

Belief

We will work to help each student achieve high standards of learning because we believe all students can learn.

Vision

Achievement and Performance for Every Child, in Every Classroom, and in Every School.

Mission

Our Mission is to provide a high quality education for all Bibb County students in a safe and comfortable environment, and to make use of all human and technological resources in preparing graduates for post high school objectives.

Strategic Objectives

Student Achievement

Highly qualified workforce

Positive culture and climate

Communication and information



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Campus Police Tip Line

An anonymous web-based tip line has been created by the Campus Police Department in an effort to improve safety and security through communication. Information is also provided Student Crimestoppers for additional support.

To report information about a crime or possible threat to student or community safety, visit www.bibb.k12.ga.us and go to the Campus Police site. You can also call 779-2040 for Dispatch.

Providing Choice & Focus for Students Compass Points

Congratulations to the people I had the pleasure of recognizing at last week's Board of Education meeting. It's great to see so many students receive recognition at the Science and Technology Fairs; the projects they submitted showed their ability to apply classroom learning to the real world. A true sign of education is when a student can take a lesson and either apply it naturally or explain it to someone else effectively. I want to recognize Central High School's Sulaiman Somani for being named a



Dr. Dallemard touring classrooms at Bernd Elementary (above) and speaking with support staff at Barden Elementary (below).



National Merit Finalist, by his academic achievement and community involvement, he serves as a leader both in and out of the classroom. Mrs. Justine Jordan, Lead Speech/Language Pathologist for our middle and high schools, also deserves our praise for her work with students and for being named the Georgia Speech-Language Hearing Association's Clinician of the Year.

As committed educators, we must encourage all of our students to exceed at higher and higher levels, whether that means raising up those at the bottom or pushing those already exceeding at high levels even further. In the classroom, we must provide them the education they deserve and need to be successful, and we must encourage them to continue that learning outside of the classroom, whether that is through competition or community service.

This past week, I was able to spend every day in our schools speaking with students, employees, and parents; this included Alexander II Magnet, Barden Elementary, Brookdale Elementary, Bernd Elementary, and Vineville Academy. Though it is time consuming to spend a full day in each school, it is well worth the effort because I am learning so much by

sitting down and talking with our students, our teachers, our paraprofessionals, our custodians, our nutrition employees, and our parents.

I continue to hear about the need to improve parent involvement and student discipline, and the Board took a step forward to improving both by approving the petition for a charter school to start. The greatest level of parent involvement is parent choice, and parents may soon have the opportunity to choose the Macon Academy of Excellence. At charter schools – as well as at our magnet schools and programs – there is a different level of motivation from the students and different level of involvement from the parents. When students are motivated to succeed in the class and parents are involved with the school community, classroom behavior improves, allowing all students the best opportunity to learn.

Charter and magnet schools also provide a specific focus to classroom education, which I believe our schools can replicate through departmentalization. This allows a teacher to focus and structure their class around a content area in which they excel, as opposed to spreading their time out amongst multiple subject areas. When a teacher better understands the mate-



Dr. Dallemard speaking with teachers at Brookdale Elementary (above) and students at Alexander II Magnet (below).



rial, then the better it can be taught. Our magnet schools and programs and departmentalized grades provide that focus, and it is obvious to me it is something that is working.

We should build upon our successes and provide parents and students with the choice to attend a school or program that is focused and committed to providing a high quality education to all students.

District Highlights & Announcements

Meeting Time Change (Correction)

In *The Board Brief* on March 18, it was announced the Board was changing the time of their monthly Committee Meetings. It incorrectly stated the meetings would be held at 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month; it should have stated that the meetings will be held beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

The change in time was made so more members of the community would have the chance to attend.

Investiture & Graduation on Channel 17

New videos have been added to the Channel 17 broadcast schedule, and they will air in the following order beginning at 7:00 p.m. every night.

Investiture for Dr. Romain Dallemard (full program)
Winter Graduation 2011
Dr. Romain Dallemard's Investiture Speech

Cox Cable Channel 17 - which shows information and videos about the Bibb County School District - may have changed station numbers for people that do not have digital cable. For instructions how to access the new channel, visit www.bibb.k12.ga.us/17.html.

According to Cox Communications, if a customer currently subscribes to digital cable, there will be no change. If a customer does not have digital cable, they will need either a digital tuner ready television or a digital box to access the station. Cox customers who do not have either of these may request a courtesy digital box from October 19 through December 31, 2011.

Teacher Recruitment Day a Success

More than 600 prospective teachers attended this year's Middle Georgia Teacher Recruitment Day hosted by the Bibb County School District and the Middle Georgia RESA at Westside High School. Six Middle Georgia districts were represented to speak to the potential teachers.

"This was a great opportunity to meet highly qualified candidates that would have a positive impact on student achievement," says Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Professional Development Dan Ray.

"By holding a regional fair, we are providing our schools and prospective teachers a unique opportunity to meet each other without having to travel from county to county," says RESA Executive Director Carolyn Williams.

Each year, the Bibb County School District hires between 100 and 150 teachers, and they are specifically in need of Special Education, Math, Science, and Foreign Language teachers. Participants were encouraged to bring at least 20 copies of their resume. Information sessions were also hosted for the Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (TAPP), which provides a path for people outside of education – and holding a bachelor's degree – to teach early childhood, middle grades, or secondary education.



This Week in the District is created and distributed by the Office of Community Affairs & Public Relations as a means to inform the community of the events, announcements, and highlights of the Bibb County School District.

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2011-2012 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten enrollment registration for the 2011-2012 school year will take place from March through May 2011.

In order to enter a Georgia public school for the 2011-2012 school year, a child must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2011. The parent/guardian must reside within the school's attendance zone as designated by the Bibb County Board of Education. Parents/guardians are required to supply the following documents at registration time to complete the process:

- Child's registered birth certificate
- Child's immunization records (Form 3231)
- Hearing, Vision and Dental Health (Form 3300)
- Proof of residence (Electric Bill, Gas Bill, Rental/Mortgage letter only)
- Social Security Card

Student & School Highlights

Student Musician Receives Scholarship



Andrew Mines, a senior at Howard High School, is the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship for Music – valued at approximately \$120,000 over a four-year period – from Mercer University.

He was selected from among the top 5% of freshman applicants to Mercer, and he interviewed with Dr. John Dickson, the Dean of the School of Music. Overall GPA and test scores are a large part of the criteria for receiving the scholarship. Mr. Mines has studied guitar with Howard High Band Director Dominic

Bruno and Advanced Placement Music Theory with Fine Arts Chair John Sweat, and he is contemplating a career in music composition.

"I am very pleased and honored to have received this scholarship," says Mr. Mines. "I have enjoyed meeting the Mercer Music Faculty. This experience has been very positive for me and will greatly figure into my decision as to where to attend college."

"Andy is, without a doubt, one of the most intelligent students I have had the honor of teaching," says Mr. Sweat. "His understanding of music theory at this point in his life is quite amazing. He constantly challenges me and keeps me on my toes. I am very excited to see where music will take him in life."

Upcoming Events

Harlem Globetrotter to Visit Students

Ingram-Pye Elementary students will be visited 'Hot Shot Branch,' a member of the Harlem Globetrotters, on **March 23** from **1:15-2:15 p.m.** as part of the team's "C.H.E.E.R.™ For Character" program, which allows them to speak with elementary schools about character education and development. Students will also be able to participate in exciting activities with him.

"I wanted our students to hear from a successful athlete about the importance of doing well in school," says Family Engagement Facilitator Loraine Adams. "I wanted our students to hear about the importance of school and character education from someone they wouldn't normally see in a school setting. This will be a fun and educational event as they get ready to take the CRCT in April."

According to the biography on the Globetrotters website (<http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com>), 'Hot Shot Branch' is in his eighth season with the Globetrotters, was a two-time, second-team all-conference selection at Baylor, and is the seventh leading scorer in school history. He is third on the school's all-time list for three-pointers made in a career (267) and in one season (104).

Student Artist Donates Talent

Rutland High School Senior Tabitha Smith and Art Teachers Tamara Barfield and Brooks Dantzer performed community service hours by volunteering to paint an 8 foot tall butterfly screen for this year's Cherry Blossom Festival with local artist Mark Ballard. The screen will be used at the Cherry Blossom Fashion Show for the models to emerge from behind before walking down the catwalk.

According to Mrs. Dantzer, other students were inspired by the project, and they used the skills and techniques she learned from Mark Ballard to decorate the school entrance for the Cherry Blossom Festival.



Central High JROTC Wins State & Region Championships



The Central High Army JROTC competed at the Area 6 Regional Drill Meet on Saturday, March 5, and the **Female Color Guard won 1st place** in their event and the **Female Drill Team** was named the **overall runner up** in the Region. Having won first place at the Regionals, the Female Drill Team competed at the state level on Saturday, March 19, where they **won 1st place in the Un-**

armed Platoon Drill, making them the **Georgia Army JROTC State Champions** for that event. Additionally, the **Female Color Guard** came in **3rd place in the state.**

Events in the competition consisted of Armed Platoon Drill, Armed Squad Drill, Unarmed Platoon Drill and Unarmed Squad Drill. At the Regionals, more than 300 cadets from twelve high schools in the Middle and

South Georgia competed at Worth County High School in Sylvester, GA. At the State competition, more than 2,000 Cadets from 75 High Schools participated.

Central High's Army JROTC is led by Instructors Major Charles Abbott, SFC Willie Arrington, and SFC Glenn D. Towles. The Female team is commanded by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel T. Glenn.

Pi Day Celebrated at Alexander II Magnet

On Monday, March 14 (3.14), Alexander II Magnet fifth grade students celebrated Pi Day by presenting activities to each other that helped them discover the "magic of pi" through games, technology, and food. All activities were student-created and about the ratio of pi, circumference, or the area of a circle. Classes spent the two weeks prior to Pi Day learning how to find circumference and area of circles and on designing the activities.

"The variety of their lessons was amazing," says Alexander II Magnet 5th grade Math Teacher Laura Bell. "One group created a mystery around a circle that commits a crime and leaves his DNA (his circumference) at the scene, and another had a quest that required a protractor. Many also created card games and activities involving food."

Fifth graders in Georgia are expected to know the parts of a circle (radius, diameter, and circumference), how it takes

just over three diameters to go around any size circle, and how to use a formula and the radius to find the area. It's also the first time students are introduced to a constant as well as an irrational number.

"This is a great time to teach students about our math standards as it happens to be Albert Einstein's – our school's mascot – birthday," says 5th grade Math Teacher Laura Bell.

"By having Pi Day, it creates a non-threatening way for students to learn these advanced ideas and allows them to be creative in how they will teach others what they have learned."

All activities and lessons during Pi Day were tied to the following Georgia Performance Standards:

- MSM1**
Students will extend their understanding of area of geometric plane figures.
- e. Estimate the area of a circle through partitioning and tiling.
 - g. Derive the formula for the area of a circle.
 - h. Find the area of a circle using the formula and $\pi \approx 3.14$.

- MSG2**
Students will extend their understanding of perimeter to include circumference.
- a. Derive the formula for the circumference of a circle.
 - b. Find the circumference of a circle using the formula and $\pi \approx 3.14$.

- MSG2**
Students will understand the relationship of the circumference of a circle to its diameter is $\pi (\pi \approx 3.14)$.