

HOMECOMING EDITION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BESSEMER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

- Nelson Mandela

GO Purple Tigers! Thank you to all of the parents, students, employees, community organizations, vendors, and neighbors for celebrating Homecoming 2021 with us. It was fantastic! Special thanks to everyone who contributed to making our festivities a success.

As you are aware, we recently received and announced our assessment data from the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) test that students took earlier this year. Overall, I'm very proud of our performance. We will discuss scores and how we are planning for greater improvement during this week's Dinner with Doc, Wednesday, October 27th @ 6PM.

You may have seen some districts reexamining their mask practices. It is the decision of the Bessemer City Board of Education to retain our current mask requirements until further notice.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the principal of your child's school. I hope to see you at this Wednesday's Dinner with Doc on Zoom.

Thank you,

Autumm Jeter

Dr. Autumm Jeter

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Dr. Autumm Jeter
Superintendent of Bessemer City Schools



HOMECOMING 2021

Homecoming 2021 was a weeklong fest! Each campus in the Bessemer City School System had Tiger fever! Check out the photos we captured Friday of the parade and tailgating. Thank you to our Grand Marshall, Mrs. LaTisha Scott, Bessemer native and reality tv star!



VENDORS

Food was delicious! For those of us who showed up early Friday morning for setup, the aroma coming from the food trucks was so good we couldn't wait to taste it! Some of us couldn't help but grab plates early! Hey, you can't work on an empty stomach. Thank you to our vendors for supporting our event!

HOMECOMING WEEK

BCS Homecoming Week extended beyond the fun and games. We also incorporated awareness of important topics, such as breast cancer and domestic violence.



Thank you to Bessemer Area Chamber of Commerce Director, LaTasha Williams, and her team for your support of the school system.





Shout out, to the shining stars of BCHS!

BCHS Student: Jimichael Dixon

Most people look up to Superheroes, we here at BCHS look up to Super Students. So we would like to highlight a 12th grader, Jimichael Dixon. He has completed eleven Dual Enrollment Courses in Welding at Lawson State Community College, and Jimichael is currently working on his certification. Reach for your goals, Jimicheal, and continue to be the change you want see!

Written by: Miguel Lee, Corey Osburn, Zyrekus Moton, Jakayla Braxton



Ms. Angela Jackson

BCHS Teacher: Ms. Angela Jackson

We, here at Bessemer City High School, would like to let you in on a hidden jewel here on our campus. We recognize Ms. Jackson as our teacher highlight of the month.

Ms. Jackson is known for her continuous work with the Gear Up Program, and you can find her in room 1059. Just this year, she committed to being the GEAR UP Area Facilitator for the University of Montevallo here at Bessemer City High School. She has been teaching for over 20 years starting in Miami, Florida and several years here in Bessemer City Schools, as the Career Prep and Theater Teacher.

Ms. Jackson says, "My classroom door is always open and I'm always available to help the students any way I can. I am here to help, serve and encourage every student - whether you are a part of GEAR UP or not - to reach their full potential and beyond." Her open door policy and encouragement are why we at BCHS are lucky to have her.

If you see Ms. Jackson, please give her a high five and tell her how thankful we are for her!

Written by: Miguel Lee, Corey Osburn, Zyrekus Moton, Jakayla Braxton



Pictured: Ms. Williams, Mr. George, and Mr. Allen

Much love to our custodians!

National Custodial Workers Day was October 2nd! We send a special thank you to our custodial heroes who work diligently to keep our schools sanitized, clean, and safe for students and staff. Thank you, Mr. George, Mr. Allen, and Ms. Williams for all that you do!!



Mr. Jerome Cook



Mrs. Vera Eades



Mr. Lee Jones



Mr. Sam Morris



Mr. Amos Rembert

Mrs. Renna
Soles ScottMrs. Remeka
Thompson

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Greetings Bessemer City Schools Families,

We hope you enjoyed an outstanding week of homecoming activities. It was such a pleasure seeing many of you at the parade and game to celebrate our school system!

Congratulations to our new board officers: Mr. Lee Jones, our new BCS Board President and Jerome Cook, our new Board Vice President. We have much to be proud of in light of what we have accomplished this past year, and we look forward to what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Your Bessemer City Schools Board of Education Members

AMAZON & BESSEMER CREATE FUTURE ENGINEERS!

You may have noticed a stronger presence from Amazon within Bessemer City Schools. That's due to an important partnership aiming to support our district and student learning. Since this summer, Dr. Renee Holley has been working steadfast with Amazon to implement its National Future Engineers Program in Bessemer City Schools.

Students can take advantage of three components of the program:

1. **Explore** provides introductory computer science activities to K - 12 classrooms.
2. **Learn** offers Computer Science courses utilizing Amazon's curriculum partners. There is also an annual Teacher of the Year Award.
3. **Build** is a wonderful opportunity for our high school students. Amazon selects 100 high school seniors to receive a \$40,000.00 college scholarship if the student majors in Computer Science. There is also a paid summer internship with Amazon.

We are rolling the program out in phases to ensure its success.

For more information, visit the pages below:

- <https://www.amazonfutureengineer.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mc-UKizdaCM>



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESTHILLS ELEMENTARY

Here's a little peek!



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

We would like to send a shout out to Mrs. Darris and Mrs. Luke for their fun and creative celebrations of Hispanic Heritage with the students at Westhills. In this picture, students are learning salsa!!

Welcoming James Spann

Students were eager to hear from nationally renowned meteorologist, and Alabama's own, James "The Man" Spann. Westhills was even featured during his evening forecast!



Thanks Dr. George!!

Shout out to our Mighty Tiger Cub Principal, Dr. George, for diligently working with all community stakeholders for continuous school improvement and parent involvement. She has helped Westhills accomplish so much this school year.

HBCU Week

It's never too soon to start thinking about college, and Westhills drove that point home this year during HBCU week. Many colleges and universities were represented!



J.S. ABRAMS ELEMENTARY

SEPT/OCT

The learning never stops at J.S. Abrams Elementary, and neither does the fun! Check out how students celebrated Homecoming and Hispanic Heritage month.



Hispanic Heritage Month

Appreciation of culture is important at Bessemer City Schools. Throughout the month of September, J.S. Abrams students took a fun journey into Hispanic heritage. They read children's books by Hispanic authors, participated in fiestas, danced, and more!

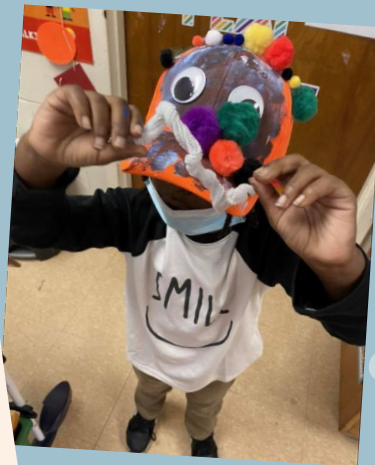


Spirit Week

AT J.S. ABRAMS ELEMENTARY

From Sock Day to Hat Day, Spirit Day and more, the students and staff at J.S. Abrams celebrated homecoming week with heart & soul!

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Reminders!!



Dinner with Doc

This Dinner with Doc will focus on student learning. We will discuss ACAP test scores, the Literacy Act, and take parent questions.

Wednesday | Oct. 27th
6pm
via Zoom

Please, join us!

Join our PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

We are looking for parents to join our newly developed Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC Members will serve as a designated voice for parents. The group will meet quarterly with Superintendent Dr. Jeter. They will give input on student-related topics from a parent perspective.

If you're interested in serving, please send an email to BCSparent@bessk12.org.

BESSEMER CITY SCHOOLS
Teaching Effectively, Leading Successfully

Parent & Family Engagement

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2021

FAFSA help is available via Zoom and In-person Meeting.

20 OCT	COPS & CONVERSATIONS: BULLYING ZOOM 10:00 AM
21 OCT	LIMITLESS MENTORING ZOOM 6:00 PM
26 OCT	COPS & CONVERSATIONS: BULLYING ZOOM 1:00 PM
27 OCT	DINNER WITH DOC: TEACHING & LEARNING ZOOM 6:00 PM
28 OCT	MATH MATTERS ZOOM 6:00 PM
09 NOV	COPS & CONVERSATIONS: INTERNET AWARENESS ZOOM 11:00 AM

BESSEMER CITY HIGH TIGERS

2021 FOOTBALL

20 AUG	RAMSEY	RAMSEY - LAWSON FIELD 7:00PM
27 AUG	GARDENDALE*	BESSEMER TIGER STADIUM 7:00PM
3 SEP	HUEYTOWN* ALLIANCE NIGHT	BESSEMER TIGER STADIUM 7:00PM
10 SEP	NORTHBRIDGE* YOUTH NIGHT	BESSEMER TIGER STADIUM 7:00PM
17 SEP	MCADORY* SPIRIT NIGHT	BESSEMER TIGER STADIUM 7:00PM
24 SEP	SIDNEY LANIER	SIDNEY LANIER - CRANTON BOWL 7:00PM
1 OCT	PAUL BRYANT	PAUL BRYANT - STAMPEDE STADIUM 7:00PM
8 OCT	OPEN	
15 OCT	BROOKWOOD	BROOKWOOD - BILLY JOE YOUNG FIELD 7:00PM
22 OCT	HILLCREST TUSCALOOSA* HOMECOMING	BESSEMER TIGER STADIUM 7:00PM
29 OCT	JASPER* SENIOR NIGHT	BESSEMER TIGER STADIUM 7:00PM

HOME* | 7PM KICKOFF

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