

"Springing Forward!"

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BESSEMER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Pre-K is interactive and fun at C.F. Hard Elementary.



Meet the new members of J.S. Abrams' National Elementary Honor Society, after participating in the Induction Ceremony.



Jonesboro Elementary scholars celebrate Read Across America Week.



More than 300 super readers were rewarded with a field trip to see the Birmingham Squadron play!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Bessemer City Family,

We are springing forward in a variety of ways. I hope you are keeping up with the constant flow of good news we post regularly on our social media platforms. The great things our schools are doing academically and socially never cease to impress me! Kudos to the dynamic team of teachers, administrators, and staff members who continue to make BCS excellent.

As we head into spring break, I want to remind you of a few things:

- **Masks Optional:** Beginning April 4th, the wearing of face coverings will become **OPTIONAL** in Bessemer City Schools. We made that joint announcement with Birmingham and Fairfield City School Districts based on new health guidelines. Again, this is optional. Masks will still be available and allowed for those who choose to wear them.
- **ACAP Testing:** ACAP state testing begins when we return from school. Attendance is required on your child's testing days. We cannot stress how important this test is for students and the District. *Please, have your child present and on time.*
- The next Innovation Day is April 27.

We all know things will move very quickly when we return from spring break. So, please enjoy your time off from school. Unplug, unwind, relax, and reflect. Above all, stay **SAFE** and **HEALTHY**. We want everyone to return energized and ready to finish the school year strong!

Thank you,

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Dr. Autumm Jeter



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Superintendent of Bessemer City Schools



OUR EXCELLENT EDUCATORS



Congratulations to Ms. Linda Weist, recipient of the One Class at a Time \$1,000 grant from CBS 42 News and America's First! They're helping teachers and students thrive!



Congratulations to Ms. Selithia Holyfield. She is the March recipient of Alexander Shunnarah's Teacher of the Month honor! We are very proud of you!

Things get really exciting for students at Bessemer City High School. Pictured below:

- 1st photo: Amazing presenters at this year's Girls' Empowerment Day. Thank you for inspiring our future female leaders!
- 2nd photo: Seniors attend this year's HBCU/SWAC Championship event.



OUR COMMITTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS



District Attorney Lynneice Washington

Bessemer District Attorney, Lynneice Washington, inspires a host of students at J.S. Abrams Elementary during the Career Expo 2022.

Mayor Kenneth Gulley

Thank you to Mayor Kenneth Gulley for stimulating our scholars' minds! You left J.S. Abrams with so many nuggets of information and life lessons.



Tri-City Vaccination Clinic



Our collaboration with Birmingham & Fairfield City School Districts paid off with many people getting vaccinated and boosted. AND, some of them walked away with FREE gas cards. Win-win!

Amazon

Thank you to Amazon for donating to Jonesboro Elementary School! Jonesboro is starting a Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) store for their scholars to shop at after earning STAR bucks.



Burlington Dept. Store

Thank you to Burlington Department Store, newly located in Bessemer, for adopting Greenwood Elementary School as your partner school!



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Dear Board Members,

We appreciate your commitment to promoting excellence in education!

It's the constant things you do - such as devoting your time and energy to doing what's best for students. It's also the things you do behind the scenes - like this: Students pictured to the left are some of the beneficiaries of the contributions made by Board Member Rena Soles Scott. She joined City Councilor Cynthia Donald to provide monthly donations. This act helped the rest of the faculty and staff, and principal Dr. Robinson, C. F. Hard's 5th Grade Night Out a success.

On behalf of our students and employees, thank you all!

Dr. Autumn Jeter



REMINDERS

Spring Break Dates
March 28 - April 1
Return to school April 4

Innovation Day
April 27th

Pre-K Registration
Visit <https://prek.alaced.alabama.gov>