



# The Viking View

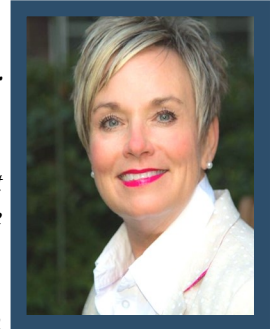


Spring Edition 2020

Jasper City Schools

Superintendent- Dr. Ann Jackson

## Rainy Days Have Been Abundant... but Spring Sunshine is Ahead!



*Spring is such a great time to reflect on all the great things going on in the Jasper City Schools! In the final stretch of the school year, we see the fruits of our labor. We have all kinds of spring events—concerts, plays, athletics, honors days, awards, and championships. At the last two board meetings we have had an outstanding list of recognitions of achievements of students and staff. These included academics, fine arts, and athletics—in short, everything we are about as a school system.*

*We see how our teachers have made remarkable strides with students. We see growth in all parts of our school system. There are touchpoints all throughout the spring that remind us why we love this community and our schools. Spring also brings state and local testing. Using the data that formative and summative assessments provides is critical in evaluating and planning instruction for students. Our teachers and staff do a remarkable job meeting the needs of all learners.*

*Parents of students in kindergarten through third grade will soon learn more about The Alabama Literacy Act 2019-523. This Act was signed into law by Governor Kay Ivey and enacted on September 16, 2019. The law provides information on ways to implement steps to improve reading proficiency of public school kindergarten to third grade students and ensure those students are able to read at or above grade level by the end of third grade, by monitoring the progression of each student from one grade to another. Again, the teachers in our system are doing an outstanding job of teaching and monitoring progress of our students. Parents can be assured that we are always evaluating and re-evaluating instructional strategies to meet student needs.*

*Thank you again for the involvement and engagement of our families and community members.*  
-Dr. Ann Jackson



Viking Football joined in with **Living the Dream in Jasper** at MPS for a fun afternoon of dancing! All of our Vikings had a great time, and cannot wait to go back for another visit soon!

## JCS MISSION

*Inspire students to achieve academic excellence and make positive contributions to our interconnected community and world.*



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# T.R. Simmons Elementary

Principal- Meagan Fields

It has been a busy second semester so far at T.R. Simmons. Our students have been working hard in their classrooms since we have returned to school. February brought about many fun learning opportunities for our students. We started off our month by taking the Kids Heart Challenge. Our school raised over \$8000, and we are still going! Thank you for supporting our Little Vikings in this endeavor. T.R. Simmons was one of the top schools in Alabama last year in the Kids Heart Challenge. We are hoping to meet that goal again this year. Our PIT held a Candy gram fundraiser that was very successful. We had over 2500 candy grams delivered in our building! We also celebrated Valentine's Day with lots of STEM activities and fun learning challenges. We had a special visitor when James Spann came to teach us all about weather. Our Little Vikings learned how math and science works every day. Finally, at the end of the month, our Book Fair was delivered. We will celebrate a Grand Shopping day on February 28. Anyone who is "grand" to a Little Vike can come shop with them. Students have also been learning about careers, and will dress up on career day on February 28. We cannot wait to see what our Little Vikings will be!

The first week of March is Read Across America Week! This will coincide with our Book Fair week. Each class will have an assigned time to shop in the book fair. We will also have themed dress up days that will celebrate a book each day. We will host a family night on March 3. Our Title 1 Parent meeting will also be on March 3 at 5 PM. We are looking forward to seeing our families. We will be dressed in our Spring best for pictures on March 10. Parents, look for report cards on March 18. Set a goal with your Little Vike now to do their best each day!

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will be held March 16- March 18 at T.R. Simmons. Look for more information coming soon about the documents needed to register your child. We love to meet our new Little Vikings!

Be Kind, Be Respectful, and Keep Learning Each Day. Show Everyone the Little Viking Way!



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# Memorial Park Elementary

Principal- Eric Rigsby

The spring semester is in full swing at MPS. Teachers have continued AMSTI OGAP training, with final sessions in February. Students are busy learning and growing, with more and more reaching their end-of-year 100-point AR goal.

In addition to fun STEM activities in the classrooms, students are participating in STEM-related activities in enrichment classes. In the STEM lab students have been watching *The Edge of Space* on VR goggles. Other exciting activities are the marble run and art table. In the library, students are putting their math and language skills to the test playing games such as "Money Bags" and *My Weird School* sentence creation. Students are engaging in research using PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next.

Money Drop Week was February 18-21, with dress-up days and games each morning. Students helped raise money for MPS by bringing certain change each day of the week. Our students worked hard and raised \$14,126! The funds will be used to add activities to the STEM lab, add graphics and update hallways, increase and update current classroom technology, and paint throughout the building.



## Coming Soon...

March 6<sup>th</sup> -Third graders visit MIS and attend play

March 19<sup>th</sup> -Music in Our Schools assembly



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# Maddox Intermediate

**Principal- Marc Sargent**

**Asst. Principal- Becky Good**

The Maddox Intermediate Community Luncheon was held on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> thanks to our fabulous PIT Team! It's always such a great event! We are thankful and grateful for the support throughout the year four wonderful community. Mrs. Abbott's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir performed wonderfully for all to enjoy!



Our 6th Grade Girl Strong visited TR Simmons on February 6th, and had the best time!! They read, colored, and spent time with the preschoolers!



**"Don't Drop It On Alabama"**  
Statewide Spring Cleanup during the entire month of April, 2020. Maddox is participating in the Recycled Art Contest 2020. Theme- "Litter Just Isn't Normal". Our school wide clean up dates are April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### MADDOX MONEY DROP

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday- THE DANCE

Tuesday- Hawaiian/ Tie Dye Day

Wednesday- Decades Day

Thursday- Team Color Day

\*4<sup>th</sup> is Yellow, \*5<sup>th</sup> is Blue, and \*6<sup>th</sup> is Red

### State Testing Dates April 6th-16th

This State Assessment will be a little bit different this year. For the past two years we have been using an adaptive test, SCANTRON. This year will be our first opportunity to use the new state summative test, ACAP (Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program). Different than the past two years, this test is a standard based test and will measure where your child is to the grade level standards they are in. All 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will test over a two-week period April 6<sup>th</sup> - April 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be three parts for the Reading portion, two parts for the Math portion, and two parts for the Science. Our teachers and students are working hard preparing for this summative assessment coming up real soon.

## Coming Soon...

Maddox Intermediate presents "Comic Book Artist." We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming performance on Saturday, March 7th at 2:00pm. The kids have worked really hard, and we know they will do a great job! Come have a laugh with us! Thank you for supporting our students!!!

Maddox Intermediate Theater  
presents



BY: PAT LYDERSEN

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES  
FRIDAY, MARCH 6

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - 2PM

Adults - \$5, Students - \$3

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# Jasper Junior High

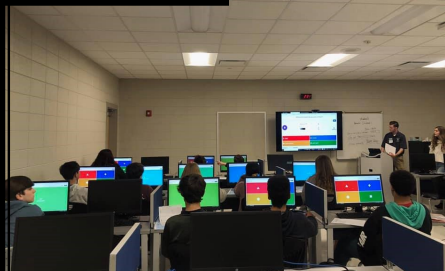
**Principal- Lutis Moore**

**Asst. Principal- Amy O'Rear**

January and February have been great months for Jasper Jr. High School! When walking into our building, you can feel the passion for teaching and learning emanating from our faculty. We pride ourselves on building relationships with our students and helping the whole student to find success while in our care. We are very proud of students' success and thankful for the opportunity to serve.

Our students are learning each day and showcasing their talents across the state. Here are some of the awesome accomplishments of our students so far this semester:

- Our JJHS Boys' Basketball Team won the league championship!
- ALL JJHS Tech Team members qualified to advance to the state competition in April!
- Two of our own 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and varsity wrestlers qualified for the AHSAA State Wrestling Tournament and helped JHS earn the 1A-5A state runner up title.
- Two of our own 8<sup>th</sup> grade students played on the JHS Girls' Varsity Basketball Team and significantly contributed to the overall success of the program.
- As a service project, Girl Strong read to students at T.R. Simmons Elementary School.
- A select group of students were able to participate and graduate from Beville State Community College's "Banking with Bears" financial literacy program.



## Coming Soon....

- Jasper Jr. High Baseball, Softball, Tennis, and Soccer began playing on February 14, 2020.  
Visit our Facebook page for their complete schedules.
  - JJHS Fern Fundraiser: March 2 – 18, 2020
  - ACAP Summative Testing: April 7 – 17, 2020
- JJHS House Reward (for the winning house this school year): May, 2020
  - JJHS STEM Competition: May, 2020

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# Jasper High School

**Principal- Jonathan Allen**

**Asst. Principal- Gayle Crump**

**Asst. Principal- Darius Gilbert**

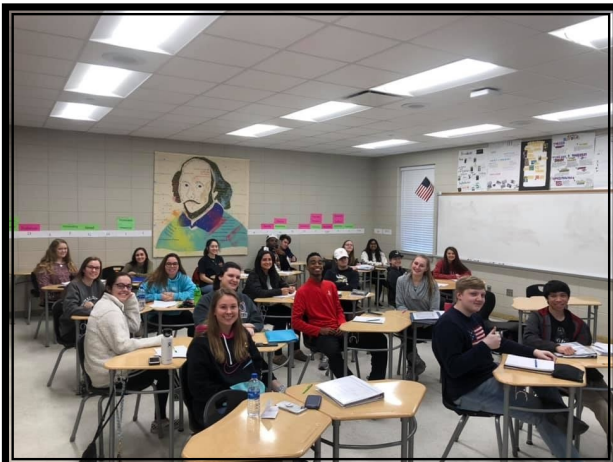
**Asst. Principal- Beth Kennedy**

Career readiness is more than mere buzz words to describe our goal for students at Jasper High School. The future success of our students is determined by their ability to learn, adapt and thrive in the face of difficult challenges. With school curriculum that is relevant to student interests and rigorous to our 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce, we seek to provide our students with the best learning opportunities possible. Furthermore, it is through positive relationships with students that we seek to impact their lives in a manner that extends beyond high school.

Over the final three months of the school year, our students will be collecting valuable personal data on their progress. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, JHS faculty will administer the ACT with writing to all juniors. For the first time in many years, all seniors will also have the opportunity to sit for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test. Both exams offer students insight to their preparedness for life after high school. Specifically, the ASVAB can provide students with more information about their areas of interest and aptitude. Later in the spring, seniors will also be able to take the ACT Work Keys Exam, which is a workplace skill/placement exam. Each of these exams can provide students and their family with valuable information to help shape your career path.

As we near the conclusion of the school year, I encourage you to begin reviewing your child's completed courses. Over the next few months, we will begin the exciting task of building the new school year schedule by gathering all of the course requests from students. Our school has achieved great accomplishments in fine arts and athletics. Consequently, we would love to have more students involved next year. Additionally, please consider many of the courses and programs that set our system apart. Next year, we will continue to offer newer courses in computer science and pre-engineering. Moreover, we are privileged to offer exceptional JHS career technical education (CTE) courses. Our CTE programs include business, culinary, health occupations, machine tool technology, and Army JROTC. Lastly, remember the benefits of Advanced Placement (AP) courses. We have a board of education that has afforded so many opportunities for our students. Please free to contact an administrator, counselor, or child's advisory teacher if you have any questions.

Student Council attends the leadership academy at Disney World.



You would expect a quiet school on a Sunday afternoon, but not in Ms. Real's class. Juniors are preparing to give the ACT their best effort on March 10th.

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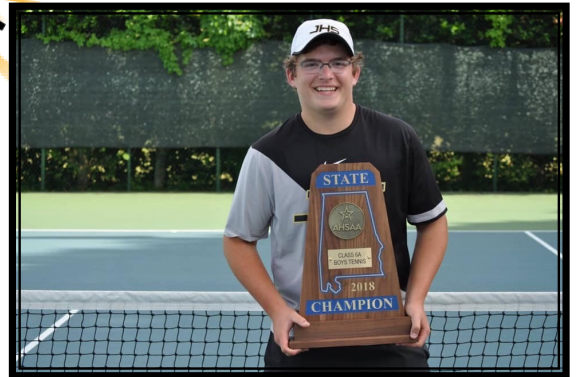
# Jasper High Headlines



Congratulations to Ivey-Elise Ivey upon receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award. Additionally, Ivey-Elise was Jasper High School's Prudential Spirit of Community Award Recipient. We appreciate her contributions to our community.



Jack Bryan will now represent our region in the 2020 Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Program. He has already secured \$3,000 in scholarships and is invited to interview day and the dinner that follows in late April.



## Coming Soon...

**March 3rd:** JHS Seniors Panoramic Photo, & Senior Cap and Gown Pictures

**March 5th & 6th:** JHS Mid-Terms

**March 10th:** ACT w/Writing for all Juniors ; ASVAB for all Seniors

**March 18th:** Student of the Quarter

**March 11th, 18th, 20th, & 21st:** Spring Play Program

**March 23rd-27th:** Spring Break

**April 4th:** JHS Prom

**April 10th:** Weather Day/ In-Service ( No Students)

**May 5th:** JHS Spring Band Concert

**May 12th:** JHS Awards Day

**May 15th:** JHS Senior Awards Day

**May 22nd:** JHS Graduation

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# Jasper High Athletics

The Viking men's and women's basketball teams recently competed in the 5A Area 11 Tournament. Our Lady Vikes finished as the Area Tournament Runners Up, earning a spot in the Sub-State for the first time since the '14-'15 season. Isaysia Mercer and Alex Oliver were named to the 5A Area 11 All Tournament Team. Coach Blake Laney led the team to a season total of 19 wins, which is more than the last three years combined.

The Men's Hoops team under the lead of Coach Robert Epps claimed our 2nd straight 5A Area 11 Tournament Championship, only the 8th basketball area championship in school history. Trinity Epps, Brent Geeter, and Harrison Saunders were named to the All Tournament Team. The Vikings then promptly knocked off last year's 5A State champ and #4 ranked Wenonah Dragons in the Sub-State, advancing to Regional Play for the first time since '10-'11 season.

The Lady Viking Indoor Track Team made history at the most recent AHSAA Indoor Track State Championships. Coach Eric Phillips and the ladies finished as the state Runners Up in class 4A-5A, the highest finish in the history of our school. We were narrowly edged out of a State Championship by Scottsboro who won on team points (64.5 to our 63.5). The Vikes place several athletes on the medal stand: Alex Oliver claimed a State Championship in the triple jump, finished 2nd in the long jump. McKinley Ferguson was a State Champion in the high jump. Maci Beaty won a State Championship in the 800 m run. We also had the 4x800 m relay team of Anna Mobley, Allie Bull, Makenna Lewis, and Maci Beaty take a 3rd place finish.

Viking Volleyball under the leadership of Coach Bobby Daniels is still raking in awards from their unprecedented back-to-back State Championship run. Senior McKinley Ferguson was recently named a First Team All-American by PrepSports, a National publication that featured athletes from 39 states on their annual All-American Team. Junior Alex Oliver was named an Honorable Mention All-American by the same publication. To our knowledge, Alex and McKinley are the first two volleyball All-Americans in school history.

Jasper Athletics is proud to welcome Coach Philip Bailey as our new Head Football Coach. Coach Bailey is not new to the Viking family, serving as our Offensive Coordinator for the past two seasons, as well as our Head Strength & Conditioning Coach. Under Bailey's leadership, Viking Football has averaged 40 points per game and amassed 22 wins & two region championship during his tenure. Prior to his time in Jasper, Coach Bailey saw unprecedented success as the OC at Eufaula and also as the Offensive Coordinator at Maryville College where his offenses averaged 40 points per game. Philip is married to Maddox librarian and assistant varsity cheer coach Molly Bailey, and they have two sons, Cooper and Wallace.

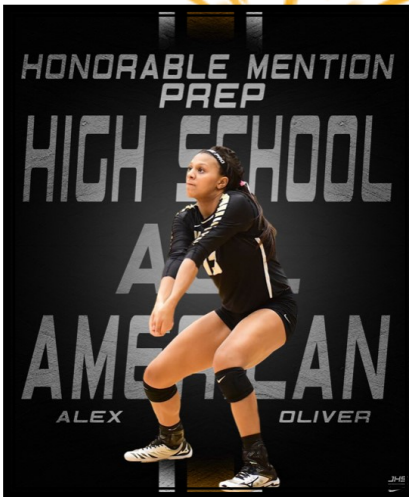
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