

Seasons Greetings

"From the Bessemer City Board of Education, we wish you a safe and joyous winter break."



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Tis the Season!

Message from your Superintendent

Dear Bessemer City Families,

I am so proud of our teachers for utilizing this time to teach our students two important life lessons: community service and cultural appreciation. Through their annual Angel Tree donations, students surpassed their usual toy donation by 50%! They gave their time and resources to purchase gifts for 75 of our neighbors in need. Our fine arts students blew us all away with a fantastic holiday concert. Some of our elementary students participated in "Christmas Around the World," where they learned the various ways other cultures celebrate the holidays of this season.

As we depart for the winter break, I want to encourage you to pay attention to your mental and emotional health needs. This can be a very difficult time for many of us. Children are spending more time at home, some families are facing financial hardships, and mental health concerns have increased across age groups. A joyous time can suddenly become stressful and frustrating, or even depressing in some cases. Please, reach out for help if problems become too hard to handle in a healthy way. For a parent's guide to teen depression, you can always visit our website at Bessk12.org/parentguidetoteendepression. You may also visit suicidepreventionlifeline.org or call 1-800-273-8255 for helpful resources.

On behalf of all everyone at the Bessemer City School District, we wish you a warm and peaceful winter break. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!

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This season our young scholars are...

Giving back!

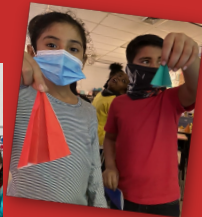
Angel Tree Donations!

Thanks to the overwhelming response from BCT and BCHS students, more children will receive presents this Christmas! This year, students adopted 75 "angels." That's a massive increase from their usual 50!



Exploring other cultures!

BCS Fine Arts presents a Christmas Musical & Theatrical Concert. Cheers to a fantastic job by our students from J.S. Abrams, C. F. Hard, Greenwood, Jonesboro, Westhills Elem. Schools - and the talented Bands & Choirs of Bessemer City Middle and High Schools!



Westhills Elementary School explores "Christmas Around the World." Each grade level represented a different country, and learned the various ways other cultures celebrate.



Check out our adorable little Santas at Jonesboro Elementary.



And enjoying friends!



Our "DEER" scholars at Charles F. Hard Elementary!

Congratulations Teachers & Students

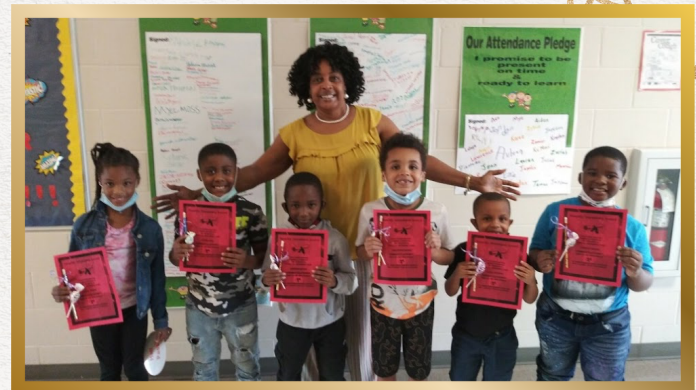


Mr. Willie Davis, 3rd grade Lead Teacher at Charles F. Hard Elementary, was selected as the Alexander Shunnarah Teacher of the Month. He has also been named Teacher of Honor for international education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi.

Six scholars from **C. F. Hard Elementary** who have achieved perfect attendance are getting surprised with new bicycles. We appreciate the members from Caring Men & Caring Women and the FOX 6 news team. Thank you for rewarding greatness in our scholars!

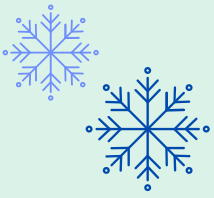


Our amazing Physical Education Teacher, **Coach Benita Gordon**, of Greenwood Elementary School, has been awarded The Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports Grant. The funds will be used to purchase equipment that will benefit our students! We also congratulate Coach Gordon on becoming a National Board Certified Teacher.



Meet the inaugural members of **Jonesboro Elementary School's** newly - established student council! They were just inducted in December.





FRIENDLY REMINDERS



Winter Break

- BCS winter break is from Monday, December 21, 2021 - Tuesday, January 4, 2022
- Students return to school **Wednesday, January 5, 2022!**
- BCBS Virtual Academy Second Semester is January 5, 2022 - May 25, 2022



Toy Giveaway & Food Boxes

All students 4-17 are invited to a Toy Giveaway and Food Box Drive
Saturday, December 18 at Debardelaben Park
3 PM - 5 PM

January 2022 Dates to Remember

- January 13th - Bessemer Board of Ed work session
- January 17th - Dr. Martin Luther King Day (observed)
- January 18th - Bessemer Board of Ed board meeting

January is School Board Member Recognition Month

We look forward to honoring our valued board members!