



STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Hello February



We celebrate a time for giving here at the Lindsey Student Support Center! We partnered with the United Way of Central Georgia and Papa John's for a county-wide food drive and the outpouring was truly remarkable. The Lindsey Team was able to sort and package 82 bags filled with over 30lbs of food each including canned goods, rice, pasta, and other goods. The bags were delivered to Houston County families by our District Social Workers.



Several schools also contributed to this food drive including WIN Academy, Langston Road Primary, and Northside HS. When we set this campaign in motion, we could not have anticipated the tremendous response from our community. The General Manager from Papa John's has asked that we make this an annual event, so we look forward to growing this partnership.





Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

3 Distinguished Schools

CB Watson Primary
Miller Elementary
Shirley Hills Elementary



Kristen Brooks (SHES), Dana Brock (MES), Jason Pinkney (PBIS Coordinator), Monique Dawsey, and Alicia Conner (CBWPS)

The Georgia Department of Education recognizes districts and schools for supporting positive school climate through the implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework. The purpose of the recognition system is to identify schools that exemplify best practices in the implementation of PBIS. To qualify for state recognition, system schools must be in a LEA with active support through a District Leadership Team, District Coordinator, and a District Action Plan. The LEA must be actively supported by the GaDOE Team and local RESA. The Houston County School District is supported by Susan Barrow (GaDOE), Jennifer Jorns (MGRESA), and PBIS District Coordinator, Jason Pinkney.

8 Operational Schools

Bonaire Middle
Bonaire Primary
David Perdue Elementary
Houston County High
Mossy Creek Middle
Thomson Middle
Warner Robins Middle
Westside Elementary

The top two recognition levels are "Distinguished and Operational." To achieve these levels certain criteria must be met. Some of the criteria include meeting outcome data requirements and participating in specific GAPBIS trainings. For the 2022-23 school year, 3 schools in Houston County School District were recognized as Distinguished, which is the highest level, and eight schools were recognized as Operational, which is the second highest.



Ashley Watkins (BPS), Alyson Keenom (BMS), Angienik Allen (WES), Jason Pinkney (PBIS Coordinator), Jody Dean (MCMS), Jay Jones (HCHS), Andy Payne (DPES), Brett Wallace (WRMS), and Scott Wynn (TMS)

WINTER SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Veterans High School hosted the Special Olympics Winter Games on January 10th, 11th and 12th. Students from across the District participated in basketball and level A skills. The crowd was filled with excitement as they watched the students compete. The top 4 finishers for each event received awards. Veterans High School partners assisted with event set up, clean up, and even enjoyed painting some of our athletes' faces! The VHS Quartet did an amazing job singing the National Anthem, while the ROTC presented colors during opening ceremonies. As always, these events take a lot of time and preparation. We are thankful for all of the individuals, schools, and organizations in Houston County who teamed up to provide this opportunity for our Special Olympics athletes!





Partners Club

Where Dreams Come True

The Partners Club is a teens-helping teens organization to promote understanding and acceptance of individuals with disabilities. Friendships and community are established through the Partners Club. Houston County Career Academy's Partners Club has partnered with the Transition Academy for a bimonthly breakfast club. Students from the Transition Academy prepare breakfast for the twenty Partners that come from the Career Academy to participate in social activities. Thank you Ginette Trapp for leading the Partners Club and your partnership with the students at the Transition Academy.

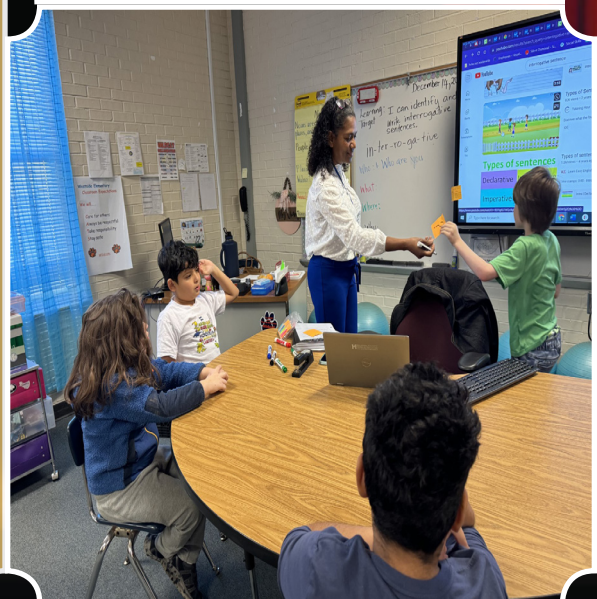


TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Our teacher in the spotlight this month is Mrs. Chang from Westside Elementary. Mrs. Chang brings a wealth of knowledge to our District from her thirty year teaching career. She began her career in Jamaica teaching kindergarten and second grade. While in Jamaica, she noticed many students struggled with reading. Mrs. Chang created a reading resource room for students in first through sixth grade to teach them how to read.

Mrs. Chang, along with her husband and two children, left their home in Kingston, Jamaica in 2004, and moved to Brunswick, Georgia. They resided there for 18 years, while she taught students in fourth through eighth grade. Mrs. Chang and family moved to Perry, Georgia, last year.

Mrs. Chang is very intentional about preparing her students for life after school. "Whenever I teach any concept, I apply real-world problems for my students to solve. I encourage them to think of college or a career they want to pursue after leaving high school. We investigate the qualifications needed. My students always have fun doing this because they start looking at the cars and the houses they want to buy." Mrs. Chang is proud to be part of "The Best Side," Westside Elementary, where there is a supportive team of administrators, teachers, and staff members. We are thankful to have Mrs. Chang as part of our team!



School Nutrition Program - Daily Motivation



January is a month for resolutions, and we love making and achieving goals! One of our ongoing goals is to educate our employees on food safety, ensuring that our students receive exemplary meals and services across the county. One way we achieve this objective is by having all new employees attend a two-day state training called ONE (Orientation for New Employees) that focuses on food safety, quality meals, and customer service. We also include ServSafe's Food Handler course for our new food assistants during this in-person training. Safety is our first priority and having well trained foodservice professionals plays an important role in protecting our students and staff!



"Everything's better when we're together"

The City of Warner Robins, in Partnership with the Homeless Coalition, donated 10 boxes of winter coats and 2 boxes of hygiene kits to the Lindsey Student Support Center on January 19th. This donation could not have come at a better time as the winter weather had been in full force. Previously that week, Lindsey Staff members had received phone calls from Northside HS, Lake Joy Elementary, and Warner Robins MS looking for coats for their students who had none. The donations from community partners warmed bodies and hearts.



Happenings
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Lindsey Student Support Center

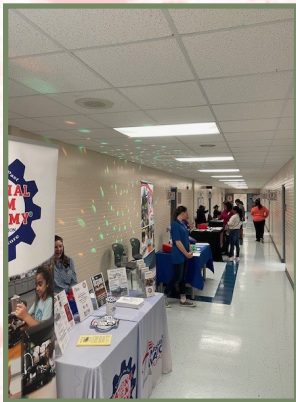


The Lindsey Student Support Center introduced a new after-school program called Target Tuesday. Replacing last year's To-Do-List Tuesday, this offering was designed for students grades 4-8 and focused on providing a fun engaging education-based activity. January's theme was "Lego Creations and Stop Motion Video." Facilitated by LSSC's Family Engagement Team, students were given a Story Outline where they could write the setting, characters, conflict, and resolution of their video. Then the fun began! Students dug through hundreds of legos to make creations and animate their stories. It was a fun and educational session!

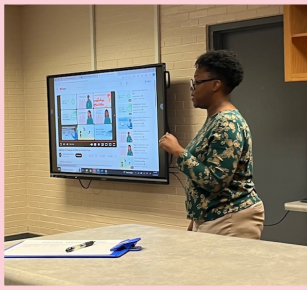
The Lindsey Student Support Center received a special donation to our food pantry in January. Mamas Latinas, a national organization of Hispanic moms, donated 12 boxes of canned and boxed food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. "When we organized the donation drive, we weren't sure how the community would respond", Chapter President Jacqueline Guardia said. "We knew it would be challenging to get donations from a group that is usually on the receiving side." Knowing the barriers that culture and language can create, Mamas Latinas wanted to donate items that would be familiar and comforting to the Spanish speaking community. "Many of the items are imported and come at great cost. We were just overwhelmed with the generosity of those who donated." The staff here at LSSC could not agree more!



Happenings at Lindsey Student Support Center



The Lindsey Student Support Center held its first annual Summer Camp Resource Fair on January 18th. The event, organized in partnership with Lindsey's Parent Mentor and Family Engagement Liaison, was intended to provide information to families throughout Houston County on various summer programs available to kids of ALL abilities. Representatives from Middle Georgia Equestrian Center, Warner Robins Recreation Center, the Museum of Aviation, 4-H, Apexx Martial Arts, Camp Big Heart, Focus Georgia, and more filled the halls of LSSC and shared information with more than 50 family members. The event was LSSC's most "liked" and "shared" post on social media platforms. As always, Mrs. Rosalín Rodríguez was onsite to support our Spanish speaking families, and the Lindsey Staff were able to escort several families to our Food Pantry and Resource Room. More than once during the fair, participants shared how helpful this event was. One Air Force TSgt and mom shared, "We're a military family with no connections here in Warner Robins, so this fair is just awesome. Thank-you!"



The Lindsey Student Support Center FAFSA Application Workshop was held on January 25th. Students and parents from Houston County, Perry, Veterans, and Warner Robins High Schools gathered for a presentation from Ms. Twyler Johnson, a Financial Aid Specialist from Central Georgia Technical College. It was an interational presentation where families were able to begin and in some cases, complete their student Federal Aid Applications. Utilizing LSSC's computer lab, students were taught to navigate the website and troubleshoot delays in their applications. HCBE Technology Specialist Mr. Terry Northrip assured the computers were up and running. ESOL Parent Liaison, Ms. Jessica Perez, was on-hand to support our Spanish speaking families.

Happenings at Lindsey Student Support Center

The Lindsey Student Support center hosted a free SAT Prep Course. Held on a cold Saturday morning in January, students from all five HCSD high schools gathered for over six hours of SAT and college prep instruction. The event was in partnership with Applerouth Education Services of Atlanta who sent an instructor and provided SAT Prep books for students. Breakfast and lunch were provided by community partners. The event was the culmination of months of preparation by Lindsey staff and high school counseling teams which worked together to target students who would benefit most from the service. A senior from Warner Robins High School said, "I saw the event on Facebook and told my mom I was going to sign up. When she dropped me off this morning, I was crying and crying. I have really bad test anxiety. But this class really helped me feel more confident and ready to take the SAT. I'm so glad I came!"



Campaign

Stop the Bleed

Stop the Bleed is a national campaign launched in 2015. The goal of the campaign is to build resilience by educating and empowering all citizens to be aware of the simple steps that can be taken to stop or slow life-threatening bleeding. Every school and bus in Houston County has a Stop the Bleed kit. Health Techs and School Nurses were trained on January 3rd, 2024, during the professional learning day.

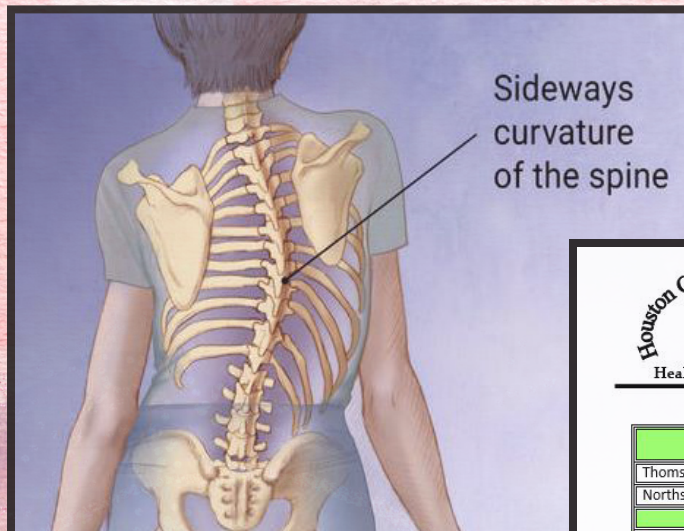
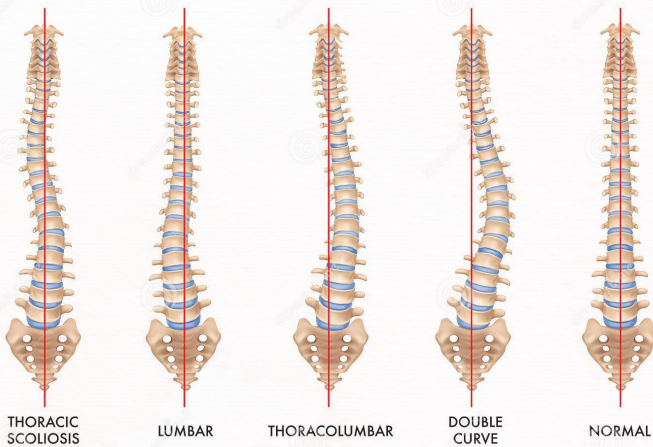
A student suffered a deep cut on his forearm at one of our high schools recently. Health Techs, Kristin Logan and Mozelle Johnson, applied pressure to the wound. When they realized that was not slowing the bleeding, they applied a tourniquet from the Stop the Bleed kit. The bleeding stopped almost immediately, and the student was transported to the hospital where he received stitches. We are so appreciative of the quick actions taken that day to Stop the Bleed!

To learn more about Stop the Bleed or to take the online training, visit stopthebleed.org.



Scoliosis Screenings

TYPES OF SCOLIOSIS



Georgia law requires scoliosis screenings for children in public schools during early adolescence. Houston County Schools will screen all 6th and 8th grade students for scoliosis. Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine greater than 10 degrees. Asymmetrical shoulder elevation, shoulder blade protrusion, waist fold, and/or arm hang distance can be signs of a significant spine curve leading to scoliosis. Students who show signs of scoliosis are referred to the Health Department for follow up. Screenings offer an essential tool in early detection and prevention. Over 3700 students will be screened this school year between February 12th-16th by our school nurses. These state required screenings are always a success because of the team work from the school health techs and staff at the middle schools. Thank you for your support!



2023-2024 Scoliosis Screening Schedule
February 12 – 16, 2024
Middle Schools: Grades 6th & 8th

Middle School	Date	Time
Thomson Middle	February 12, 2024 (Monday)	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Northside Middle	February 12, 2024 (Monday)	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Warner Robins Middle	February 13, 2024 (Tuesday)	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Feagin Mill Middle	February 13, 2024 (Tuesday)	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Perry Middle	February 14, 2024 (Wednesday)	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Mossy Creek Middle	February 14, 2024 (Wednesday)	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Bonaire Middle	February 15, 2024 (Thursday)	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Huntington Middle	February 15, 2024 (Thursday)	12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lindsey Student Support Center	February 16, 2024 (Friday)	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
HC WIN Academy	February 16, 2024 (Friday)	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.