

HURRICANE WINDS

BEN HILL COUNTY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER: FEBRUARY EDITION 2024

February is National Children's Dental Health Month



Thank you to Dr. Leah Cook for coming to teach our Wee Canes about dental health month at Ben Hill Preschool.

Clements Kudos



*Congratulations to the BHMS Girls and Boys Basketball Teams on winning their conference championship.

*Congratulations to the BHMS baseball team on their win over Irwin Thursday.

*Congratulations to Malcom Burris and Matthew Cowan on winning individual area. They, along with Tyler Griffin, Brodie Coleman, and Jacob Nicholas will compete in sectionals next weekend at Rockmart High School. Go Canes.

*Thank you to all our CTAE teachers in the district and our school counselors for everything they do for our students!

*FCA banquet was held last night. Congratulations to Amelia Lee and Calvin Tillman for being FCA Fitz athletes of the year.

*Next Friday- the one book, one district with BHP and BHE will have a celebration to announce the new book. This will promote reading not only at school but at home.

*Congrats to our FLEX finalist: Marijane Martinez, Laila Johnson and Avery Harper.

Winter Break is on the way!



Jacobs is presented with Literary Coaches Ring

Blane Jacobs was presented this morning with his Literary Championship ring. Laila Johnson was the Literary Championship winner for FHSCCA. It was a great surprise this morning to honor a man who has dedicated his life to students through literary, musicals and his church youth group. Congratulations Blane Jacobs! Way to go Canes!



February is CTAE Month



February is CTAE Month. It is time to celebrate the instructors that work daily to teach our students about Careers, Technology, Agriculture and Education. Thank you to the following CTAE teachers:

FHSCCA:

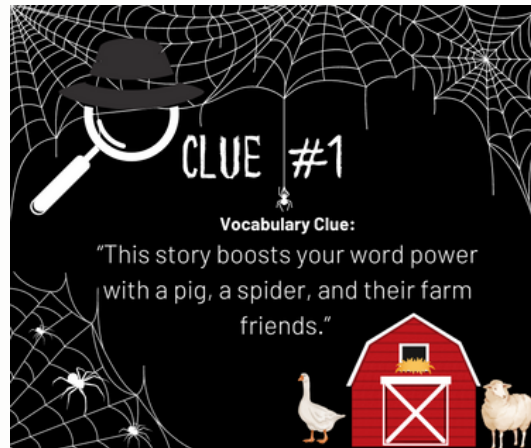
Abby Holt, Brenda Staley, Paige Farabow, Cindy Hendrix, Myra Durden, Chrys Milner, Casey Cross, Rob Garber, Harry Tucker, David Evans and Lynn Gay

BHMS:

Kaylee Cowan, Michael Barnes, Katrina Vaughn, Nicole Menge, Bailey Bryant and Amanda Dubreuiel

We are so glad you are part of our Team!

Ben Hill Primary and Elementary Schools Unite Home and School through One District, One Book Family Reading Program



Almost 1,200 Ben Hill County students will bring home a copy of the same book, and begin reading it with their families on Friday, February 16. It's all part of a unique, national family literacy program called One District, One Book from non-profit Read to Them designed to strengthen the educational connection between home and school. This book will be distributed on Friday, February 16, 2024 to the children at Ben Hill Primary and Ben Hill Elementary Schools. The title is a surprise with clues coming out daily for our students. The students are getting excited about this fun reading opportunity.

One District, One Book is a family literacy program from Read to Them, a national non-profit based in Richmond, Virginia. The organization's mission is to create a culture of literacy in every community. "The secret sauce of family literacy is to create a symbiosis between home and school. When students see their book being read and shared and discussed at home and school, they are surrounded by the culture of literacy," explains Read to Them Director of Programs, Bruce Coffey.

Ben Hill County Schools are focused on improving literacy and will join the schools and districts across North America who have undertaken this family literacy strategy. Families will read and discuss the book together at home. In school, students will experience dynamic assemblies, answer trivia questions, and engage in creative extension activities.

Read to Them's family literacy programs have reached over 2 million families in over 3,000 schools in all 50 states (and 6 Canadian provinces). A continually growing body of research demonstrates that children who are read to at home are better prepared to read, succeed in school, and graduate. www.readtothem.org.

***Stay tuned to Facebook for more details daily on the book clues.

Growth Measure Celebration/ STEAM day at BHES



BHES is celebrating Growth Measures and STEAM day today during school. The students are going to stations in the gym and the multi-purpose room. Our students are doing the following activities: Hula Hut, Snow Creations, Heart Catapult, Paper Plate Frisbee, Cup Stacking, Paper Airplanes, Lego Tower, and Dash Robot. The students are having an awesome day.



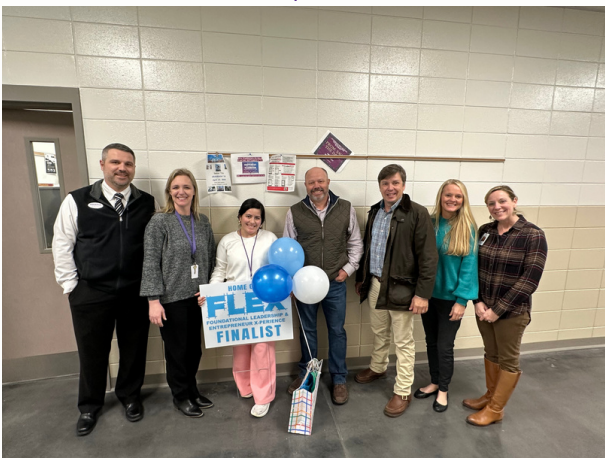
FLEX FINALISTS



A+ Marketing: Avery Harper



Laila's Lace Ups: Laila Johnson



Events by Marijane: Marijane Martinez

100th Day of School

Students at BHPK, BHP and BHES celebrated 100th day of school on January 23, 2024. The students dressed the part of someone 100 years old. The students had a great day.



FCA Banquet : Lee & Tillman were named FCA Athletes of the Year

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet was held last night at Wiregrass Technical College. FCA has been such a strong organization in our community between Ben Hill and Irwin counties. The coaches and students have done an awesome job of spreading God's word on and off the field.

Coach Jahyna Anderson, FHSCCA Lady Canes Soccer coach, presented the female athlete of the year to Amelia Lee. Amelia has demonstrated leadership, grace and passion for not only soccer, but her fellow teammates and her community. Amelia is a senior at FHSCCA and a part of FCA at FHSCCA.



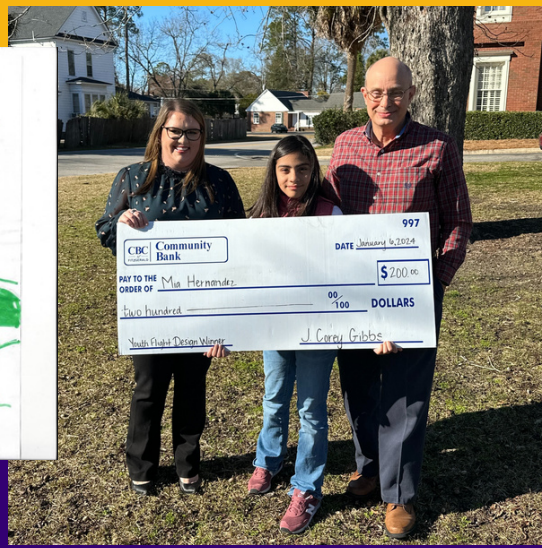
Coach Tucker Pruitt, Purple Hurricanes head coach, presented Calvin Tillman with the male athlete of the year for FHSCCA. Calvin demonstrates enthusiasm, determination and motivation in the game of football, basketball and in his community. Calvin is a senior at FHSCCA.



The student testimony was given by Molly Ring, 8th grade student at Ben Hill Middle School. Molly stated that FCA has been a huge gift in her life bringing her passion for Christ to her school. She thanked Luke Smith, CFI pastor and FCA staff member, for his support in helping her further her passion for Christ.

The banquet's keynote speakers were Von Lassiter, Houston County Football Coach and Fromm's former coach and mentor, and Jake Fromm, Washington Commanders QB and former UGA QB. Coach Lassiter and Fromm did a QA where they talked about what FCA meant to them individually and how through this organization, it had continued to bring them closer to God in their adult lives. Coach Lassiter is an exceptional coach, mentor and friend to Fromm and it showed in their dynamic talk.





Youth Flight Art Drawing Winners are named

The Youth flight day is coming up. Each year our Elementary and Middle school students are able to compete in the Youth Flight art contest. The winner gets to have their art displayed on the Youth flight tshirts for this year. The tshirts and the competition are sponsored by Community Bank.

Lindsey Kinnett, CBC representative, and Art Anderson, Youth flight day coordinator, presented checks to our top 3 drawing winners.

The winners are:

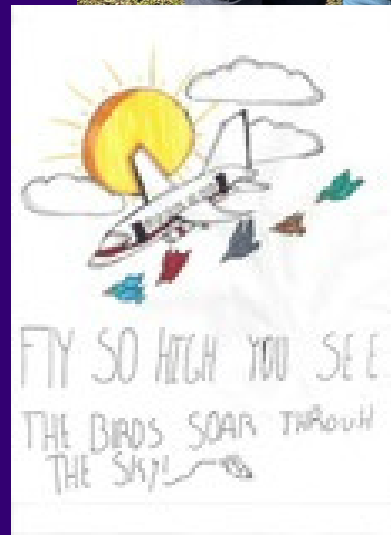
1st Mia Hernandez (BHES) \$200- 1st photo

2nd Kimberly Araiza (BHMS) \$100- 2nd photo

3rd Yahairy Avila (BHES) \$50- 3rd picture

All the drawers were amazing. Thank you to all who participated in this drawing competition.

Thank you to Community Bank, BHES art teacher Stacey Tyson and BHMS art teacher Dianne Lhotte.



BHMS honors All As and AB Honor Roll with breakfast

Ben Hill Middle School hosts their Term 2 Honor Roll Breakfast on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. There were 120 students that were awarded certificates for either All A honor roll or AB honor roll at BHMS. The students were served biscuits and juice for a treat this morning. Congratulations to these Canes!!!

All A Honor Roll for 6th Grade: Front- Will Rodgers, Cason Revels, Lexie Lee Clemons, Liza Dix, Shaelyn Harper, Cristelle Cobb, Nicholas Rogers, Kaydence Sirmans, and Autumn Mitchell. Back- Jaidyn Lundy, Tate Luckie, Ellie Petrie, Morgan Wilson, Colton McCurdy, Ahaviyah Martin, Kimberly Araiza, River Dawn Padgett, Kylie Howell and Myla Heitzman

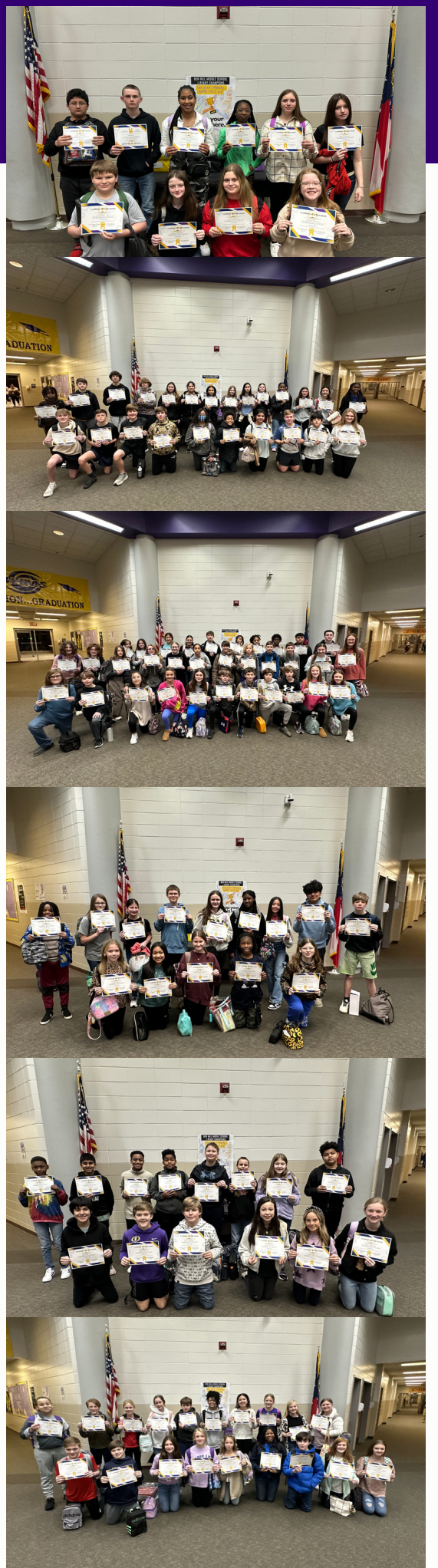
AB Honor Roll for 6th Grade: Front- Brian Cruz, Landon Sims, Ryan Hamilton, Nataly Serrano, Kenslie Griffin, and Curstyn Ferguson Back- Zander Lotharp, Gauresh Patel, Telvin Stewart-Gaulden, Jayden Gilkes, William Smith, Lorne Wampler, Chloe Davis, and Melvin Watson Not Pictured: Angel Gandy

All A Honor Roll for 7th Grade: Front- Asa Whitaker, Jackson Holley, Victoria Ayala, Ella Herlovich, Laura Lee Calhoun, Bryson Chaney, Harper Branch, Eli Merritt, Peyton Faircloth, Anna Katherine Clark, and Analea Coleman Middle- Clayton Boxey, Aniston Burnam, Amelia Peebles, Karson Luke, Laiken Brown, Samantha Vega, Wood Bryant, Wes Garner, Taylor Reese, Turner Reese, Ava Mayes, and Grayleigh Youngblood Back- Emily Sims, Chloe Nipper, Kholie Fowler, Biana Araiza, Kyle Jackson, Kolby Smith, Ka'liyah Cain, Braelyn Coley, Jesse Sirmans, and Jake Clements Not Pictured: Allyson Woods

AB Honor Roll for 7th Grade: Front- Braelyn Chaney, Andrea Bravo, Addie Davis, Zy'kia Darden, and Abbigail Young Back- Joshua Baker, Karly Powell, Avery Stembridge, Edward Hill, Callie Jacobs, Sanaira Ferguson, Luis Alamilla, and Jordan Anderson Not Pictured: Alexa Torres-Barajas

All A Honor for 8th Grade: Front- Trae Roberts, Brooks Merritt, Ellis Dix, Brady Brown, Estrella Macario, Carsyn McCuthen, Jace Heitzman, Vincent Avila, and Natalee Moore Back- Kayveon Parker, Caden Cowan, Cohen Griffin, Levi Sinyard, Sarah Conner, Evelyn Garcia, Jiraiya Adams, Mylie Frazier, Kimberly Easom, Daisy Francis, Kailyn Glover, Roxie Gibbs, Marisol Falcon and Koreyanna Andrews Not pictured: Kaine Griddens, and Miguel Hernandez

AB Honor Roll for 8th Grade: Front- Chaz Greene, Bailey Slaughter, Emmie Fletcher, and Karma Clark Back- Jason Huerta, Carter Snowden, Harmony Milsap, M'elayah Benton, Willoe Padgett, and Lillyann Harper Not pictured: Jim Coronel-Perez



Happenings in Events

-  KINDERGARTEN TEAM A PRIDE PROGRAM~ FEBRUARY 16TH
-  ONE DISTRICT. ONE BOOK REVEAL~ FEBRUARY 16TH AT BHP AND BHES
-  WINTER BREAK: FEBRUARY 19- 23, 2024. RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH.
-  READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK AT BHP ~ FEBRUARY 26- MARCH 1ST
-  VIRTUAL DAY~ STUDENT LED CONFERENCES FOR BHP- FHSCCA
MARCH 29TH- BHPK WILL RESUME NORMAL SCHOOL DAY.
-  SPRING BREAK~ APRIL 1- 5, 2024. RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024.

For Athletic events, visit our website at www.ben-hill.k12.ga.us-click on Athletics at the top of the page -go to the sport to see all of the sport schedules.

** New Website coming for the district and schools. Plan to launch July 2024. Great things are happening!



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on Facebook at Ben Hill School District