

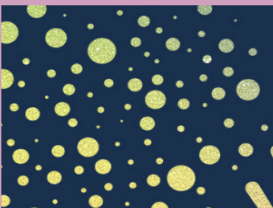
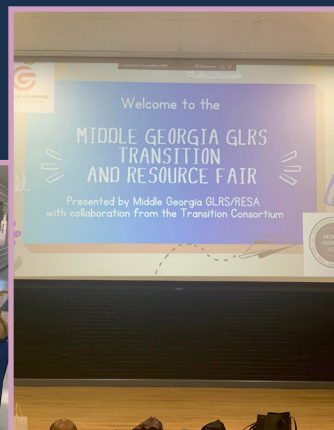


STUDENT SERVICES BOARD REPORT

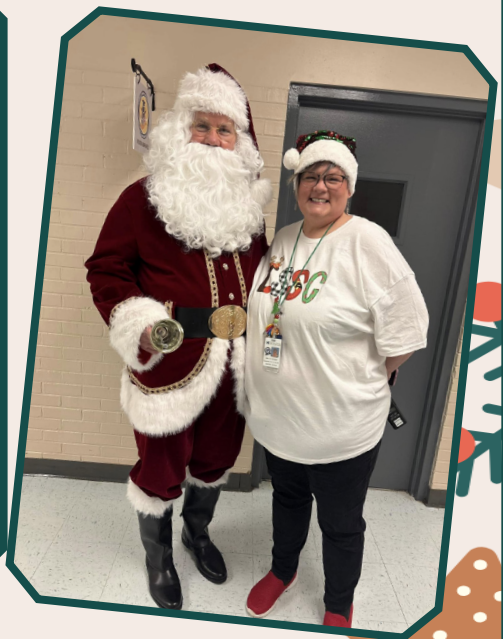
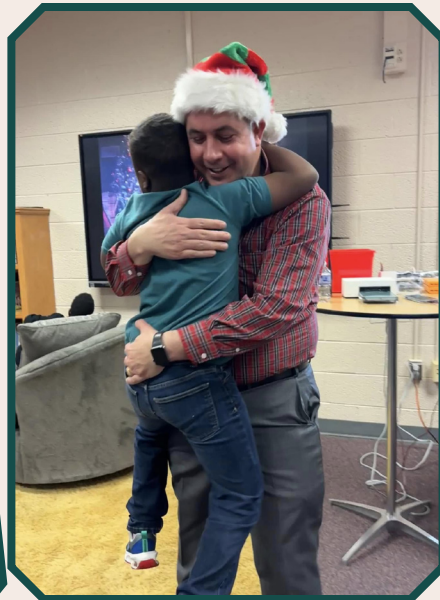
Middle Georgia GLRS Transition and Resource Fair

The Houston County School District, in collaboration with Middle Georgia GLRS, hosted a successful Transition Fair at the Lindsey Student Support Center on Thursday, November 21st. The event featured over 40 vendors and saw the participation of more than 300 students, creating a vibrant atmosphere for future-focused conversations. It provided a fantastic opportunity for vendors to engage with students about life after high school, offering valuable insights and resources.

Students from the Transition Academy played a pivotal role in the success of the fair. They worked tirelessly in preparation, even creating custom items to sell during the event. Their dedication and effort were clearly evident throughout the day. Organizing and hosting this event required tremendous planning and teamwork, and the result was an outstanding experience for all involved.



A Festive Holiday Event at LSSC



On December 19, the Lindsey Student Support Center hosted a festive holiday event for students of all ages. The event featured ornament making, and cookie decorating, with cookies donated by Pam's Cakes and Little Sweeties Cakery. Students also had the chance to meet Santa. In a delightful twist, Santa was portrayed by none other than Superintendent Dr. Mark Scott, who played the role with enthusiasm and warmth. Over 330 students participated and everyone enjoyed the event.



SOCIAL SERVICES

School social workers, Stephanie Canon and James Eustis, celebrated students at Veterans High School who completed their 1st semester with Perfect Attendance. Gift cards were donated by Dunkin Donuts.

MAKING SEASONS BRIGHT



OPERATION SANTA

Operation Santa is a heartwarming initiative that has been making the holiday season brighter for children in need within the Houston County School District for nearly 20 years. School social workers, along with community partners, come together to ensure that every child receives the support and joy they deserve, despite the challenges they may face.

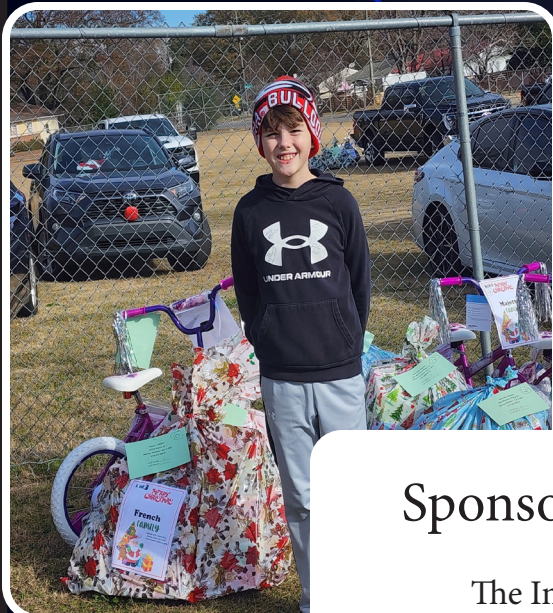
Through this program, businesses in the community play a significant role. Some businesses donate time to wrap gifts, others shop for gifts based on family profiles, and some contribute resources to ensure that no child is left behind during the holidays. A notable contribution came from the International City-Optimus Club, which allowed social workers to purchase gifts and necessities for students who otherwise might go without. Over 40 McKinney Vento students received gifts through the Angel Tree initiative, which was supported by employees from the school district's warehouse and central office.

The generosity of these community partners culminates in a special delivery on Christmas Eve morning, with the International City-Optimus Club distributing gifts to over 50 families. This year, Operation Santa supported 177 students, making a significant impact on their holiday experience.

Operation Santa serves as a powerful reminder of how compassion and community spirit can profoundly impact students' lives. With continued support from local organizations and individuals, Operation Santa is a shining example of how Houston County is leading the way in making the holiday season brighter for those who need it most.

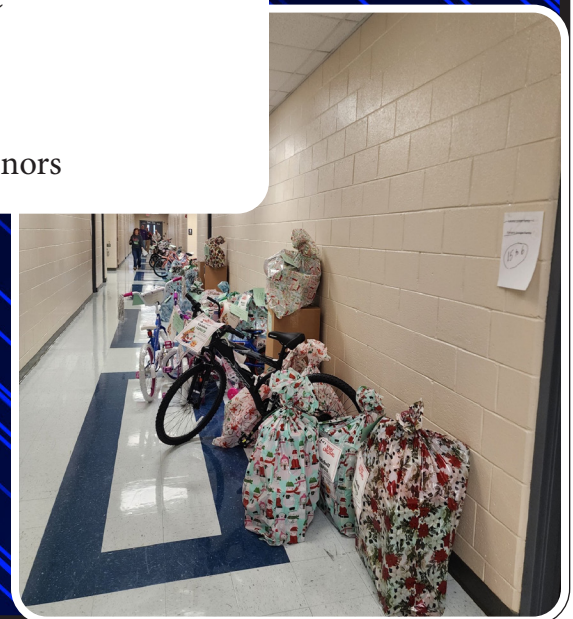
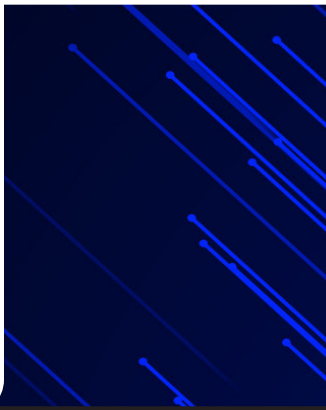


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Sponsors of Operation Santa:

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Transition Treasures – A New Chapter for Work-Based Enterprise at the Transition Academy

We are excited to announce that Transition Treasures is the second Work-Based Enterprise at the Transition Academy!

Building on the success of Casserole Creations, Transition Treasures is ready to showcase the creative efforts of our talented students.

December 13, staff and students showcased the unique designs and products from Transition Treasures at the Annex. District employees had the opportunity to purchase these one-of-a-kind creations.

Throughout the year, our students have dedicated themselves to developing new business ideas and crafting exceptional products. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and hard work!



A NEW YEAR AT THE LSSC

Beginner English Learner Class Graduation

Congratulations to the graduates of the beginner English class! WRHS ESOL teacher Maria Lemus and HCSD translator Rosalin Rodriguez held the final session of the semester, and celebrated the successful completion of the 10-week course by 8 students.



Spreading CHEER

The Houston County Cheerleaders generously donated 'Birthdays in a Pan' kits. December 12, They filled 20 sheet pans with everything needed to celebrate a birthday, including cake mix, ingredients, candles, tablecloths, and a birthday card. These kits will be distributed to families in need who may not have the resources to celebrate their child's special day.





Kings Chapel Elementary School Food Drive

November 22, our Kings Chapel Elementary School students organized a food drive to support the LSSC food pantry. They were excited to drop off all the donations they collected. Additionally, the students took the opportunity to visit our Resource Room and receive clothing.



School Nutrition Program: Creating Sweet Memories

This time of year, our school cafeterias are filled with warmth, joy, and festive spirit as we cook from the heart, bringing happiness to our students and their families with special holiday meals and treats. On November 21st, we kicked off the season with a countywide celebration of Thanksgiving, serving our traditional turkey and dressing. Many schools went above and beyond by welcoming families and guests to join their students for lunch, making the event even more special.

Then, on December 12th, we spread holiday cheer with our Christmas Dessert Day, filling the cafeterias with festive delights. The creativity of our school nutrition team truly shined as they crafted snow-dusted iced cakes, wreath-shaped treats, reindeer brownies, and cupcakes adorned with colorful “lights.” These festive treats brought smiles to the faces of everyone who had the pleasure of enjoying them.

At the heart of it all, our school nutrition team is committed not only to feeding our students but also to providing them with memorable experiences that make the season bright!

