



The Wolf Pack Word



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The official newsletter of Jean Childs Young Middle School

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Principal's Message

As we close the 1st semester of the 2014-2015 school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the efforts you have made to support Jean Childs Young Middle School over the past months. In spite of the many challenges we have faced, we have continued to put emphasis on improving school climate, providing rigorous instruction for all students, improving communication between the home and school, and providing extra learning opportunities for struggling students.

First semester HIGHLIGHTS:

Fine Arts Department – Ms. Crump, Ms. Kears, Ms. King, Ms. Huewitt, and Mr. Jeffrey, Sponsors - Exceptional performance of **Nutcracker with a Twist** at JCYMS. Our Dance team was featured at the Mays HS performance of "Resurgence".

Honor Band – Mr. Jeffrey, Director – Selected band students attended and participated in the annual **University of GA Middle School Honor Band Festival** - Two students placed in the top honor band – Danielle Johnson (Oboe) placed 2nd chair in the top honor band, and Akil Shaw (Tuba) placed 1st chair in the top honor band. Other participants were Samuel Abram (Trumpet), Jaelen Bolder (Alto Saxophone), Brianna Jones (Bassoon), Savannah Williams (Flute), Makayla Weaver (French Horn), Kyndall Peterson (Bass Clarinet), Noni Vaughn (Oboe), Luke Jackson (Bassoon), and Russell Dobbs (Tuba).

Math Team – Drs. Canterbury and Cravens, Coordinators – **CONGRATULATIONS** to all team members and sponsors – Dallas Davis, Cameron Griffin, Tamiyah Hopson-Roberson, Arrington Doughty, Payton Johnson, Brooklyn Momon, Amari Mitchell, Javarius Willis, and David Clemmons. Special Congratulations to David Clemmons who won 1st place in the individual ciphering competition, the 7th grade team who won 2nd place in the grade level team ciphering, and Young MS had the second highest overall school score.

Academic Bowl Team – Ms. Gladden, Ms. Bradley, Mr. Edwards and Ms. Starr, Coaches – Eight students will participate on **Wednesday, December 17th** at Campbell HS. Participants are Payton Johnson, Katana Kinsey, Tahjane Milton, Trevion Oliver, Toni Phillips, Dallas Davis, Sipora Hailu, and Havilah Ruth. We know our students are well prepared and will make us proud!

MYLIFE – Coach Wade and Coach Milton, Sponsors - a mentoring program to support our most "at-risk" males built on service, respect and leadership.

Atlanta Virtual Academy (AVA) – Dr. Cravens and Dr. Jones, Facilitators – **Credit Recovery** is an alternative way for students to repeat a failed course that is required for promotion. Although students can work anytime, anyplace, and in any space, schools must also provide a place for students to work and receive academic assistance.

Our STELLAR FOOTBALL TEAM for their winning season – 1st Annual Middle School Inner City Classic Champions. Our football team also were selected to attend the SEC football camp held at the Georgia Dome.

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Mark your calendar

Monday, December 15th –
Friday, December 19th –
BENCHMARK Assessments – all grades

Monday, December 15th - Fine Arts Performance - The Nutcracker with a Twist at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium

Tuesday, December 16th – Last day for After-School ALL STARS

Wednesday, December 17th – 7th grade field trip to the High Museum

Local School Council Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in the media center.

Thursday, December 18th – Basketball Game – JCYMS vs Bunch MS @ 5:30 in the gym

Friday, December 19th – End of 1st Semester

December 20th 2014 – January 6, 2015 – Winter Break

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 – First day of 2nd Semester



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HOOR of CODING- *Some of our students participated in the “Hour of Code”. The Hour of Code is an International initiative to get more students interested in coding (computer language).*

Parent Involvement Workshops – *Ms. Sheffield, Parent Liaison – Common Core Science Workshop, Parent Portal Parent Training, Common Core English Language Arts Workshop, Common Core Social Studies/History Workshop, College and Career Readiness for Parents, Muffins for Moms Literacy Workshop, Doughnuts for Dads Literacy Workshop, Adamsville/Collier Heights library provided library resources for*

Girl Power (GP) – *Ms. S. Moss, Sponsor – a community service-based all girls club focused on respect, etiquette, service and leadership*

Principal’s Coffee and Conversation – *1st Friday of each month – Principal gives state-of-the-school.*

Hosted Ambassador Andrew Young’s Documentary on Henry “Hank” Aaron – “Still Hitting Homers”

We are excited to announce that we have hired the following new staff members and anticipate them joining us on January 5, 2015: Ms. Monica Holloway, Front Office Clerk; Ms. Ashley Johnson, MOID Teacher; Mr. Byron Jones, Graduation Coach.

Reminder: *Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 9, 2015. At this juncture, there are students who have not accepted responsibility for their work and may have failed some of their classes. Any student who fails one or more classes are in danger of being retained. Possible retention letters will be sent to parents in January. Parents, please encourage your child to participate in class, complete homework, and take advantage of the AVA program and Before/After-School Tutorials.*

Again, thank you for your support during this semester. Have a safe, blessed, peaceful, and joyful holiday season.

*Educationally Yours,
Laryn Nelson*

Come support our Lady Wolves Basketball Team

2014 Eagles Tip-Off Classic Tournament

KIPP Academy Collegiate Gym

December 20th – 21st