



THE HORNETS NEST

Newsletter - January 2026

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

CPS AWARDS



CPS STUDENT LIGHTHOUSE TEAM

President – Harlow Wilkerson

Vice President – Chloe Green

Secretary – Cooper Marlette

Chaplains – Freya Pinkney and Lexi Stewart

Reporters – Paityn Jones and Za'Riah Keys

Sergeant-at-Arms – Hayden Willis and Sarai Smith

Member -at- Large – Talton Weaver



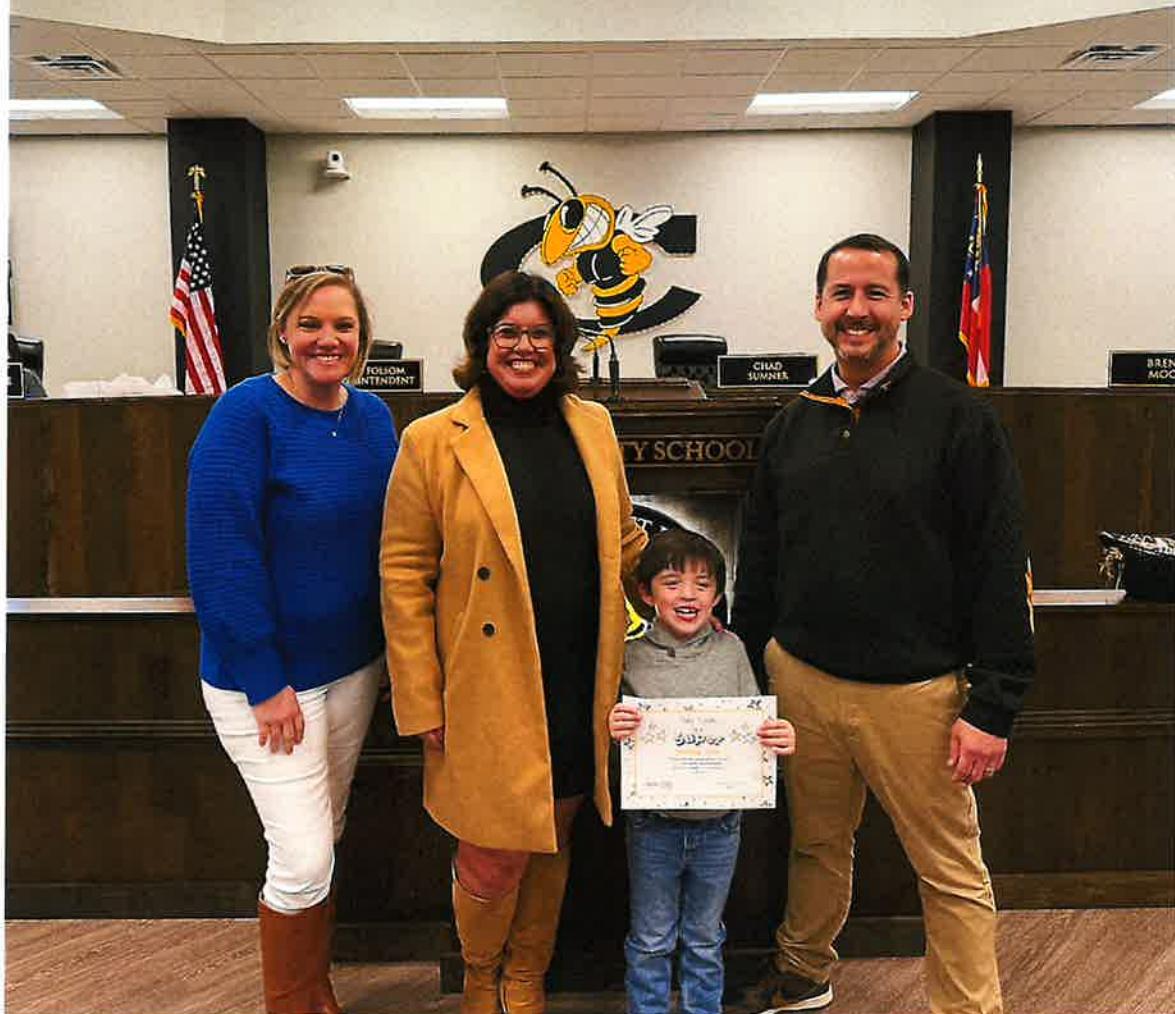
Highest Lexile for Grade Level:

K – Maddox Royal
1 – Zander Daniels
2- Lovely Prieto-Perez

Highest Quantile for Grade Level:

K – Colt Betts
1 – Cooper Marlette
2 – Chance Woods

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Super Shining Star
Tally Folsom

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**Heart of the
Hornet Award**

Tammy Davis



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Hornet's Best Bus

Driver Award

Isabella Patterson





Mrs. McElrath recognized the Special Olympics Committee who organized the first event for Cook County. The committee members were Mrs. Emme Watkins, Mr. Dustin Larkin, Mrs. Mychal Riley Marlette and Mrs. Rebekah Tew.

**Mrs. Folsom recognized
Mrs. Jackie Sparks for being
awarded the Certification of
School Business Administrator
of the Southeastern Association
of School Business Officials
(SASBO) for the 2025-2026
school year.**



State School Superintendent, Richard Woods, visited our schools on January 16, 2026 to present new ribbons for the Math Banner CMS earned last year. The ribbons were presented for the significant student growth and achievement our eighth-grade students showed on the Georgia Milestones 9th Grade Algebra Assessment.

Superintendent Woods also joined CES to celebrate our current fourth grade students who were recognized with the John Hancock Handwriting Award earned during the 2024-2025 school year.

CONGRATULATIONS
to CMS and CES for these outstanding achievements!!

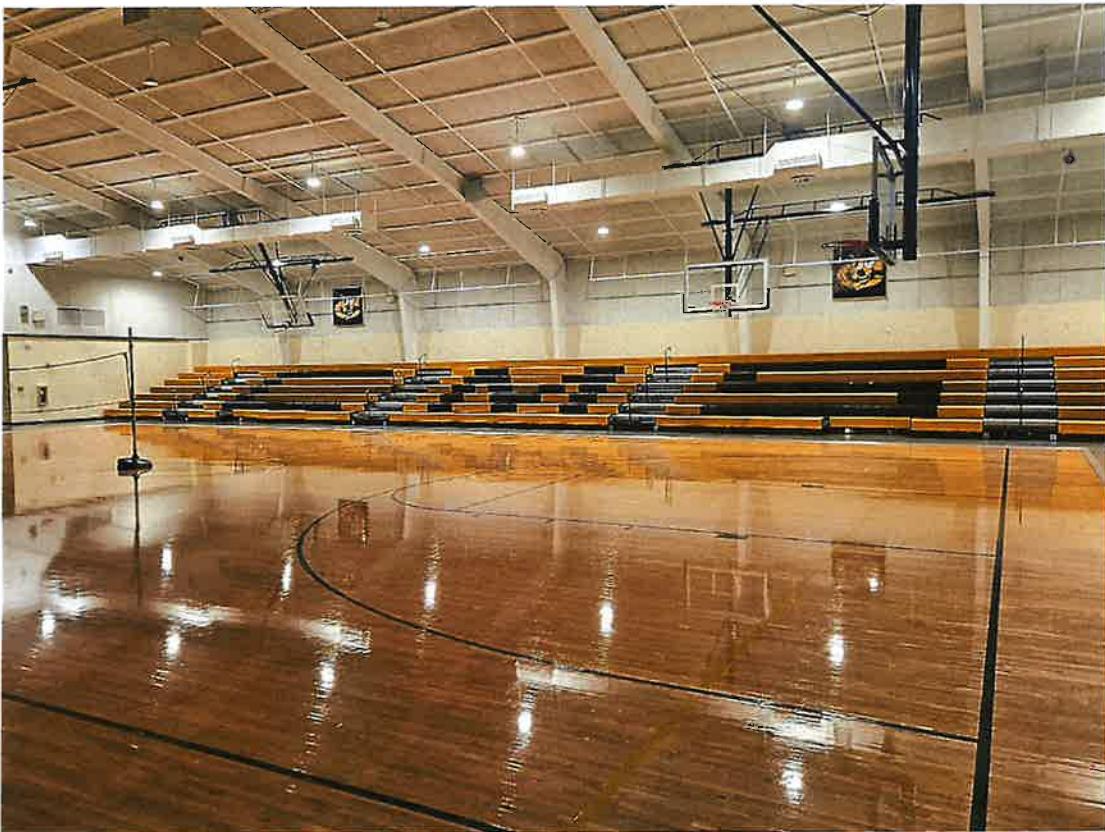


COOK MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

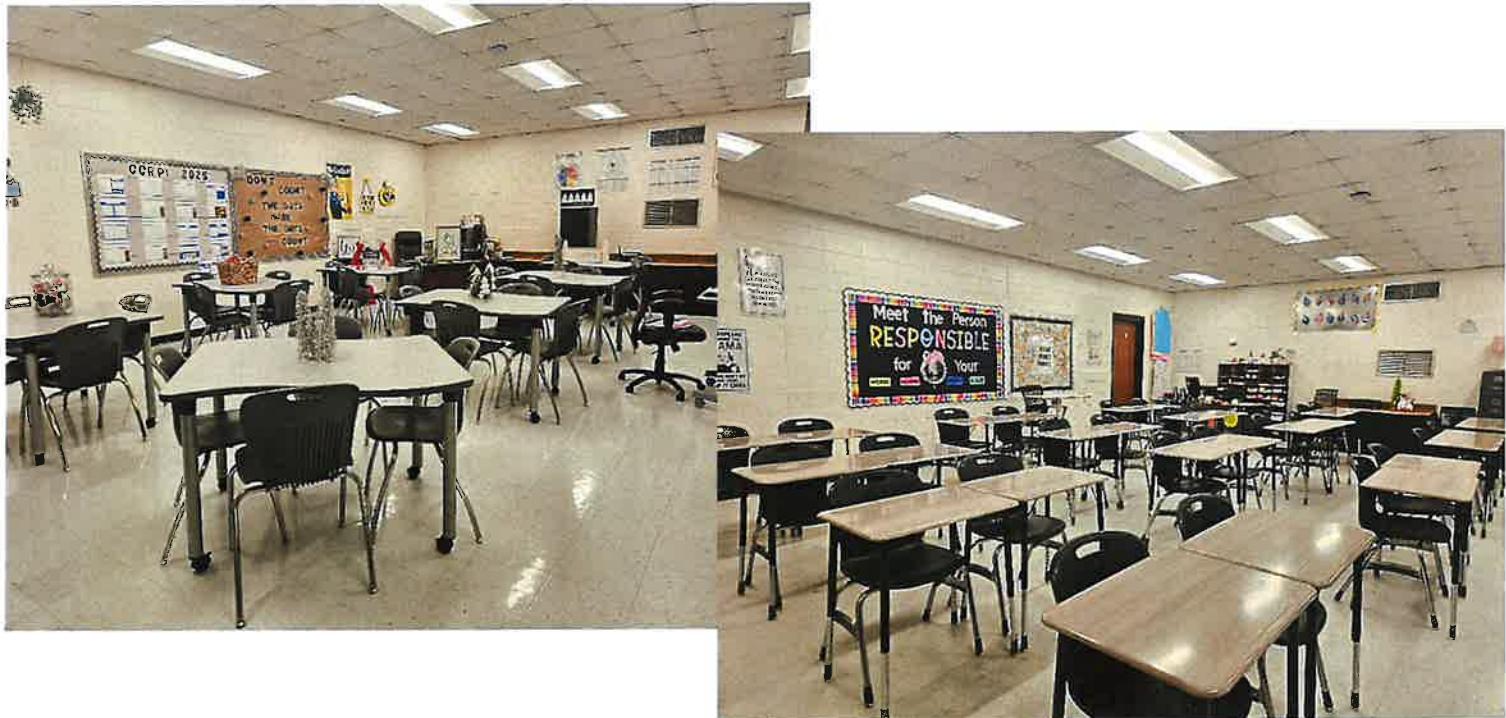
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Gymnasium



Classrooms



CONGRATULATIONS

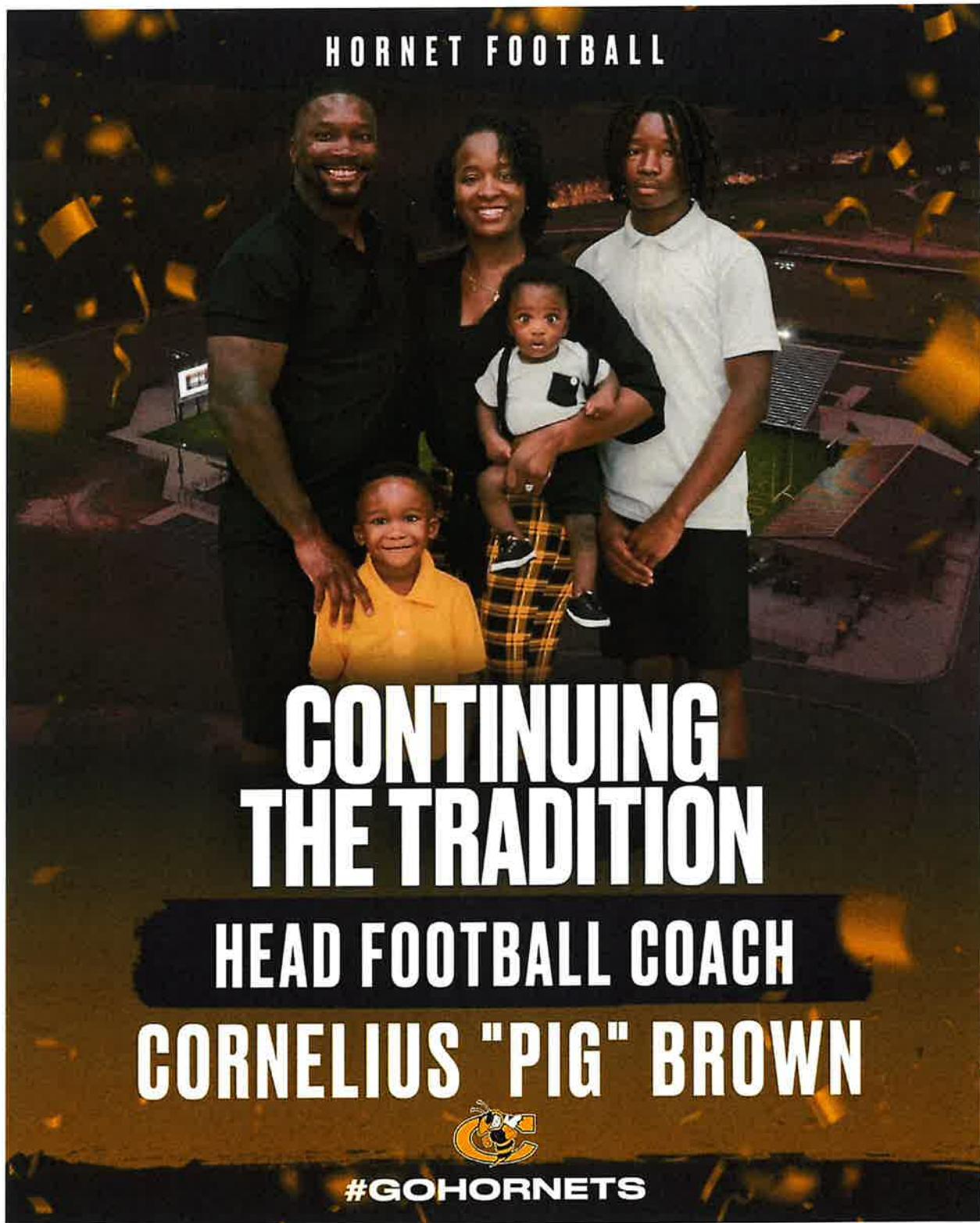
STAR Student and STAR Teacher

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.

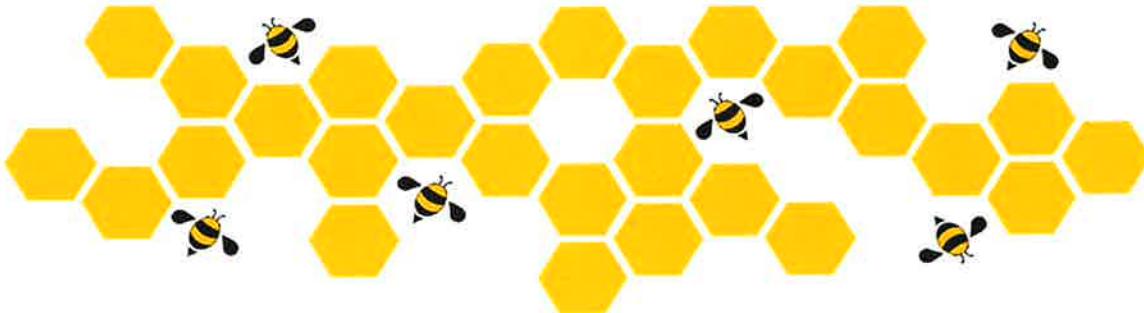
We are very proud of Kaden and the academic excellence he exemplifies at Cook High. This high achievement is sponsored by The Cook County Chamber's Education Development Committee.



CONGRATULATIONS
CORNELIUS BROWN!!



What's BUZZING around the NEST?



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

Monday, February 9

Monday, March 9

****Student/Teacher Holiday**

Monday & Tuesday, February 16 & 17

****Daylight Savings Time**

March 8

****March Holidays - Monday & Tuesday, March
16 & 17**

****In Service - Tuesday, March 17**

A New Year is GOD'S GIFT

In the joyful moments—
thank Him.

In the busy moments—
bless Him.

In the trying moments—
trust Him.

In the quiet moments—
praise Him.

—ROY LESSIN