


Lucky Laughs

What did the librarian say to the unruly book on Read Across America Day? Check your shelf!



Why do basketball players who love building with Legos never make it to the March Madness tournament?

Because they only throw bricks! 

PES Press

Bringing the News for You March Edition

It's a reading month at PES! We are so proud we had so many Reading Fair participants this year! We had 96 storyboards submitted this year-a record breaking number! We are so proud of each and every participant.

As we continue our month of reading fun, we look forward to our Scholastic Book Fair and Read Across America Week during the week of March 2nd-6th. We want to thank our guest author, Mrs. Ginny Shurlds, for sharing her ABC Book all about Mississippi State. We also want to thank other members in the community and within our school district for reading and leading us during Read Across America Week: Greg Ledbetter, Brian Smith, and Regina Hutson.

We know we are all looking forward to our Spring Break! Let's make it another great month at PES!

Look & Find

You'll find 5 clovers and 1 super hidden leprechaun.



DO NOT count the ones on this page.

Shout out to 6th grader, JC May, for finding the teddy bear on last month's newspaper. He won a big candy treat.



PES Brain Games!

We love when our teachers and staff read our newspaper and give us amazing ideas! Mrs. Ledbetter requested a word search or crossword puzzle.

MARCH WORD SEARCH

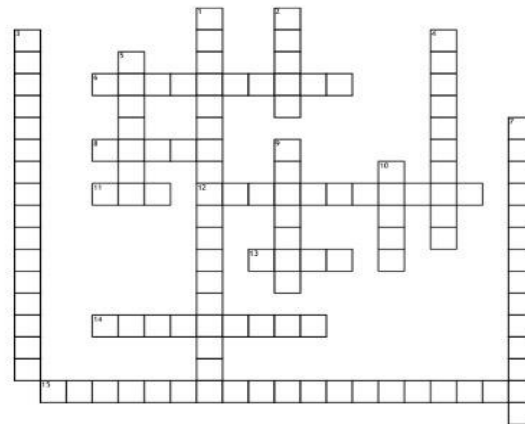
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READING MONTH
 BASKETBALL
 SOCCER
 FLOWER
 BUGS

MARCH MADNESS
 BOOK FAIR
 PICNIC
 SPRING
 TREE

WARM WEATHER
 VACATION
 SPORTS
 BEES
 SUN

March Crossword



Across

6. What sport is March madness?
8. What you feel when you don't wear green.
11. Common Irish hair color.
12. One week break from school
13. Whats in the pot at the end of the rainbow.

14. Also known as a Shamrock
15. Begins on March 13th

Down

1. What is March declared as?
2. Day with a lot of math jokes on the 14th
3. Holiday on the 17th
4. Has a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.
5. Some Irish people play these.
7. This plant could bring you good luck
9. Where you find a pot of gold.
10. The color you wear on St. Patrick's day

We want to congratulate Mrs. Therrell on being named RCSD's Hero of the Week recently. We love library and Mrs. Therrell!



We want to thank Mrs. Pennington for her hard work and dedication to our Military School recertification. She has worked diligently this school year to ensure our school maintains this recognition and certification. We appreciate all the many "hats" she wears around campus.





PUCKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A WEEK OF READING FUN! ALL PURCHASES BENEFIT OUR LIBRARY AND HELP MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON STUDENT LEARNING. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

March 2nd-6th

Students will shop during their normal library activity time that week. Friday classes will have an opportunity to shop earlier in the week.

Students may bring cash or a check in a labeled envelope.

If you would rather take advantage of an easy, cashless way to pay, visit our school's Scholastic website to set up a Scholastic E-Wallet account for your child:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/puckettelementaryschool>

**Family Night at the Book Fair:
Tuesday, March 3rd 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

-Enjoy shopping time as a family and take a break from shopping for snow cones from Sip and Chill. We appreciate your support of our school's library and this local business.

-Mrs. Pennington's petting zoo will also be set up for students and families to enjoy. It's always a crowd favorite!

-Mrs. Little and Mrs. Pagart will be collaborating on fun and free STEM activities relating to Read Across America, as well.

-Stop by our PTO table for a fun drawing to win Scholastic Bucks to use at our Scholastic Book Fair!

-Cat in the Hat will be here for photos.



READ ACROSS AMERICA DRESS UP FUN AT PES

TO HELP US CELEBRATE BOOK FAIR WEEK AND READ ACROSS AMERICA (DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY),

LET'S DRESS THE PART IN A SUPER FUN WAY!



March 2nd-6th



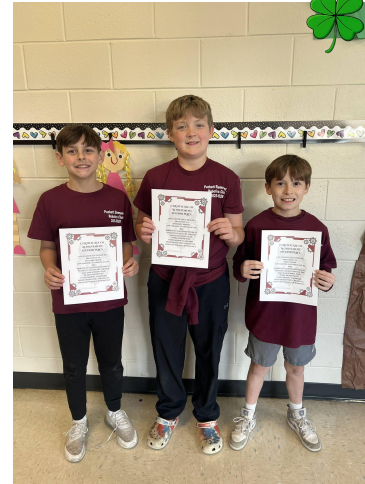
DAILY DRESS SCHEDULE:

- *Monday, March 2nd: Wear red, white, and/or blue in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday/ Read Across America Day at PES!
- *Tuesday, March 3rd: Cat in the Hat - Wear your favorite hat and come see Cat in the Hat at Family Night at the Book Fair!
- *Wednesday, March 4th: Wacky Wednesday - Dress wacky.
- *Thursday, March 5th: If I Ran the Zoo - Wear animal print or camouflage.
- *Friday, March 6th: Dr. Seuss' Book of Colors - Wear your grade level, PBIS colored t-shirt and tennis shoes for our Big Event.



Robotics Club 2025/26

1st Place
Hadley Hughes,
Clara Nelson, &
Holly Hughes



2nd Place
Ellis Mitchener,
Jameson Carroll, &
Ben Taylor



3rd Place
Jaecee Kennedy,
Hazle Teasley, &
Dalilah Dickerson



We are so proud of our first Robotics Club at PES! Our sponsors, Mrs. Little and Mrs. Lyle, worked alongside students throughout the year on designing, building, and coding their robots. They put their knowledge and skills to the test at our PES Robotics Competition held recently.

Reading Fair Results

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READING FAIR RESULTS

PRE-K - 2ND GRADE FICTION WINNERS

FICTION

PreK-K

Division 0 Fiction

1st Place	Amason Barrentine
2nd Place	Bailey Kate Hawkins
3rd Place	Knox Means
Honorable Mention	Jack Henry Smith
Honorable Mention	Andrew Mann

1st Grade

Division 1 Fiction

1st Place	Knox Bowen
2nd Place	Annie Gates
3rd Place	Gracelynn Chapman
Honorable Mention	Bryce Hawkins
Honorable Mention	Marjorie White

2nd Grade

Division 2 Fiction

1st Place	Beau Hawkins
2nd Place	Georgia Mangum
3rd Place	Baker Byrd
Honorable Mention	Callie Jenkins

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READING FAIR RESULTS

3RD - 6TH GRADE FICTION WINNERS

3rd Grade Division 3 Fiction

1st Place	Lettie Ray Tullos
2nd Place	Kambry Steverson
3rd Place	Ben Polk
Honorable Mention	Kaylee Holbrook

4th Grade Division 4 Fiction

1st Place	Stella Clay Therrell
2nd Place	Olivia Mann
3rd Place	Emma Jaymes Smith
Honorable Mention	Kaislee Pruitt

5th Grade Division 5 Fiction

1st Place	Jacee Kennedy
2nd Place	Jameson Carroll
3rd Place	Salter Rose Therrell
Honorable Mention	Langston Tyrone & Charlotte Baynes

6th Grade Division 6 Fiction

1st Place	Hadley Kelly
2nd Place	Ella Peak
3rd Place	Harleigh Hopper
Honorable Mention	Paisley Owens

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READING FAIR RESULTS
3RD-6TH GRADE
NONFICTION WINNERS

NONFICTION

3rd Grade Division 3 Nonfiction

1st Place	Jett Means
2nd Place	Bryce Thompson
3rd Place	Harper Sullivan & Grayson Gates

4th Grade Division 4 Nonfiction

1st Place	Finley Collins
2nd Place	Presley Lowery
3rd Place	Mary Falon Wilson

5th Grade Division 5 Nonfiction

1st Place	Clara Nelson
2nd Place	Hazlie Teasley
3rd Place	Kyzer Nichols
Honorable Mention	McKenzie Roberts

6th Grade Division 6 Nonfiction

1st Place	Dolly Bishop
2nd Place	Addison Thompson
3rd Place	Gavin Smith

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READING FAIR RESULTS

**THESE OVERALL WINNERS ARE
HEADED TO THE DISTRICT LEVEL
COMPETITION!**

The following students won OVERALL in their divisions for our school and will represent our school at the District Reading Fair.

1st Place Overall Winner PreK-K	Amason Barrentine
1st Place Overall 1st-2nd Grade Fiction	Knox Bowen
1st Place Overall Winner 3rd-5th Grade Fiction	Lettie Ray Tullos
1st Place Overall Winner 6th Grade Fiction	Hadley Kelly
1st Place Overall Winner 3rd-5th Grade Nonfiction	Jett Means
1st Place Overall Winner 6th Grade Nonfiction	Dolly Bishop

The following students and storyboards will represent us at the next level of the competition at the RCSD Reading Fair:

Jett Means, 3rd-5th Grade Nonfiction



Dolly Bishop, 6th Grade Nonfiction

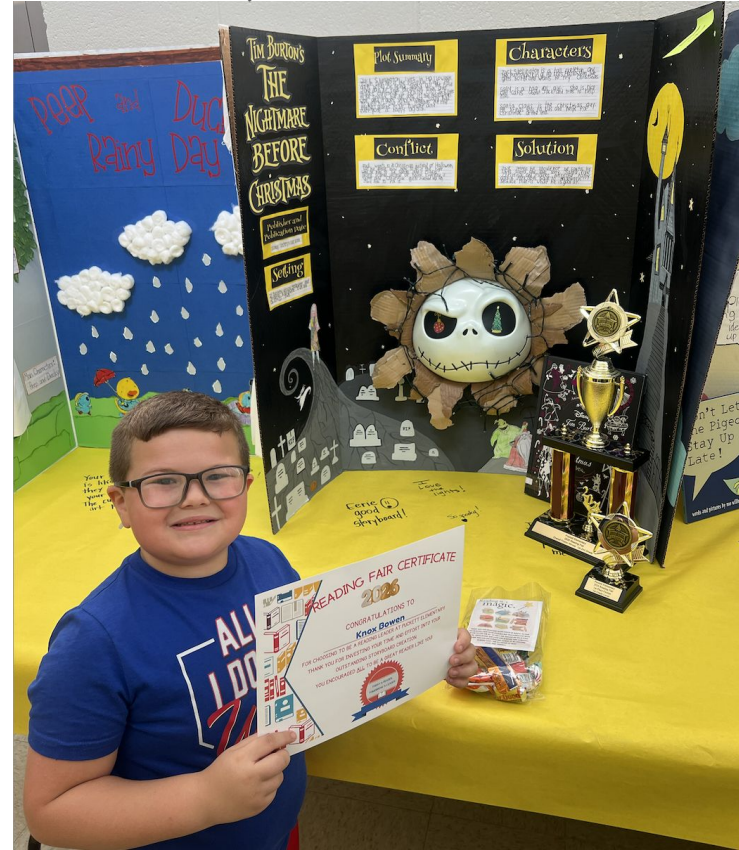


The following students and storyboards will represent us at the next level of the competition at the RCSD Reading Fair:

Amason Barrentine, PreK-K Fiction



Knox Bowen, 1st-2nd Grade Fiction



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Lettie Ray Tullos, 3rd-5th Grade Fiction



Hadley Kelly, 6th Grade Fiction



SIP & CHILL ICEE



at Puckett Elementary School Book Fair Family Night!

Hey there, Puckett Families!

Cool down and treat the kids while supporting literacy at Book Fair Family Night!

 **TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD**
 Tentative Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 On Campus — Puckett Elementary School

What We'll Be Serving

- ✓ Delicious Italian Ice
- ✓ Kid-favorite flavors
- ✓ Refreshing, colorful, and FUN
- ✓ Perfect for the whole family!



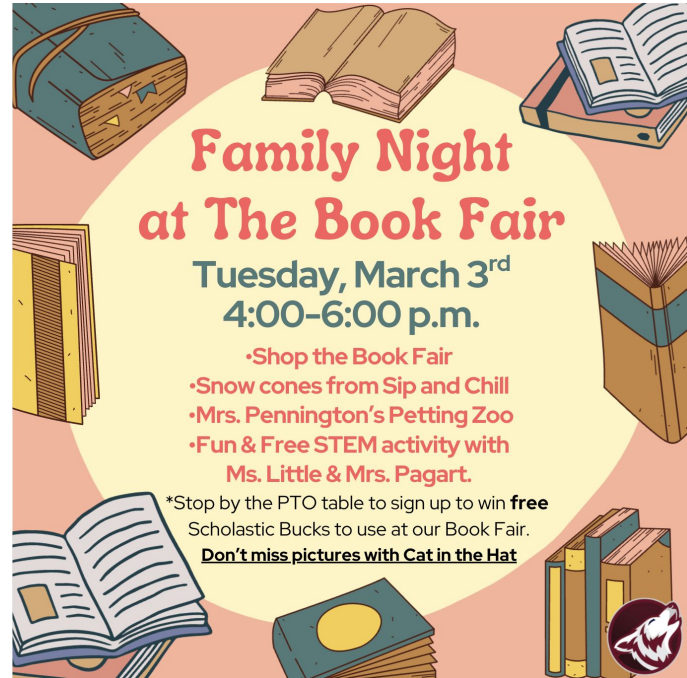
SMALL
\$4

MEDIUM
\$6

LARGE
\$9



Come join us for Family Night at the Book Fair! We will have Mrs. Pennington's Petting Zoo, fun and engaging STEM activities from Mrs. Pagart and Mrs. Little, a PTO drawing for Scholastic Bucks, Sip and Chill Icee snow cones for sale, and pictures with Cat in the Hat! Don't miss out on Family Night!



Family Night at The Book Fair

Tuesday, March 3rd
4:00-6:00 p.m.

- Shop the Book Fair
- Snow cones from Sip and Chill
- Mrs. Pennington's Petting Zoo
- Fun & Free STEM activity with Ms. Little & Mrs. Pagart.

*Stop by the PTO table to sign up to win free Scholastic Bucks to use at our Book Fair.
Don't miss pictures with Cat in the Hat!

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.

Last month’s edition featured Mrs. Polk, Ms. Williams, and Mrs. Bowen. Check back in our January edition, and we have faith you’ll see it clearly! :)

all about the younger me

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

WHEN I WAS A KID, I LOVED TO PLAY OUTSIDE! I WOULD MAKE FORTS IN THE WOODS, PLAY GAMES, AND RIDE MY BIKE! MY MAMA WOULD HAVE TO PUNCE ME COPE INSIDE WHEN IT GOT DARK. IF I HAD TO BE INSIDE, I LOVED TO PLAY SCHOOL. I LOVED TO GET OLD WORKBOOKS FROM MY TEACHERS, AND MY PARENTS PUT A WHITE BOARD IN MY ROOM!

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

ETHER PLAYING SCHOOL, OUTSIDE, OR AT CHURCH! MY DAD WAS A PREACHER, SO WE WERE AT CHURCH ALL THE TIME! SOME OF MY BEST MEMORIES OCCURRED AT CHURCH!

MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...

MY FAVORITE TEACHER IN ELEMENTARY WAS MRS. ELIAD. SHE WAS MY SECOND GRADE TEACHER. SHE MADE LEARNING SO FUN, AND SHE MADE ME FEEL SPECIAL.

MY FAVORITE TEACHER IN HIGH SCHOOL WAS MRS. ANDERSON. SHE TAUGHT ME 90TH GRADE ENGLISH. SHE REALLY MADE ME BELIEVE THAT I COULD DO HARD THINGS, INCLUDING WRITING A PAPER!

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: MATH
FAVORITE SNACK: A COKE AND SALTINE CRACKERS
FAVORITE COLOR: GREEN
FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE: SAVED BY THE BELL
FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY: DEFINITELY MY WIDE LEG LEVIS AND UMBRO T-SHIRT!

all about the younger me



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

make trails in the woods, creatively build forts in the pasture with haybells and sticks, ride bikes, play card games, or play basketball or softball.

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

either in the woods, the pasture, my backyard playing sports, or at my neighbor's house jumping on the trampoline!

★ MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...

Ms. Dorothy Day. She was my Spanish teacher. She always laughed with us, made jokes, and made me feel so special and loved!

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Spanish
FAVORITE SNACK: warm cookies and milk
FAVORITE COLOR: light pink
FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE: Saved by the Bell
FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY: bright shirt with overalls and a Swatch watch

all about the younger me



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

BE OUTSIDE!

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

AT THE BEACH!
WHEN WE WERE NOT IN SCHOOL OR PLAYING SOFTBALL I SPENT LOTS OF TIME AT THE BEACH WITH MY FAMILY.

★ MY FAVORITE TEACHER WAS...

Mrs. Cathy Allen is hands down everything it takes to be a great teacher. She did so much more than teach and for that I will forever be grateful for her.

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: SCIENCE
FAVORITE SNACK: REESES PEANUT BUTTER CUPS
FAVORITE COLOR: TURQUOISE
FAVORITE TV SHOW OR MOVIE: THE JUNGLE BOOK
FAVORITE OUTFIT OR ACCESSORY: RUBBER BOOTS

Happy Birthday to our March Student Birthdays!

Josiah Anderson
Olivia Mann
Layla Miller
Paisley Elmore
Samuel Smith
Isabella Solis
Jaxon Ingram
Ja'Liyah Magee
Jonah Williams
Khalee Hayes
Baylee Mize



Russell Wilmoth
Callie Lauderdale
Talon McCrory
Promyse Stewart
Mia Prince
Julia Partridge
MACY CLAIRE
Chatham
Tatum Ren McCrory

Guess The Younger Me: Cheat Sheet
1. Jessica Holyfield
2. Keri Martin
3. Beth Ann Palmer



Mystery Staff Clues

Please have your answers in by March 31st. Congratulations to Clara Nelson for guessing Mrs. Keri Martin correctly last month. Clara will win her favorite snack and drink.

1. What's your favorite color? Purple
2. What has always been a nickname people have called you? "Tricky"
3. When you were a kid like us, what were some fun things you liked to do?
Ride my bike and play outside
4. What's your favorite book? The Cormoran Strike Series
5. What's your favorite movie/tv show? Big Bang Theory
6. What's your favorite food? Pasta
7. What's your favorite song? "Callin' Baton Rouge"
8. If you could be any famous person in the world, who would you be and why?
Erin Andrews because she is a sports reporter and I could go to lots of sporting events.
9. When you're not at school, what are some hobbies you enjoy doing?
I love to travel to new places.
10. If you weren't an educator, what would another dream job be for you? Why?
A travel guide, so I could travel all over the world and experience different cultures.





Of the Month Club

Respect-showing others they are important by what you say and do

February Students of the Month



Landfair: Amason Barrentine

Tullos: BakerGrace Stubblefield

Shivers: Tyler Hayes

Holyfield: Ella Peak

Steverson: Dylan Marion

Holyfield: Matthew Bragg

Smith: Brantley Graham

Weeks: Jackson Smith

Bickerstaff: Luke Different

Palmer: Cal Cole

Spann: Kodi Earls

Pennington: Gentry Ellington

Williamson: Kadence Watford

Byrd: Promyse Stewart

Polk: Lakyn Throne

Jones: James Smith

Mann: Langston Tyron

Morrow: Ramsi Gregory

Martin: Austin Wigginton

Williams: TJ Smith

Pierce: Colsen Grant

Overby: Brice Thompson

Bowen: Lila Cole



Teacher: Ms. Williamson, Music

Staff: Mr. Rawley Cadenhead, Region 8 Counselor

Parent: Fran Bowman, Kindergarten Parent

Kindness Recipient of the Month: Dolly Bishop: 6th Grader, Khyllar Rawls: 4th Grader

March 2nd-6th	Scholastic Book Fair (Students will shop during their normal library day/time.)
March 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Book Fair Week begins. -Read Across America Day at PES -Student treat bags from PTO will be given out. -Guest Author, Ginny Walker Shurlds, will present her book to PreK-3rd. (8:00-8:30 1st-3rd Grade and 8:40-9:10 PreK and K) -Mr. Brian Smith will present <u>Yurtle the Turtle</u> and a history lesson to 5th grade 9:30-10:15 in the auditorium.
March 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mr. Greg Ledbetter will present <u>Green Eggs and Ham</u> and discuss with 6th grade at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium -Mrs. Regina Hutson will read with 4th grade in one of the 4th grade classrooms at 9:30 a.m. -Book Fair Family Night 4:00-6:00 p.m. <p>Mrs. Pennington's petting zoo will be here. Mrs. Little and Mrs. Pagart will be offering engaging STEM Seuss activities. Sip and Chill Icee Truck will be here selling snow cones, and Cat in the Hat will be here for pictures. Storyboards will also be on display for family viewing.</p>
March 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -4th Grade MISSISSIPPI, MY HOME program in the auditorium at 8:30 -Kindergarten Field Trip to Hattiesburg Zoo -Robotics District Competition at McLaurin
March 6th	PBIS Big Event / Last Day of the Book Fair (Packing up will begin at 11:00 a.m.)
March 9th -13th	Spring Break Week
March 17th	Bruckner's Spring Pictures - Class Group Pictures- Class Favorites Pictures
March 18th	PBIS Cart Shopping Day
March 19th	Report Cards
March 30	Kindergarten Cap and Gown (Bruckner's)

Important Dates

