



THE HORNETS NEST

Newsletter - March 2026

MARCH BOARD MEETING

CMS AWARDS



ELA

6TH GRADE

Jase Pitts - Highest Score

Darrell Wright - Highest Gain

7th GRADE

Taylor Pounds – Highest Score

Jolie'Reese lane – Highest Gain

8th GRADE

Eve Reeder – Highest Score

Opal Newgent – Highest Gain



MATH

6th GRADE

Amy Li – Highest Score

Triton Raybon – Highest Gain

7th GRADE

Jake Bailey – Highest Score

Logan Goodson – Highest Gain

8th GRADE

Payton Brueggeman and

Eve Reeder – Highest Score

Niko Galloway – Highest Gain

SPELLING BEE- COUNTYWIDE
WINNER - Eve Reeder
RUNNER UP - Kaydence Hagy



The VOICE of CMS
Eve Reeder



WRITING FAIR

6th GRADE

Emme Kate Donaldson – WINNER

Adeline Wheeler – 2nd PLACE

7th GRADE

Sariyah Wiggins – WINNER

Logan Goodson – 2nd PLACE

8th GRADE

Kamilah Merritt – WINNER

MaKenzie Gibbs – 2nd PLACE





**Heart of the
Hornet Award**

Dennis Hicks



**Hornet's Best Bus
Driver Award**

George Turner



FFA Creed in Spanish Region 6 Winner – Andrea Ayala Reynoso



FBLA – 2nd in State with an invite to National FBLA Convention in the area of Interpersonal Communications – Skylar Coppock

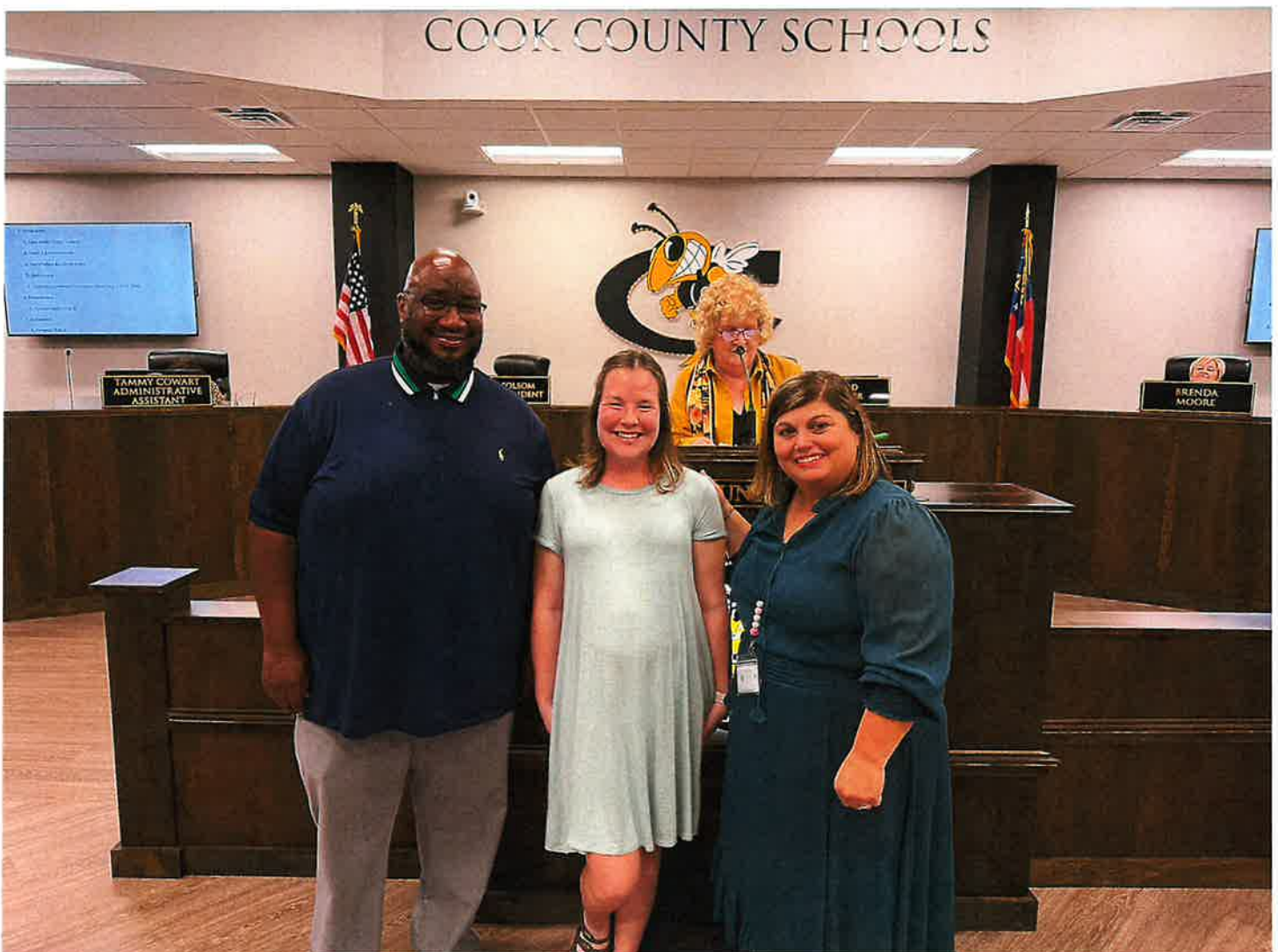


Band Festival

Seventh and Eighth Grade Band participated in Band Festival in Bainbridge. They were judged by 3 judges and received an **EXCELLENT** rating.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the CMS Band and Director Mrs. Hailey Taylor!!



School Board Appreciation Week



We appreciate your dedication to student success and public education!

**Chad Sumner, Sharon Locklear,
Brenda Moore, Jeff Taylor and Corkey Taylor**

NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK

We appreciate our district social worker and school parent coordinators



COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS

MARCH 2ND - 6TH, 2026

THANK YOU for all you do for our
STUDENTS and FAMILIES!!

CONGRATULATIONS

STAR Student and STAR Teacher

We are very proud to recognize Cook High School's **Kaden Goreczny** as the 2026 PAGE STAR Student. Kaden selected **Mr. Bill Durrance** as his STAR Teacher. This year marks Mr. Durrance's 5th selection as STAR Teacher, which speaks volumes to his continued passion for teaching and the impact he makes on his students' lives.

We are very proud of Kaden and the academic excellence he exemplifies at Cook High. This high achievement is sponsored by The Cook County Chamber's Education Development Committee. They were both honored at the Region 10 STAR Banquet in Valdosta on March 19th.



CPS Leader in Me Community Training

Student leaders shined as they answered questions from visiting administrators interested in our Leader in Me program!



Retired Educators Luncheon



Thanks for being some of the "BERRY" best!!



Thank you to CPS
students for
singing for us!



Cook County Schools

Highlights for SY25 CCRPI Scores

Cook Primary School

- Greatest increase: At or above grade level (SY24 67.68 to SY25 72.4) 4.72 increase
- Content Mastery (SY24 58.5 to SY25 59.3) 0.8 increase
- Readiness (SY24 82.7 to SY25 86.6) 3.9 increase
- Progress (CPS 98.5 to GA 86.1) 12.4 above the State
- Readiness (CPS 82.7 to GA 84.1) 2.6 above the State

Cook Elementary School

- Greatest increase: Readiness (SY24 83.8 to SY25 85.8) 2.0 increase
- Readiness (CES 85.8 to GA 84.1) 1.7 above the State

Cook Middle School

- Greatest increase: Progress (SY24 87.3 to SY25 94.0) 6.7 increase
- Content Mastery (SY24 63.5 to SY25 64.3) 0.8 increase
- Readiness (SY24 79.6 to SY25 83.6) 4.0 increase
- At or above grade level reading (SY24 64.83 to SY25 69.33) 4.5 increase
- Progress (CMS 94.0 to GA 83.1) 10.9 above the State
- Readiness (CMS 83.6 to GA 83.2) 0.4 above the State

98.8%
Graduation Rate




Cook High School

- Greatest increase: At or above grade level (SY24 66.82 to SY25 68.16) 1.34 increase
- Readiness (SY24 79.7 to SY25 79.9) 0.2 increase
- Readiness (CHS 79.9 to GA 75.4) 4.5 above the State
- Graduation Rate (CHS 98.8 to GA 87.2) 11.6 above the State

Areas of Growth

| | Content Mastery | Progress | Closing Gaps | Readiness | Reading At or Above Grade Level | Graduation Rate |
|-----|-----------------|----------|--------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| CPS | 0.8 | ★ | | ★ 3.9 | 4.72 | N/A |
| CES | | | | ★ 2.0 | | N/A |
| CMS | 0.8 | ★ 6.7 | | ★ 4.0 | 4.5 | N/A |
| CHS | | | | ★ 0.2 | 1.34 | ★ |

★ = Scored above State Average



ADEL COMMUNITY
FOOD DISTRIBUTION



If your family
could benefit
from extra
groceries, we
invite you to stop by
and receive a free food
box. We will also have a
limited number of hot
dog meals while they
last.

Feeding the Hornets

Cook County Food Distribution

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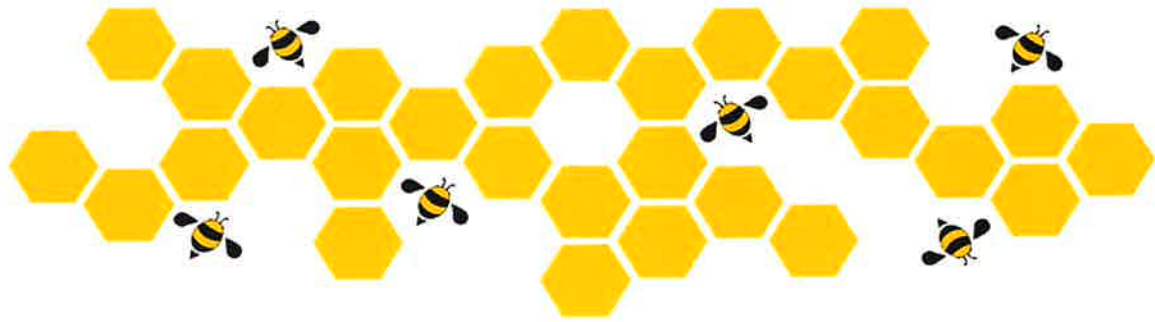
Distribution Hours

11 AM - 1 PM

Location

Outside the Cook
Middle School
Cafeteria

What's BUZZING around the NEST?



****Board Meeting - 5:00pm**

Monday, April 20

Monday, May 9

****Spring Break**

March 30- April 3

****Honor's Night - April 20 at 6:00pm**

****Educator's Night to Shine - April 23 at 6:00pm**

****Bus Rodeo - April 25 at 9:00am**

****Honor's Day - May 1 at 9:00am**

****Graduation - May 21 at 7:30pm**



Don't let
anybody tell
you
there is no
room to
bloom

HAPPY SPRING!!!