

# PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2021

## PBSD STAKEHOLDERS SPOTLIGHT

FORREST PARK/ GREENVILLE



**REYNOLDS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Delivered breakfast to the entire staff on the first day of school

BROADMOOR ELEMENTARY



**APRIL THOMAS AND MORTGAGE FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
provided school supplies, uniforms & backpacks for the students. They also provided lunch for the staff.

JAMES MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY



**PINE BLUFF FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
welcomed our staff, students & families back by opening car doors with the friendliest smiles on their faces.

DOLLARWAY HIGH SCHOOL



**APRIL THOMAS AND MORTGAGE FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
provided school supplies, uniforms & backpacks for the students. They also provided lunch for the staff.

JACK ROBEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL



**NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Updated the landscaping on our campus

PINE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL



**PBHS PTO MS. TRAMMELL HOWELL, PRESIDENT**  
Trammell Howell who provides a plethora of support to teachers

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY



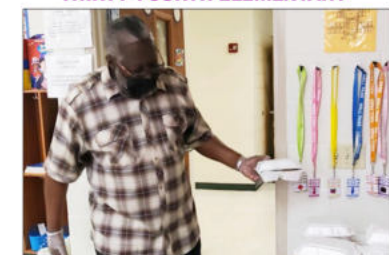
**GAMMA PSI SIGMA CHAPTER PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.**  
presented the school with a variety of school supplies for the teachers and students.

ROBERT F. MOREHEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL



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THIRTY-FOURTH ELEMENTARY



**MR. CHARLIE CANNON**  
Parental support who invests into our scholars future in various capacities.



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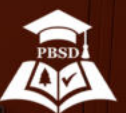
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## NO SCHOOL

Monday, September 6, 2021

In observance of Labor Day



## DID YOU KNOW...

PBSD, in conjunction with Arkansas River Education Cooperative Service, offers several non-traditional learning options. These options include:

- K-6 Virtual Academy • 7-12 Virtual Academy
- EXPLORE Academy • FLEX Academy • FOCUS Academy



Mr. Eric Elders is The Academies Coordinator and the principal for the FOCUS Academy which is located at 1301 Commerce Road... To be an eligible Focus student, the student must be in grades 5-12 and exhibit two (2) or more of the characteristics identified in Section 4.02.1.1 and Section 4.02.1.2 of the Arkansas Department of Education rules governing AE programs. These situations include, but are not limited to ongoing, persistent lack of attaining proficiency levels in literacy and mathematics, abuse: physical, mental, or sexual; frequent relocation of residency; homelessness; inadequate emotional support; mental/physical health problems; pregnancy; student has a child; personal or family problems or situations; recurring absenteeism; dropping out from school; or disruptive behavior.

Heidi Rowland is the campus principal for The FLEX Academy which is located at 2nd & Beech. The criteria for being placed at the FLEX Academy are the same as the FOCUS with additional barriers being considered. These barriers include academic, environmental, personal and income/work related. The FLEX Academy is for students in grades 9th-12th. Some of the great benefits of becoming a FLEX associate include the opportunity to attend partnering career centers, flexible options for learning through technology, jobs for America's Graduates Course, employability and workplace skills to make your resume stand out and job attainment and survival skills to help you earn money.

The EXPLORE Academy is the newest academy that our district has to offer and it is under the direction of Mr. Bateman. It is located at 4900 Dollarway Road. This academy focuses on 7th and 8th grade students only and allows them to explore STEM, the Arts, careers, and their future to help create a strong foundation for their high school career. The same criteria that the other academies use for placement also apply for the EXPLORE Academy. This academy was recently established from a grant that Arkansas River Education Cooperative Service received to support students in our area. The work is project based

The Virtual Academy is also operating for the first time this school year. The work aligns with Arkansas standards and is project based. Greg Moore is the School Improvement Specialist for grades K-6 and Rose Smith is School Improvement Specialist for grades 7-12.

## SOCIAL WORKERS: LIGHT OF DISTINCTION YOU HAVE BRIGHTENED OUR WORLD!

Mrs. Nikita Richardson-Lowe is a social worker at James Matthews Elementary School in the Dollarway Community of Pine Bluff School District.

Mrs. Lowe greeted and welcomed scholars back to school on the first day dressed as a mascot, "Pete the Cat," which she credits as the best part of her day! Ms. Lowe entered each classroom, accompanied by Mrs. Patricia Burnett, Dyslexia's Interventionist and Mrs. Taylor, Assistant Principal. The scholars expressed much joy and excitement as the mascot visited each classroom.

"I am so excited to be a part of an amazing team and district, while being able to be the light that is needed in such a dark time in this world! James Matthews is expecting a great year and we are just getting started," according to Mrs. Lowe.

Thank you, Mrs. Lowe, for brightening someone's world!



R - I - S - E  
ARKANSAS



R.I.S.E. (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence) Arkansas encourages a culture of reading by coordinating a statewide reading campaign with community partners, parents, and teachers to establish the importance of reading in homes, schools, and communities.

Goal 1: Sharpen the focus and strengthen instruction.

Goal 2: Create community collaboration.

Goal 3: Build a culture of reading!

This link features a variety of resources to assist parents with reading at home and to increase the depth of knowledge for teachers.  
<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/learning-services/rise-arkansas>

To subscribe to the R.I.S.E. monthly newsletter, register using the QR Code.

Parent-Teacher  
Conference

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST • NO SCHOOL

**HIGH SCHOOL DAY**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 | 3:00 PM

CAMPUS TOUR | COLLEGE FAIR | FOOTBALL GAME | AND MORE

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### CATAPULT TO VISIT DISTRICT (OCTOBER 18-21, 2021)

It is that time of the year again and Catapult is scheduled to come out to our district October 18-21, 2021 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Click here to sign up for an appointment before time slots run out.

Catapult is taking additional precautions to increase the safety of all staff and patients. Information about how Catapult is protecting our patients can be found here. Protective measures include temperature checks, completion of a COVID-19 risk assessment, disinfecting all equipment and surfaces, additional PPE for Catapult staff, and 6' spacing in the testing and waiting areas. Participants will also be required to wear a mask for the duration of their checkup.

As a reminder, any employee that completes a Catapult appointment will not need to complete the Health Risk Assessment as this is included in their appointment; however, if they test positive for nicotine, they will need to complete the Tobacco Cessation. Click here for more details on how to complete this program. Should you have any further questions, please contact us at 877-815-1017 (press 1, then 2) or AskEBD@dfa.arkansas.gov.

### Important Links

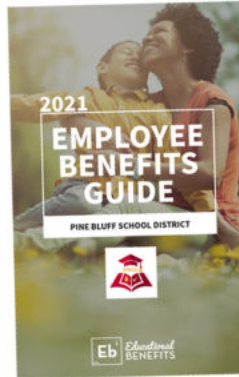
Customer Resource Center – [www.catapulthealth.com/ARBenefits](http://www.catapulthealth.com/ARBenefits)

Secure Patient Portal – [www.catapultcheckup.com](http://www.catapultcheckup.com) –  
The website for associates to access results after checkup.

Catapult Customer Support – [support@catapulthealth.com](mailto:support@catapulthealth.com) –  
Support for associates who need further assistance with their appointment before and after their checkup.

## EBI OPEN ENROLLMENT

Educational Benefits representatives were in the district for the past couple of weeks. Any changes made during open enrollment will become effective October 1, 2021.



Click on the 2021 Employee Benefits Guide Image to view the 2021 Employee Benefits Guide for the Pine Bluff School District



PBSD Employee Mr. Cary Clayton sits with an EBI Representative to discuss 2021 Employee Benefits



### PBSD HONORS SUBSTITUTES FOR DEDICATION DURING PANDEMIC YEAR

Pine Bluff School District, in conjunction with ESS, honors the substitutes who have worked the most in our district during the past school year, 2020-2021. Kristina Berry, Kalycya Hawkins and Jessica Scott have worked the most days. Ms. Berry worked a total of 179 days and Ms. Scott worked 172 days. These ladies subbed mainly on the campus of Jack Robey. Ms. Hawkins worked 179 days at Pine Bluff High School. These ladies were presented with a small gift from both ESS and the district.



PBHS 10th grader Jashaun Marks(left), receives his COVID-19 vaccine by Nurse Pamela Dorn (right)

## LET'S GET VACCINATED VACCINATION CLINIC

Doctor's Orders Pharmacy provided a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on August 20th. This clinic was for students with parental consent ages 12 and older. Staff members were also able to get vaccinated. Pfizer brand was administered, which will require 2 doses in order to be considered fully vaccinated with each dose administered at least 21 days apart. Clinics were held at Jack Robey, Dollarway High and Pine Bluff High.

Another Vaccination Clinic was held on Friday night, August 27th, at the PBHS vs Watson Chapel football game. The clinic was provided by the Jefferson County Health Unit.

For more information related to COVID-19 and how the Arkansas Health Department or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are responding to the coronavirus outbreak, please visit the following links.

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/>



# PERSON OF THE MONTH

## **FORREST PARK/ GREENVILLE**

*Students:*  
Kyleigh Gardner  
Jayce Madden

*Teachers:*  
Pearlie Wells  
Tomeka Smith

*Support Staff:*  
Wanda Hunter  
Rev. Jimmy Fisher

## **THIRTY-FOURTH ELEMENTARY**

*Students:*  
Haylee Brown  
Leyah Jackson

*Teachers:*  
Crystal Swiney  
LaSheia Madden

*Support Staff:*  
Shuronda Logan  
Barbara Dorn

## **BROADMOOR ELEMENTARY**

*Students:*  
Heavenly Packard  
Patience Guy

*Teachers:*  
Crystal Morris  
Gail Lang

*Support Staff:*  
Jamonte Franklin  
Debbie Reed

## **SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY**

*Student:*  
Xander Neal

*Teachers:*  
Lamekia Buckner  
Patricia Burton

*Support Staff:*  
Rachel Strong  
Aricka Smith

## **JAMES MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY**

*Students:*  
Morgan Farris  
Rashad Springs

*Teachers:*  
Jaleisha Barnett  
Kanasha Carmickle

*Support Staff:*  
April Williams  
Nikita Richardson-Lowe

## **JACK ROBEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL**

*Students:*  
Angel Muhammad  
Ginger Broadway

*Teachers:*  
Robert Kimball  
Steve Barnett

*Support Staff:*  
Tarrah Elerby  
Carolyn Goldsmith

## **ROBERT F. MOOREHEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Student:*  
Mablayshia Jenkins

*Teachers:*  
Matthew Jimerson  
Akeshia Seamster

*Support Staff:*  
Jaqueline Hamilton  
Debra Bell

## **PINE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL**

*Students:*  
Kennedy Crumpton  
William Howell

*Teachers:*  
Daniel Martel  
Annette Hatchett

*Support Staff:*  
Eric Mayfield  
Reverend T.W. Scott

## **DOLLARWAY HIGH SCHOOL**

*Student:*  
Jeremiah Warrior

*Teachers:*  
Heileigh Miller  
Baker Wells

*Support Staff:*  
Valarie Elders  
Ashley Steward