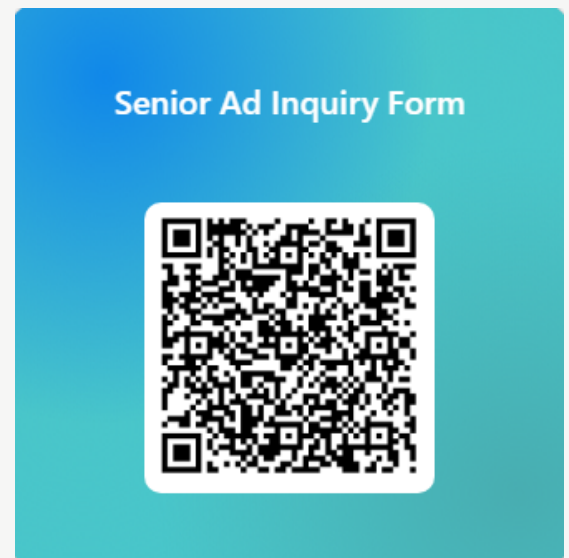
Make it count! If you have any photos email them to

ZillsHa@richmond.k12.ga.us

All senior submissions must be submitted through the online form.



As graduation quickly approaches, our seniors are entering the final stretch of an unforgettable year. To help us celebrate each of you, please remember to submit your senior quotes by March 31st. This deadline is firm, and every senior must turn one in to be included. Let your voice be part of this year's story!



Calling all senior parents!
If you would like to purchase an ad for your senior, fill out this inquiry form and pay on MySchoolBucks. Once your have paid you will need to send a proof of purchase to Ms. Zills' email. Senior Ads are due March 31st.