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Walking On The Purple Carpet!



By: Jose Ramirez

Once again Pike County Elementary School hosted its annual homecoming activities. The activities include, attendant ceremony, pep rally, and parade. Each grade level had one overall attendant with the exception of sixth-grade. Sixth-grade had three attendants, a boy and a girl from each classroom. The six graders elected **Ra'Niya McCray, Queen and Braylin Jackson, King.**

First Grade:

Sadajah Carter, Leo Mitchell

Second Grade :

Keyonna Foster, Kobian Steward

Third Grade:

Noah Terry, Payton Adams

Fourth grade:

A'zhoree Eutsey, Noel Richman

Fifth Grade:

Courtney Christian, Brooklyn Topkins-Halls

Sixth Grade:

Jakiyah Hyman, Vivian Holland

Zakeilian Adams, Antavious Redmon



The Principal's Corner: A Word From Mrs. Arnold



Seasons' Greetings to all of you!

We are so glad to be a part of the greatest; I said the greatest elementary school on the planet! Our students work so hard and we scored number 1 in the county for test scores. Testing is not, the only thing that makes our students great but we are working on treating each other with dignity and respect. Our students are showing great initiative by participating or creating book clubs, choir, band and so much more. I am so proud of all of their accomplishments. Then our faculty and staff show so much compassion and excitement in the things that our students accomplish and each other. We are without a doubt proud of our school. PCES students, faculty, parents and staff along with our community helpers work together for the good of our students. Please don't stop coming and assisting with all we do and if you have not been, well we look forward to seeing you.

Teacher of the year!

Written by Wyatt Nameny



Q. How do you feel about being teacher of the year?

A. Being teacher of the year is exciting. I am elated to have such wonderful co-workers

Q. What do you like most about teaching?

A. What I like most about teaching is seeing the students achieve and master skills.

Q. Do you feel your students look at you not just as a teacher but as a role model?

A. Yes I do.

Q. What are your goals next year as a teacher?

A. My goals next year as a teacher will be to make sure my students are comfortable with me so that they may be successful in that school year.

Q. Why do you think you won teacher of the year?

A. I feel that my co-workers and administrators recognize the potential I have.

Q. What are some qualities teachers of the year should have?

A. A teacher of the year should be willing to educate students regardless of their race, gender or learning ability. Also a T.O.Y should reflect the qualities that are required by the school system.

Mayor Boyd Reveals Her Vision for The City of Brundidge

Interview by Star Bryant

Recorded by Brooklyn Jones

Pictures taken by Jakiyah Hyman

Q: What is your vision for the City of Brundidge?

A: My vision for the City of Brundidge is for it to grow.

Q: What gave you the desire to run for Mayor?

A: At one time, I was a City Council Person and I thought about running for that position again, but my granddaughter said “In the Bible, it states don’t ever look back.” I thought that was good, so I decided to seek the office of Mayor instead of a City Council position.

Q: What is the greatest part of being Mayor?

A: The greatest part is that I’m faced with a lot of challenges, but they keep me moving. I have several ideas that will benefit City of Brundidge that will in turn lead to growth.

Q: What challenges have you overcome?

A: I have not had many since I’ve been in this office because everything has been moving rather smoothly. God has blessed me with good people that work for me and with me. Everything that I ask for, I pray that it comes in small sequences and God and the citizens of Brundidge are pleased with my decisions and those of the council.

Q: What does the citizens of Brundidge have to look forward to next year?

A: There is going to be a Boys and Girls Club coming in January. We are going to start on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday. It is going to be located at the Galloway Park Community Center. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, The Boys & Girls Club will be at Pike County Elementary School.



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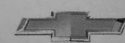
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Ms. Wheeler Retires After So Many Amazing Years

By: Brooklyn Jones

Q: Do you ever miss working at Pike County?

A: Of course, I miss working here. I miss you guys a lot also.

Q: How does it feel to be retired?

A: It is a blessed feeling with mixed emotion. When you are used to doing something for 30 years, you kind of miss it.

Q: What made or inspired you to become a counselor?

A: Well I became a counselor after being a speech path for 12 years. I felt like I can get in a position that can help more with the younger mind.

Q: Do you still give kids and adults advice?

A: Believe it or not yes, I do still give people advice all the time. They call and ask also.

Q: Did you love working at PCES, Why or why not?

A: Yes I loved working here cause, I got to meet new beautiful hearts and faces like yours. You guys taught me something and I wish that I taught you guys something.

Q: Where did your journey start for being a counselor?

A: There weren't any elementary counselors at the time and the state of Alabama was trying to get elementary counselors in the schools. I decided to go to school and my degree in counseling in order to fill that position

Band Time!

Written by Rylee Brooks and Josiah Richburg

Band is giving students more opportunities to learn to play an instrument. These students choose from many instruments, such as a saxophone, a flute, a trombone, a drums, etc. They have learned the songs “Jingle Bells” and “Baby Shark.” Being taught at a young age makes it easier to memories notes and how to play them, because being taught at an older age makes it harder to learn. The students participating in band may have a very bright future ahead of them if they continue on this path. When they go to band, you don’t see sad faces. You see smiles are students that are eager to learn to play. They can impress you with their talent at such a young age, learning two songs before Christmas. The students participating in this class are teaching their parents and playing for their families while learning to play better than they ever had before. The Pike County Elementary School band is made up of 5th grade students. They have learned to play all the notes on their instruments. When they are working on their songs, they work like a team, striving to do the best that they can.



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By: Rylee Brooks

Piggly Wiggly

The Brundidge Piggly Wiggly opened in 1985. Mr. Stanley Garrett is now the owner but the original owner was his father, Johnny Garrett. Stanley started in the grocery store business when he was 8 years old bagging potatoes. When asked if he ever wanted to do anything else he said, no and he was happy with his career choice. He has been married 29 years to his wife Jennifer and has two children, Adam and April. Adam is the store manager and April is a student at Auburn University.

Mr. Stanley says it takes a lot of hours, lots of work, and lots of fun to own a business like his. He said teamwork is very important and everyone has to work together to have a successful business. He has 25 employees and about 10 of those are high school students. He said the best part of his job is getting off at 11:00 a.m. and the hardest part is getting everyone to show up for work and do his or her job. When he is not working, he likes to ride motorcycles and go to the lake. Thank you for all your hard work and services!!



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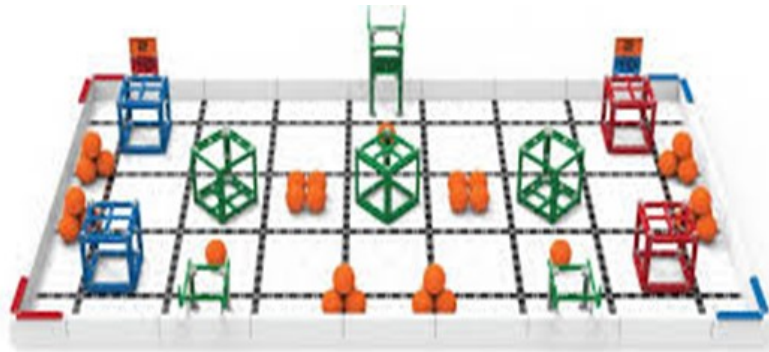
They have already learned to create things with a 3D printer, program micro-bits, also to build things using VEX IQ, VEX EDR, and K-Nex.

They also have two county competitions coming up in February 1st and February 8th and 6th grade has competitions on January 11st and February 1st. Their chances to go to world competition are online challenges, notebooks, and winning competitions.

They are also challenged with Online Challenges that can get them to the world competitions. Some of the online challenges are Promote Video, Make It Real CAD, and Photography challenges.



Mrs. Garrett



Game field for VEX IQ Challenge "Squared Away"

Written by Rylee Brooks, Wyatt Nameny, and Josiah Richburg.



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STEVEN COLEMAN, RB, PIKE COUNTY Total votes: 2,039

Region: Southeast (Montgomery/Wiregrass/Auburn)

Available statistics: The 1989 Mr. Football winner was a first-team All-State selection as a junior and a senior. He also made the Super 12 both years, was the 4A Player of the Year in 1989 and played in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game. Coleman rushed for 5,592 yards on 768 carries in his prep career. He set an AHSAA record with 66 rushing TDs. He also scored 12 on punt returns, six on kickoff returns, three on receptions, two on fumble returns and one on an interception return giving him 90 for his career. He ran for 2,251 yards as a senior and finished with 8,526 all-purpose yards. He scored 546 points in his career, including 204 in 1989.

Memories of Coleman: Current St. Paul's head coach Steve Mask was the defensive coordinator for Colbert County when the Indians played Pike County for the 1989 Class 4A state title.

"The thing I remember most about that game is everyone on their team wore a silver helmet but Steve Coleman," Mask said. "He wore a white helmet. It wasn't hard to find him. I know one thing, though, he was a heck of a football player."

Coleman and Pike County won that game 20-19 to cap a 13-2 season for coach Wayne Grant. Mask said Colbert County concocted a special defense just to try to slow down Coleman.

"We wanted to put eight guys in the box at all times," he said. "We called it the 'Blue Map defense.' We felt like if we could stop Coleman, we could win the Blue Map. I guess it didn't work very well because we didn't win. He was a great, great running back."

Coleman's coach certainly agrees.

"He was a once in a lifetime player," said Grant, now the head coach at Crenshaw Christian, an AISA school. "You just don't get kids every day that can do what he did. He played offense and defense and played on every special team. He never came off the field unless it was at the end of the quarter or to get a drink. He was just as good a defensive back as he was a running back. If he got a pick – and he got a lot of them – it was like a punt return."

Grant said Coleman started as a sophomore at Pike County despite having three senior tailbacks in front of him.

"We were messing around during his 10th grade year and not moving the ball," Grant said. "I remember looking at the stats and noticing that he was averaging 17 yards every time he touched the ball. I told my coaches that the next Friday I didn't care if we won or lost but he was going to get the ball on every play. He had 35 carries and seven touchdowns. He was No. 1 from then on."

Grant also praised Coleman's durability.

"Even though, he played every snap on offense and defense when the first team was out there and every snap on special teams, he never missed a play," he said.

Longtime Birmingham News sports writer Ron Ingram, now with the Alabama High School Athletic Association, had several special memories of watching Coleman play, including this one:

"I went to Columbiana in 1989 to see Pike County play Shelby County," Ingram wrote in an email. "Coach Wayne Grant drew up a play that amazed me right off. The kickoff was muffed, and Pike County took over at their own 10-yard line to start the game. Instead of Fred Holland, who was 5-11, 230 at QB, Grant sent in (future Auburn tight end) Fred Baxter to take the snap. He lined Coleman (1) up at left tackle with no end outside him.

"When the ball was snapped, Baxter turned and ran back to the goal line. Coleman, meanwhile, was weaving through the defense ... crouched and almost sneaking his way through. Suddenly, Baxter turned around at the goal line and the left-hander threw the ball as far as he could. Coleman had hit his full stride and caught the ball near the 50 and never slowed down on the way to a 90-yard touchdown. The Bulldogs rolled on to the win."

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

By: Star Bryant

Our Vice Principle Mr. Rodney Drish has proven to be a great asset to our school. He works well along with Mrs. Arnold here at Pike County Elementary School. Mr. Drish loves great friendly competition, so he often motivates the students to do their very best on the ACT Aspire, DIBLES, ACAP, and any other assessments.

Not only does he push academics but he also drives various grade-levels to field trips, and so much more. He displays that school spirit and helps our students feel great about themselves by dressing for success on Thursday.

Mr. Drish does not mind rolling up his sleeves to help with all special events. He pops popcorn, grill meat, clean the grounds, drives the bus for field trips, and he varnishes the gym floor each year before the beginning of the academic year! Furthermore, he takes out his time to help us and he always wants us to be on our A-game. Lastly, he also wants us to be responsible, respectful, and intellectual and he trusts us to do it. Thank you Mr. Drish for all that you do for us!!





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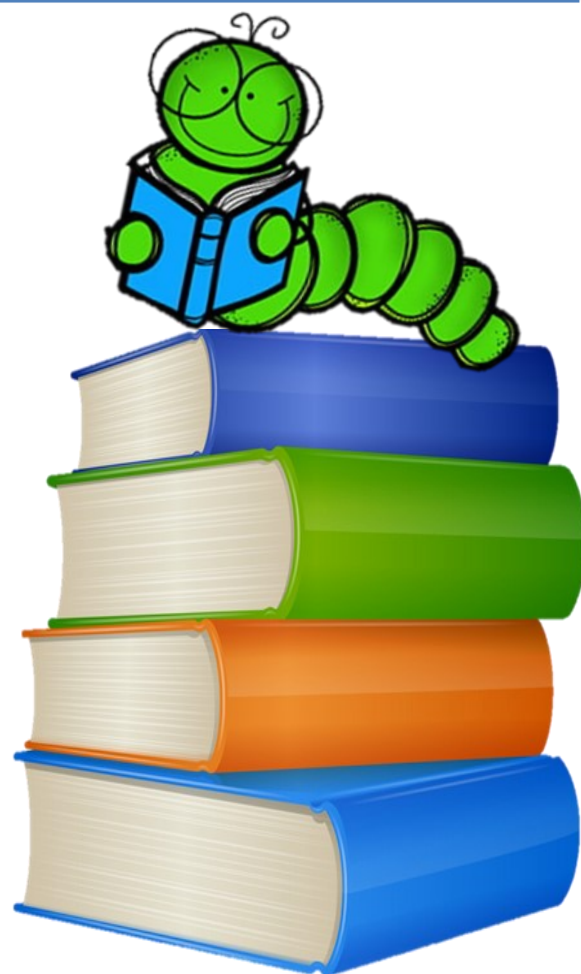
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2nd place: Jose Ramirez Jr 168.5

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7th place: Wyatt Nameny 85.9

8th place: Ja'Sonyee Pollard 84.2

9th place: Randy Xiquin 70.2

10th place: Edward Parker VI 66.9



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Fourth Grade All A's - Malassia Caffie, Annalee Chance, Noelle Richburg

Fifth Grade All A's - Rylee Brooks, Josiah Richburg, Dazaria Appling

Sixth Grade All A's – Alex Zavaleta, Khadasia Harris, Jakiyah Hyman, Brooklyn Jones, Essence Martin, Star Bryant, Ra'Niya McCray, Christian Smith

First Grade A's & B's - Jaliyah Daniels, Parker Flowers, Lillian Parker, Justin Youngblood, Sadaijah Carter, Elijah Greenwood, Tevarus Lightfoot, Messiah Cole, Joel "Easton" Whitehead, Aizha Allen, Dylen Pittman, Ricardo Martinez, Jayvion Wheeler

Second Grade A's & B's - Ray Gomez, S'aniya Green-Tillman, Caleigh Kilpatrick, Ja'Myiah Simmons-Wheeler, Jordan Toney, Camilah Brown, Kaden Jones, Isaac Register, Leland Stapleton, Tristan Whitehead, Janiah May, Adrian Mckinney, Jamal Nickson, Abigial Parker, Triston Whatley, Diamond Winters

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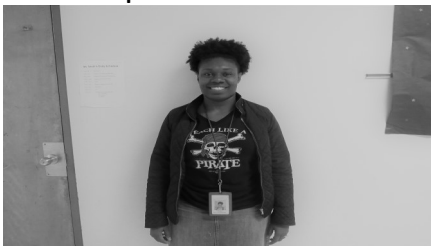
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36 Years!

By: Rylee Brooks

Mrs. Debbie Kelley has been teaching at our school for thirty-six years after this year. She has only taught 1st grade. Her internship was also in 1st grade. She has always taught in Pike County Schools with most of her time here at Pike County Elementary School. She knew by the age of ten she wanted to be either a nurse or a teacher. Her grandmother was a teacher, her aunt was a teacher, and she has cousins on both sides that were teachers. She said the three most important things a good teacher must be good at is patience, endurance, and more patience. She has been married 38 years and has two children: a son named Chance and a daughter named Abby. Chance works on a plantation training dogs and horses. Abby works as a doctor of pharmacology.

When asked about how things have changed during her time teaching, she said many things have come back around because you cannot reinvent the wheel, but you can always add new things to it. Everyone can achieve and learn their own way, but hopefully they can learn other ways too.

She said learning new strategies is the hardest part of her job. She said she loves coming to work, she loves the people that she is with, and she loves being with the children. She said sure, there are hard days, but she loves her job. She says she does worry that she does not change things to meet the group she has, so when asked what she would change she said she would change herself. Also she would change society's outlook on the importance of school and stress how important it is even in first grade. She said we all make mistakes and some people act inappropriate, but she hopes when she leaves this world one comment people will have about her is that she is fair. She hopes not to treat anybody differently than others.





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Something to Crow About

If you have ever lived in the Pike County Area, chances are that you have grown fond of the delicious chicken at Crowe's! One of the first places people love to visit when they arrive in the City of Brundidge, is Crowe's. Bulldog Beat Staff Writer Brooklyn Jones sat down with the owner of Crowe's in Brundidge, Ms. Cathy.

Q: Who or what inspired you to open Crowe's?

A: I once worked at Crowe's in Troy, Alabama and I really enjoyed the customers and being in the business of serving the public, so when the opportunity presented itself for me to take over the reins at the Brundidge location, I decided it was the perfect time for me.

Q: Were there any challenges you had to overcome?

A: No, there were not and substantial challenges to overcome.

Q: Where do you see Crowe's in 5 years

A: I see Crowe's as a bigger and better restaurant.

Q: Where there any doubts about opening Crowe's?

A: No, there were not because I believed that the time was perfect and I felt that Brundidge was great location for the business.

By: Brooklyn Jones

Fast Money, Fast Cars

BY: Ra'Niya McCray

The Pike County Elementary Bulldog Beat Newspaper Advertisement team were out selling newspaper advertisements when we decided to stop by Premiere Dodge Chrysler Dealership to present to them our ad prices. They were impressed with our presentation, so the owner immediately wrote us a \$ 1,000 dollar check! They also offered us some gently used Apple desktop computers!!

We greatly accepted their generous donation and we thanked them for their support of The Bulldog Beat. The computers are going to top off our brand new News Paper Office. Before we left, he congratulated us once again on our presentation. Then we sealed the deal with a good old handshake!!!



Blue Cross Blue Shield Makes HUGE Donation

By Star Bryant

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama donated \$7,000 to Pike County Elementary School earlier in the year. The money will be used to plant a garden and to build a rock climbing area for the students at our school. Mr. Drish our Assistant Principal and Coach Cope were even broadcasted live for a commercial that appeared on channel 12 along with some of our sixth grade students. In conclusion the new garden and rock climbing wall will be a new addition to our wonderful school.



Members Of The Bulldog Beat



The PCES members of the bulldog beat is formed by sixth and fifth grade students. This people have showed that they are able to handle the work and have a good behavior. This are the following people that are in the bulldog beat news paper

Fifth Grade:			Sixth Grade:	
Wyatt Nameny	Dazaria Appling	Jakentai Howard	Jose. Jr . Ramirez	Alex Zavaleta
Rylee Brooks	Hannah Poppell	Ruby Acosta	Ra'Niya McCray	Essence Martin
Josiah Richburg	Kourtni Christian		Star Bryant	Jakiyah Hyman
Randy Xiquin	Marico Myhand		Brooklyn Jones	Ariana Straw