

# Superintendent Newsletter

April/May 2018

Dr. Ann Jackson



## Great Year & Great Times Ahead!

### From the Superintendent's Desk

*It's hard to believe that we have entered the last nine weeks of school. This has been a GREAT year and we have continued to see growth in our student academic achievement. Today I received the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Duke TIP Talent scores and see that 5 of our students will receive state recognition for their high ACT scores. When students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade are receiving ACT scores of 25 and 30 in Reading, you realize there are great things going on in our schools!*

*The Jasper City Schools' teachers work so hard to challenge **every student**. Our mission is to inspire **students** to achieve **academic excellence** and make **positive contributions** to our **interconnected community** and world.*

*We ARE better together and there are GREAT times ahead! – Ann Jackson*



## JASPER CITY SCHOOLS' AWARD DAYS

May 15<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) – Jasper High Merit Awards (9:00 AM)

May 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – JHS Senior Awards (9:30 AM)

May 21<sup>st</sup> (Monday)

8:30-10:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

10:30 – 12:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

12:00-1:00 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (1/2)

1:30 – 2:30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (1/2)

May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)

8:15-9:15 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (1/2)

9:30-10:30 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (1/2)

10:45-11:45 – Kindergarten

12:00-1:00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (1/2)

1:30-2:30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (1/2)

May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday)

8:30-10:00 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

10:30-12:00 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

1:00-2:30 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



**Save the Date!**

**JHS Graduation & Last Day of School  
Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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# Olympic Track & Field Day – A BIG Success!



Congratulations to all the student participants! The event featured more than 300 special needs students from Jasper City and Walker County schools. The adults and students had a great time. The Jasper City Schools appreciate the Jasper Kiwanis Club for their dedication to the students in our community!





# School News @ T.R. Simmons

We are proud to join **Milo's** in recognizing  
T.R. Simmons Elementary School's March Students of the Month.

## **Pre-Kindergarten**

Abigail Wilkes and Knox Burgett

## **Kindergarten**

Natalie Brown and Carson

## **First Grade**

Julia Carillo and Hudson Mobley



Mark your calendars for Simmons at Sunset on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Festivities begin at 4:30 pm.

## 1st Grade

### **Upcoming Dates for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders:**

--1st Grade Transition Parent Meeting on Friday, April 27th at 1:00 PM – Mrs. Jones leading with MPS guests Mr. Rigsby and Mrs. Wood

--1st Graders visit Memorial Park Elementary School during school day on Thursday, May 3rd



The **Accelerated Reader (AR) Program** is a software used to monitor student progress with reading practice. Students begin by checking out books on their reading level from our school library. Once the student has read the book, they complete a quiz to measure their reading comprehension. At the primary level, most students earn 0.5 points per book. Our first graders begin in October reading and taking AR tests. Teachers motivate students with classroom incentives and data tracking. Students set goals to measure their progress. As of April 3rd, we have 15 students who have over 75 points, meaning they have read at least 150 books. Students are pictured below. What a great accomplishment!

### **AR 75+ Point Club**



# School News @ Memorial Park

Students and staff at Memorial Park have had a wonderful spring semester so far!! On March 22, MPS students had the pleasure of participating in a "Music In Our Schools" program with Mrs. Sharon Abbott. During this program, MPS students sang and performed a variety of musical instruments. Many of our parents and community members were able to visit this program and experience our students sing "The Power In Me". If you missed this event, you missed a treat from our students.



## UPCOMING DATES

**April:** Scantron test

**May 15:** 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will visit Maddox Intermediate

**May 18:** Talent Show

**May 21:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Awards Day

**May 22:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Awards Day



SCANTRON®

In each newsletter, we always address the issue of school attendance. Parents, please take note of the dates in which our students will be taking the Scantron test. It is crucial that our school have 100% attendance during these days. As always, it is hard for students to learn if they are not at school.

As we look forward to the end of the school year, it is great to see the growth that our students have made. Students have grown physically as well as academically. Our staff has invested countless hours of planning and teaching as well as the many hours that you as parents have invested. We are so proud of the growth each student has made. We look forward to a bright and successful future for each student.

- Eric Rigsby





# School News @ Maddox Intermediate

In its inaugural year, Maddox Intermediate School continued the Maddox fundraising tradition of MONEY DROP the week before Spring Break. Money Drop has been a celebrated tradition at Maddox for over two decades.

It was an exciting, successful week at Maddox! The school spirit was electrifying during pep rallies, and the generous donations and contributions from families and businesses were greatly appreciated. The Money Drop 2018 goal was \$20,000; the goal was impressively surpassed. \$30,606.68 was collected!

Maddox administration will be using these funds to build a playground and walking track on the school grounds. Also, classroom improvements, technology needs, and student supplies will benefit from the money given during the week. Thank you to all our parents and community members for your support. We appreciate you more than you know.

Our first ever Career Exploration Day was held on Friday, April 6th. Students traveled through each of the presenters' tables/booths to learn about exciting careers. Thank you to all our presenters who made this day possible.

Also during the months of April and May our 5th grade classes at Maddox Intermediate School are participating in the Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Program. These pop tabs will be turned in to the Ronald McDonald House where they will be recycled and the funds used to fund operations at the House. So please send in your pop tabs.



I hope you had a great Spring Break and enjoyed time with family and friends! The next two months will be very busy. Please pay attention to letters and school cast messages concerning State Testing and activities that will be taking place in April and May. Attendance is vital during the last part of semester. So please have your child at school and on time. I encourage you to be a part of what is going on at Maddox Intermediate School. Thank you for sharing your child with us.  
Go Vikes!! – Mr. Sargent

# School News @ Jasper Jr. High

## Message from the JJHS Principal, Mr. Moore:

As we draw closer to the end of our school year, it's exciting to witness the drive and passion our teachers still display each day while serving the children of our community. We are always self-reflecting and seeking ways to improve instruction and continue building relationships with our students and community. To aide faculty and staff on this continuous endeavor, we are participating in a book-study that has received great reviews and will help us remain creative in the areas of student engagement, boosting creativity amongst students, and excel above the status quo. The book we are studying is titled: *Teach Like a Pirate*, and will be co-led by me and our Assistant Principal, Meagan Fields. We enjoy serving our community and planting seeds of opportunity, growth, and success each day with our students. We currently have a daily attendance rate of 98%, which is phenomenal; however, please be sure to be mindful of our attendance and tardy policy. Thank you for trusting us and allowing us to serve!



## JASPER JUNIOR HIGH



March Madness held true to its name. From our dodgeball tournament to our woman-less beauty pageant, our students have created some great memories and new traditions for those who follow. Our students were able to help generate over \$5,000 for JJHS, which will be used to provide additional professional development for our teachers. We sincerely appreciate everyone who was available to help make great memories for our students. We are now preparing for our annual state assessments that are scheduled to be taken on April 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Once testing has concluded, we are looking to continue finishing the year off strong!

### April Events:

**Global Scholar: Performance Series  
State Assessment**

April 16-19, 2018

**2018 National Junior Honor Society  
(NJHS) Ceremony:**

April 24, 2018 @ 8:30 am

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student-Led Conferences**

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 pm

### May Events:

**Six Flags Band Trip**

May 5, 2018, 6:00 Departure  
(Subject to Change)

**JJHS Spring Band Concert**

May 15, 2018, 6:30 - 7:30 pm



# School News @ Jasper High School



## **Jasper High Centerstage**

This year, the Centerstage students performed a One Act for the first time ever at The Annual Walter Trumbauer Theatre Festival. It was a wonderful experience and we plan to participate in the event every year. Three students, Sofia Patey, Hope Bates, and Christian Goodman, qualified to go on and compete in the State Festival. Sofia Patey also won the Dramatic Monologue portion at the BSCC Torch Invitational this year. They are working diligently on their production *Of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. The performances will be April 20th and 21st at 7 p.m. There will also be a 3:00 p.m. show on Sunday, April 22nd.

## **Jasper High Band**

Here is a list of the 2018 Spring Semester Band accomplishments and awards.

**All State Band Members** - 2 students (Kaylor Hodges- Red Band, Patrick Dutton- Blue Band)

**All District Band Members** - 6 students (Kaylor Hodges, Patrick Dutton, Dawson Meadows, Kylon Morman, Lukas Wisener, and Wrenn Ramsay)

**University of Alabama Honor Band** - 11 students (Ivey-Elise Ivey, Jessie King, Pressley Madison, Lakelyn Turnbow, Luc Ragsdale, Kaylor Hodges, Tavia Johnson, Kylon Morman, Tanner Dickson, Patrick Dutton, Wrenn Ramsay)

**Columbia University Honor Band** (New York) - 2 students (Ivey-Elise Ivey, Jessie King)

**University of North Alabama Honor Band** - 22 students (Anna Lee Palmer, Brooke Elder, Clara Ann Brown, Anna Kate Azbell, Spencer King, AJ Kell, Zoe Smothers, Hannah Owens, Ben Waid, Rhea Quillen, Dawson Meadows, Pressley Madison, Christian Goodman, Luc Ragsdale, Kaylor Hodges, Tavia Johnson, Kylon Morman, Lukas Wisener, Tanner Dickson, Joseph Keeton, Braydon Allred, Cole Meadows)

**Alabama State Music Performance Assessment (MPA)** – Florence, AL

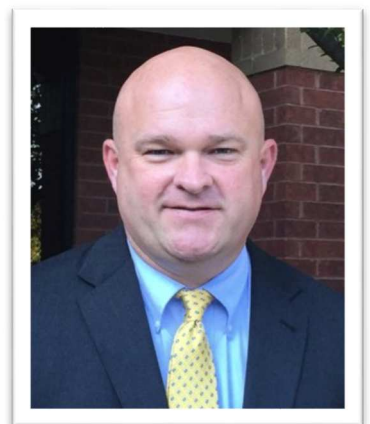
Jasper Symphonic Band- All “Superior” Ratings (Highest Rating Possible) with A’s in every caption.

## **JASPERVIKINGS**

JHS Parents-

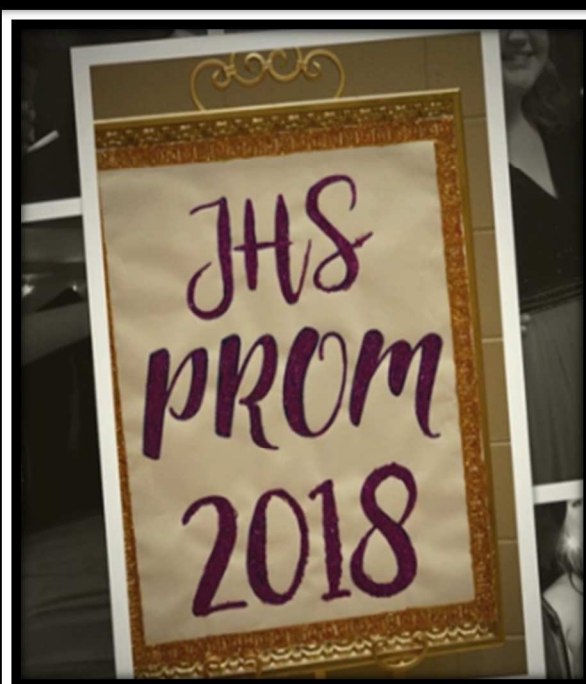
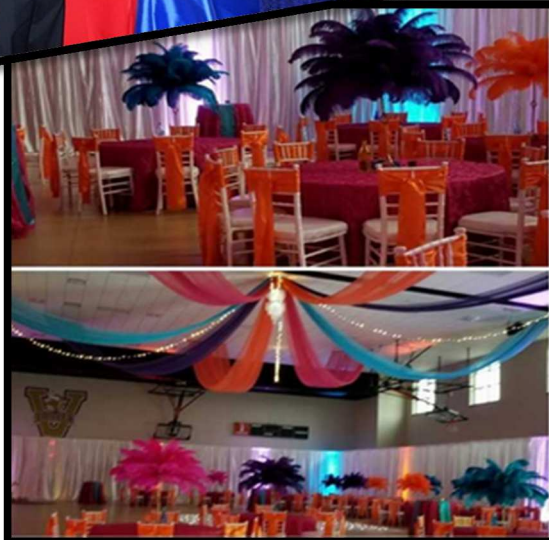
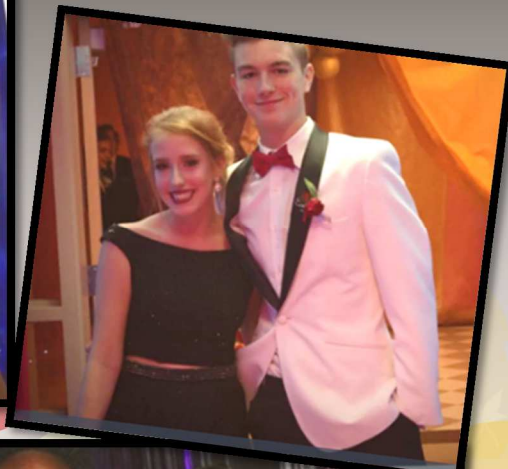
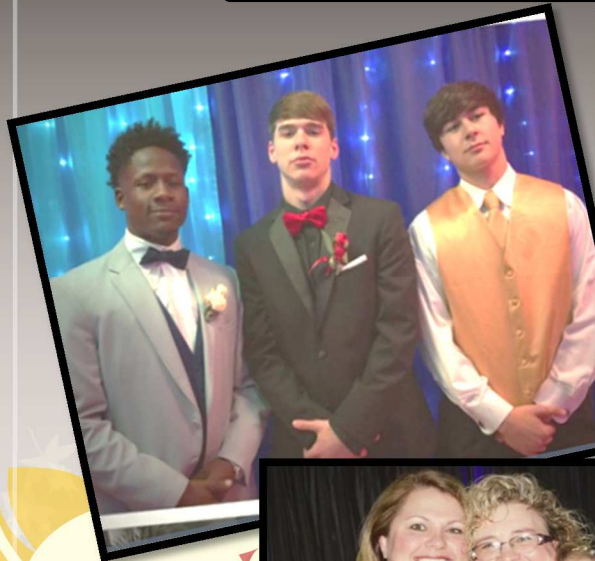
As the school year draws to a close, please be sure stay up to date with the many activities at Jasper High School including spring athletics, senior activities and student deadlines. We are also in the early stages of scheduling for 9th-11th graders for the 2018-19 school year. If you have any questions pertaining to scheduling or JHS in general to help keep you up to date, please visit the school's website, Facebook page, or call for any information related to school events. As always, we are here to help you in any way so that students may be successful.

-Dr. Bart Reeves



# *Jasper High Prom*

## *Fun by ALL!*





# VIKING ATHLETIC NEWS



## 2018 Varsity Baseball Home Games

4/5 George Washington Carver HS  
4/6 Haleyville HS  
4/10 Minor HS  
4/11 Sumiton Christian HS  
4/11 Jackson-Olin HS

This Spring has started out strong athletically for the Vikings. Baseball is currently leading their area and in good shape to host the first round of the state playoffs. Coach Ware and the boys recently completed a four game sweep in the gulf shores classic beating defending State Champions Sweet Water 13-11 in game one, Brooks 9-1 in game two, Hamilton 11-1 in game three, and Dale County 12-4 in the final game of the tournament. Freshman Parker Sawyer picked up two wins on the mound, While Seniors Will Herring and Dalton Turnbow captured the others. The offense was paced by Junior Slade Harbin who hit three towering homeruns during the tournament.

Volleyball is still raking in postseason awards following their trip to the 6A State Championship Game. Most recently, at the Alabama Volleyball Coaches Association Meeting, the following Jasper girls were named to the Coaches All-State Team:

### Class 6A Coaches Association 1st Team

Abby Trotter, McKinley Ferguson and Alex Oliver

### Class 6A Coaches Association 2nd Team

Morgan McClendon, Mia Griffin and Temperance Chatman

### Class 6A Honorable Mention Team

Kelsey Shelton, Jordan Gilbert and Khloe Kimbrell



Junior Morgan McClendon was also recently selected to play in the AHSAA 2018 North/South All Star Volleyball Game. She began the season by claiming the first kill in the beautiful new Carl Cannon Coliseum and finished the season as an outside hitter for the North Squad.

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