

# Southeast Collegiate and Prep Academy's

## Media Newsletter

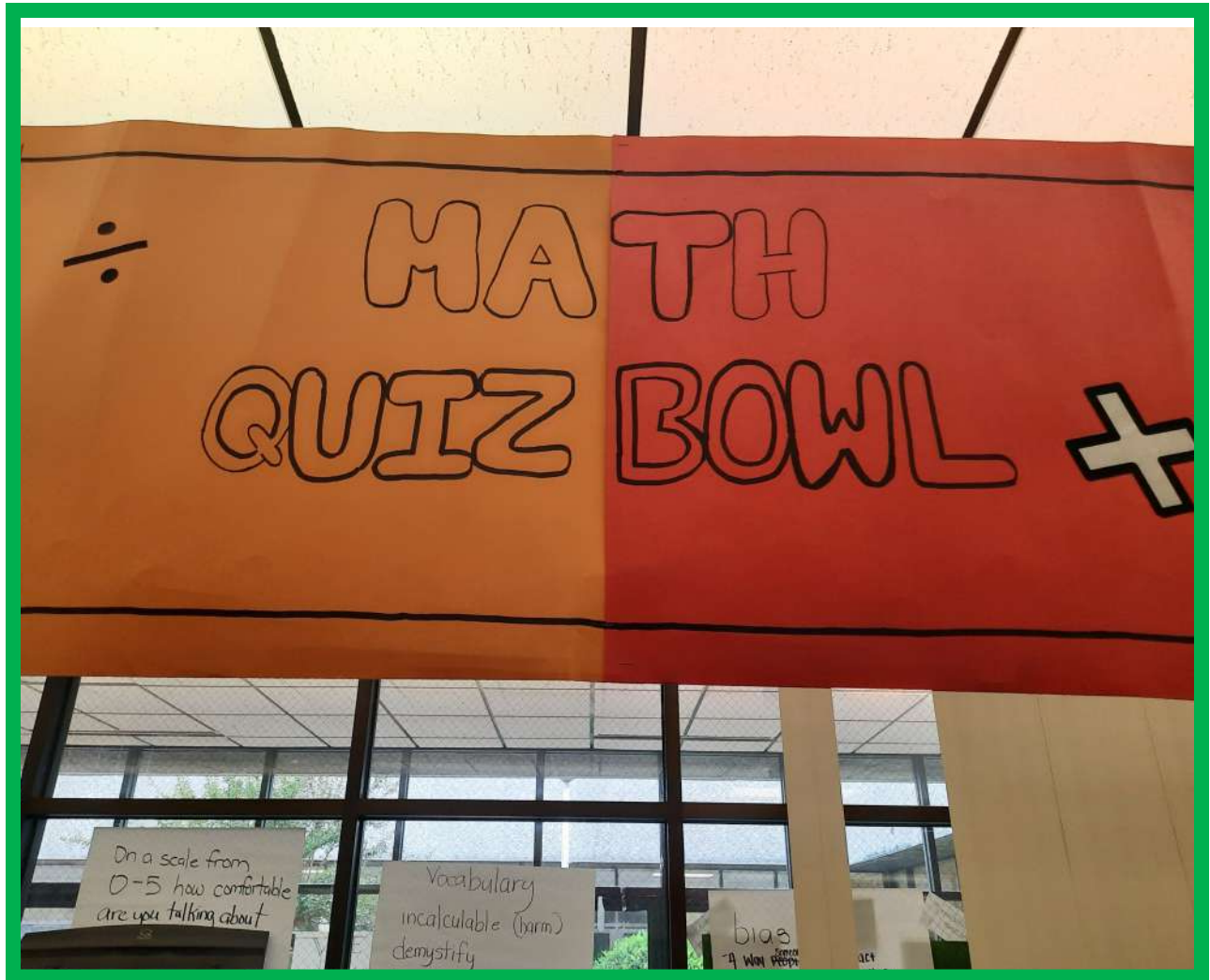
Halifax County Schools honors and appreciates students and employees that go above and beyond their duties. Southeast's recognizes Ms. Charisma Clements as Employee of the Month and Jennifer Acuna-Lara as Student of the Month. Ms. Clements is a Culinary Arts Teacher, and Jennifer Acuna-Lara is an Honor Roll student. Dr. Stephanie Hampton Credle founder of Transforming Lives & Restoring Hope, Inc. donated two Z! Collection necklaces for the school's student and employee of the month.

Ms. Clements collaborates with various activities held in the Media Center. She has volunteered to assist Mrs. Ruffin-Pittman along with Ms. Jennifer Friend in hosting a British Tea second semester. Jennifer Acuna-Lara is an honor student and she participated in a reading enrichment program called "Read Woke" that is held in the Media Center.



Left to right: Ms. Charisma Clements, Employee of the Month and Jennifer Acuna-Lara, Student of the Month.

# Math Engagement



Southeast's Math Department has been presenting a Math Quiz Bowl, the final Quiz Bowl was on October 5, 2021. The students get to review what they have learned since August. The Math Quiz Bowl is a fun way to celebrate learning. Ms. Clements, the Culinary Arts teacher, volunteered to be the moderator. The student's parents made volunteer donations for the final celebration of a treat from Chick-A-Filet, other staff members also contributed. The winning team were given certificates of participation. Ms. Dionne Douglas, and Ms. Nicolin Tomlinson are the Math teachers at Southeast.

## New Digital Literacy

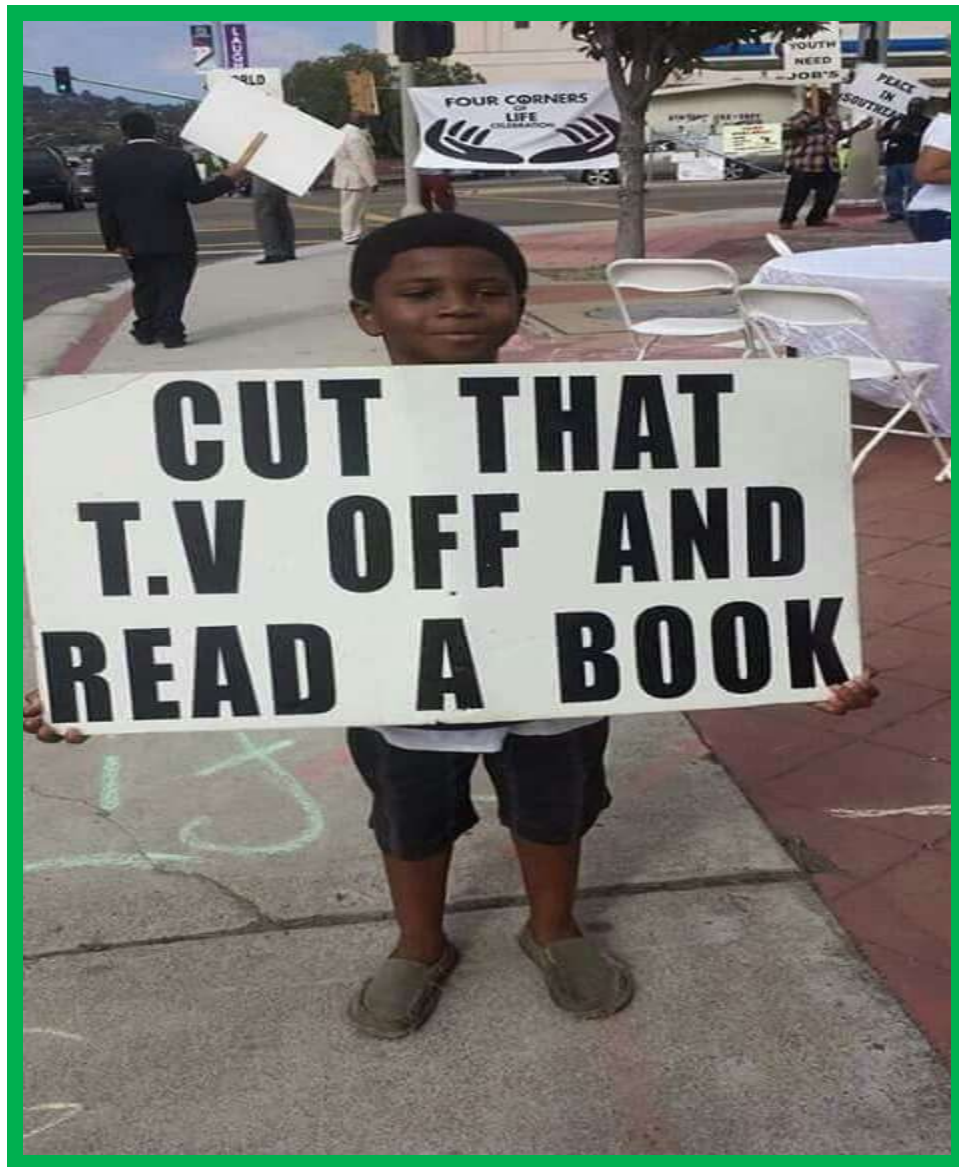
Digital literacy is one way to counter attack misinformation and online hate that is now threatening our democracy. Digital literacy is a holistic approach to cultivating skills that allow people to participate meaningfully in on-line communities, interpret the changing digital landscape, understand the relationships between systemic –isms, and information, and unlock the power of digital tools for good. This includes media literacy. Terms like critical media literacy, media literacy, news literacy and more are not necessarily interchangeable. Learning For Justice is a website that has lesson plans for teachers and professional development for schools, businesses and policy makers. The original magazine, Teaching Tolerance was published to prevent the growth of hate by reducing prejudice. The Southern Law Poverty Center assist in publishing the new website and magazine, and film chronicling the civil rights movement. Learning For Justice, the new name upholds collaborative work of learning and growing together to reach our goal of justice for all. (Learning for Justice)

Learning for Justice's website has toolkits, lesson plans, films, and professional development. Their lesson plans also have many resources to teach reading strategies. They discuss comfort levels for students who are participating in lesson on civil rights.

Currently, some of our classes are reading *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. The book is recommended by Cicely Lewis, Librarian of the Year in Georgia. She founded The *Read Woke* Movement. She created a way to get more minority students to read about their history and culture.

Classes are also learning about digital citizenship with Commonsense Media, commonsensemedia.org. The website has activities for students and their families apps and games are also found the website.

## New Digital Citizenship continued



Students who are reading *The New Jim Crow* by Michele Alexander are urged to read at home as well as in their class session. Vanderbilt University has pdf'd the book and students can read *The New Jim Crow* for free and at home if they have sufficient wifi. Possible incentives for reading will be gift certificates and or snacks and treats. "We would like to get more books that students would be interested in reading and discussing," shared, Mrs. Jacquelyn Ruffin-Pittman. "Books that may keep a students interest such as *Jay Z Made in America* by Michael Eric Dyson, there are others; however, as a Media Specialist, I would have to read school reading journal reviews before the school purchase the books for reading."

(Readwoke.com)