

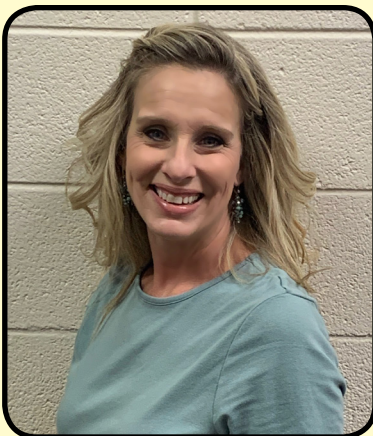
# STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

School-based physical therapists promote motor development and focus on safe access to participation in activities in the learning environment. Physical Therapists are integral members of the school-based team that ensure a free and appropriate education for students with disabilities and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living.

How Physical Therapy works in a school system:

- Physical Therapy (PT) is a related service provided for a student to function in the educational setting.
- The need for PT is determined by the student's IEP team.
- Students may receive direct services by a Physical Therapist or through school staff working collaboratively with our PT team.
- PT can be provided in any location on school campus or in the home through virtual therapy.

Houston County Board of Education Physical Therapy Department consists of:



Patti Carriker, PT

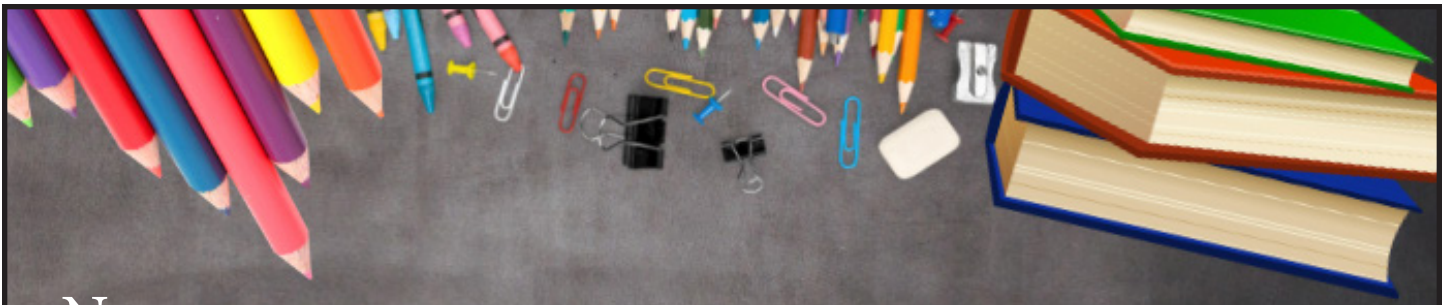


Karen Putman, PTA



Rebecca Williams, PTA

## National Physical Therapy Month



National School Attendance Awareness Month is observed during the month of September. The campaign for 2020 is entitled Present, Engaged and Supported! The campaign is a state and national initiative aimed at promoting better policies and practices around school attendance.

Across the country, due to chronic absences, more than eight million students are considered to be at risk academically. Chronic absence is defined as missing 10 percent or greater of the total number of days enrolled during the school year for any reason. It includes both excused, unexcused, out-of-school suspensions, and in-school suspensions that last more than one-half of the school day. These absences could manifest into a third grader's inability to master reading, a sixth grader not passing classes or a ninth-grader dropping out of high school. The Houston County Board of Education emphasizes the value of regular school attendance as essential to gaining a quality education.

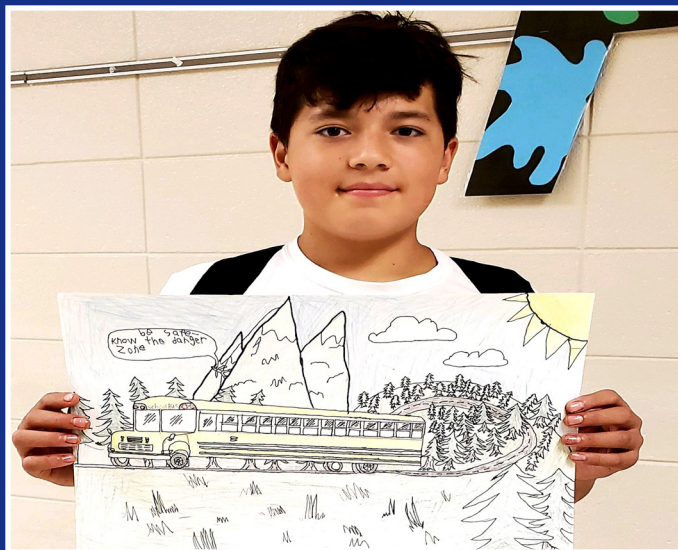
During the Covid-19 pandemic, many students and families face even greater challenges with school attendance and may require a higher level of support. Social Services Department works in conjunction with the staff and administrators of all Houston County schools to identify students and families who experience barriers to regular school attendance, whether face to face or virtually, to provide additional support. School social workers can link families with community resources that facilitate elimination of social and economic issues that may lead to poor attendance. They also assist schools with planning awareness campaigns, spirit weeks and celebrations for students with improved attendance.







Miguel Castillo, an 8th grade student at Perry Middle School, is a division 4 district winner for the Georgia Association for Pupil Transportation School Bus Safety Contest. His entry will be submitted to the GaDOE and GAPT for the state level competition. As a local winner, Miguel will be recognized by the Houston County Transportation Department.



Many exciting things have happened over the last month in School Nutrition! On August 31, 2020, Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that the state would allow all children 18 years and under to receive their meals at no charge through December 31, 2020. Houston County School Nutrition has been hard at work providing meals to students in our school buildings, students enrolled in virtual learning, and children in our community. To accommodate the increase in meal participation, five additional pick up feeding sites have been added for a total of 13 sites in Houston County. Families picking up meals may come through any of our middle or high schools and receive 1 weeks' worth of meals! Participation has been steadily increasing, and this Wednesday (September 23rd), over 36,750 meals were served in our pick up lines alone!

The Houston County School Nutrition team is very grateful for the many school nutrition managers and food assistants that have made this opportunity a reality!

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Our teacher spotlight for this month is Ms. Marcie Williams! Ms. Williams is a native of Fort Valley, Georgia. She graduated from Emory University receiving a B.A. in Chemistry and a B.A. in Sociology. After working as a Chemist for over 10 years, Ms. Williams decided to pursue her passion for education and earned a Montessori Teaching Certification. Ms. Williams taught at Warner Robins Montessori Academy for 12 years before accepting a teaching position at Northside Elementary School in 2019. To further her education, she is currently enrolled in a Master of Arts Teaching Program.

As an educator, she strives to provide a nurturing environment where children develop a love of learning and grow in a spirit of curiosity, cooperation, and mutual respect. Her philosophy of education focuses on the whole child approach, which values the uniqueness of each child, the human spirit, and the development of the whole child—physical, social, emotional, and cognitive. Her educational philosophy supports the unfolding of a child's maximum potential through fostering: independence, confidence, exploration, self-discipline, intrinsic motivation, academic achievement, peaceful conflict resolution, and responsible citizenship. She greatly values the time she spends with her family.

She has a 19-year-old daughter majoring in Chemistry with a concentration in Forensics. Fun Fact: She is a foodie and enjoys traveling and experiencing local cuisine. Her most adventurous foodie experience was an insect dish that included grasshoppers. We are so fortunate to spotlight Ms. Williams this month!

# Houston County Board of Education

## Flu Vaccine Schedule 2020-2021

Elementary Schools	Date	Time
Lindsey Elementary/Elam @ LES	Oct. 30	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
David Perdue Primary	Nov. 2	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
David Perdue Elementary	Nov. 2	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Pearl Stephens Elementary	Nov. 3	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
C.B. Watson Primary	Nov. 3	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Matt Arthur Elementary	Nov. 4	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Bonaire Elementary	Nov. 4	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Parkwood Elementary	Nov. 5	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Westside Elementary	Nov. 5	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Quail Run Elementary	Nov. 6	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Northside Elementary	Nov. 6	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Hilltop Elementary	Nov. 9	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Russell Elementary	Nov. 9	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Shirley Hills Elementary	Nov. 10	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Miller Elementary	Nov. 10	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Eagle Springs Elementary	Nov. 12	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Centerville Elementary	Nov. 12	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Langston Road Elementary	Nov. 13	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Kings Chapel Elementary	Nov. 13	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Morningside Elementary	Nov. 16	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tucker Elementary	Nov. 16	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Lake Joy Elementary	Nov. 17	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lake Joy Primary	Nov. 17	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.-
Bonaire Primary	Nov. 19	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Middle Schools	Date	Time
Perry Middle	Oct. 26	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Mossy Creek Middle	Oct. 26	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thomson Middle	Oct. 27	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Northside Middle	Oct. 27	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Feagin Mill Middle	Oct. 28	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Warner Robins Middle	Oct. 28	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
HC Career Academy/ <i>Staff Only</i>	Oct. 28	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Bonaire Middle	Oct. 29	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Huntington Middle	Oct. 29	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
HC WIN Academy/ Transition Academy	Oct. 30	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

High Schools	Date	Time
Perry High/ <i>Central Office</i>	Nov. 16	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Veterans High	Nov. 17	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Northside High	Nov. 17	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Houston County High	Nov. 18	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Warner Robins High	Nov. 18	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.