

# #Built4Bibb Blast

*The Bibb County School District Newsletter*



BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**EMPOWERED TO LEARN, LEAD, INNOVATE AND SERVE**

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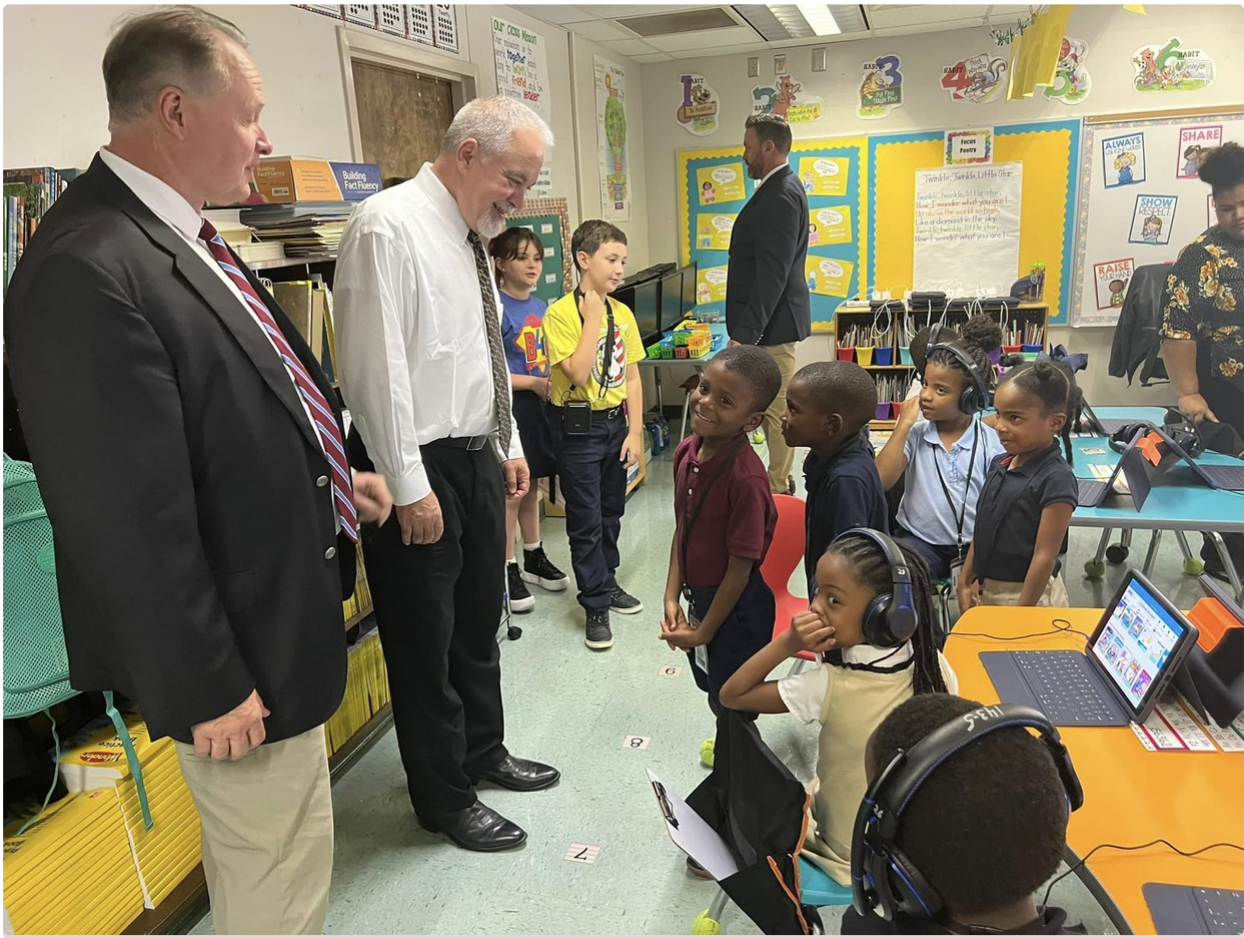
Central High School Voted Best of High Schools of Middle  
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Congratulations to [Central High School](#) / [IB at Central High School](#) on being voted Best of High Schools of Middle Georgia, Silver Level for 2023! [#Built4Bibb](#) [#Chargers](#) [#WeLead](#)

**State School Superintendent, State Leaders, Sean Covey Visit  
Bibb for Leader in Me Announcement**



Students at [Vineville Academy of the Arts](#) were excited to show off the Leader in Me initiative to state legislative and educational leaders, highlighting how Bibb County has led the way for educational outcomes and supports for students in Georgia!

State Senate President Pro Tempore John F. Kennedy, House Representative Robert Dickey, State School Superintendent Richard Woods, State Board Chair Jason Downey, the State Board of Education, Sean Covey, Macon-Bibb Mayor Lester Miller, Bibb County Board of Education President Juawn Jackson, Bibb [Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims](#), along with numerous legislative and local leaders, formally announced the launch of the Leader in Me statewide pilot program following a student-led tour of one of Bibb's Leader in Me schools, Vineville Academy of the Arts. The announcement comes after the expansion of the Leader in Me model under the State's Amended FY2023 Budget.

Leader in Me is an evidence-based Pre-K-12 model, developed in partnership with educators, designed to build resilience and leadership in students, create a high-trust school culture, and help improve academic achievement.

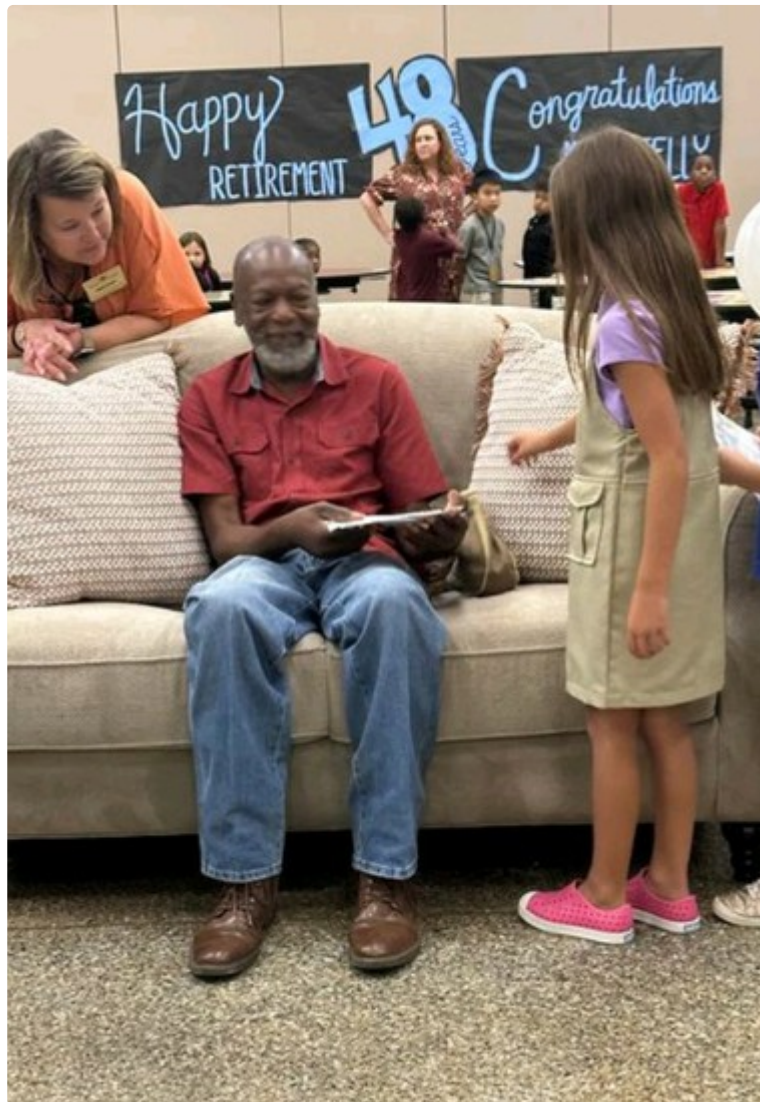
The student-centric curriculum aims to foster leadership skills, character development, and personal growth in students and is implemented in schools to empower students with the necessary tools to thrive academically and in their personal lives. It is designed to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, collaboration, and goal-setting skills. Students learn to take responsibility for their actions, set and work towards personal and academic goals, and develop a strong sense of self-confidence and self-efficacy.



The model's success in Bibb County began during the 2015-2016 school year when OneMacon's Business Education Partnership raised funds to implement the Leader in Me program within two pilot schools. The positive outcomes and transformative impact led to its expansion countywide in 2018 and is the reasoning behind the statewide expansion initiatives announced earlier this month.



## Heard Elementary Employee Retires After 48 Years

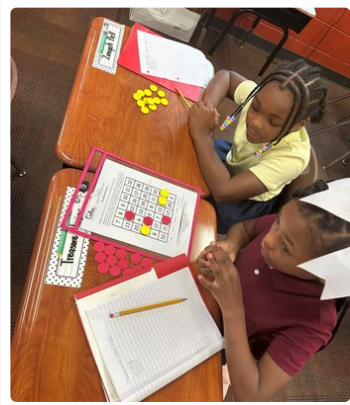


Mr. Charlie Danielly has walked the halls of Heard Elementary for 48 years! Last week, he officially retired and students and staff celebrated this accomplishment with him. Thank you for your service and dedication to BCSD!

# MLK Students Caught in Act of Learning New Math Standards



Great things are happening in our classrooms as teachers implement new math standards! Students in Ms. Curtisa Barnes' second grade class at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School ([MLK Raiders](#)) spent time dominating doubles and doubles plus 1!



Applications Open for Georgia Civic Awareness Program





# **Macon - Bibb County Georgia Civic Awareness Program**

**- Must be a 10th, 11th or 12th grade student as of August 2023**

**- All students who either live in Macon-Bibb County or attend school in Macon-Bibb County will be eligible to participate**

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Applications are now open for the Georgia Civic Awareness Program for Students. This program was developed to address the need for increased civic involvement and awareness among the state's youth and engage them to become the next generation of civic leaders. GCAPS is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn first-hand the roles and services that Macon-Bibb County government provides. Throughout the course of the program year, GCAPS participants will take part in team building exercises, attend a board of commissioners meeting, tour county facilities, visit the State Capitol and interact with local and state elected officials. **Applications are due September 15 by 5PM.** Students that are eligible need to reach out to their principal or counselor for an application!

**Northeast Teacher Trains at Harvard Forest**



Dr. Suneetha Panda, a science teacher and Teacher of the Year from [Northeast High School](#), was recently invited to attend a training at [Harvard Forest](#). This allowed her to connect with teachers and scientists from across the country while learning about the research involved in the Citizens Science Climate Project.

## **VIP Academy Hosts PBIS Tailgate Kickoff and Cookout**





[Bibb County School District VIP Academy](#) held its PBIS Kickoff and Chili Cookoff! Students were able to judge the best dishes and chose Dr. Julia Daniely's famous tailgate dip as this year's winning dish!



**CTAE Partnership Helps BCSD Students Grow in Workforce**





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## Deputy Superintendent Dr. Katika Lovett Speaks on District Vision of Empowering Students

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"Students are empowered to learn, lead, innovate and serve as productive and caring citizens within their chosen paths of success."

In Part 1 of a new series, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Katika Lovett explored what it means to have "empowered" students. Check it out!

### Amira Launches on September 18!



On September 18, BCSD will be launching Amira for all elementary students! Amira allows students to choose from several appropriately difficult and engaging texts to read. As students read out loud Amira listens, assesses, and when they struggle, Amira provides feedback and support. Visit [www.amiralearning.com](http://www.amiralearning.com) for more information.

## Compass Rose Meal Kits Are Back!



### Meal Kits

[www.compassrosecafe.com](http://www.compassrosecafe.com)

Compass Rose Café has begun a new and exciting student enterprise; we will be offering take home meal kits! The meal kits will cost \$25.00 and include enough food for two adults. Cuisine options will change every week in efforts to offer our patrons a variety of exciting new meals to prepare in their own homes.

Everyone, get excited because meal kits from the Compass Rose Cafe at [W. S. Hutchings College and Career Academy](#) are back! Check out the September meals at the link below, and place your order!

## Rutland JROTC Spends Saturday Prepping with Cleanup





Thank you Rutland JROTC members! These hard-chargers gave up their Saturday morning recently to help clear trees and debris on the JROTC trail in preparation for the Middle Georgia Raider Challenge.

## **School Honors Memory of Former Educator**



Burdell Hunt Elementary School honored the memory of Mrs. Black one of our most dedicated educators who served the students at Burdell-Hunt as a special education educator and lead-teacher for over 14 years and lastly as a BCSD PEC Zone Coordinator for the past 4 years. She was a gentle spirit who we affectionately called a "child whisperer"! Our new sensory room is named in her honor. This space will be a safe environment for our students to refocus by providing a sense of calm and comfort through lighting, colors, and soft surfaces without risk!

## Students Prepare to Become Emergency Medical Responders





We are lifting future Emergency Medical Responders into the world! Students at Hutchings College and Career Academy in the Emergency Medical Pathway got hands on experience.

**Bibb County Football is Back in Season!**



Football season has started! Join us for games throughout the season and cheer on our student athletes! For game information visit <https://www.bcsdk12.net/departments/Athletics>

## **Board President Juawn Jackson Recognized with 2023 Man Up Service Award for Education**





Congratulations to [Juawn Jackson, Bibb County Board of Education Member](#) and President, on being recognized recently with the 2023 Man Up Service Award for Education! Thank you for your service and dedication to the students and staff of [Macon+Bibb County!](#)

## **Howard High JROTC Volunteers Clean School Grounds**



Thank you Howard High School JROTC for your volunteer time! They worked cleaning up the high and middle school campus. Way to go!

## **Dual Enrollment Students Participate in CGTC Study Abroad**





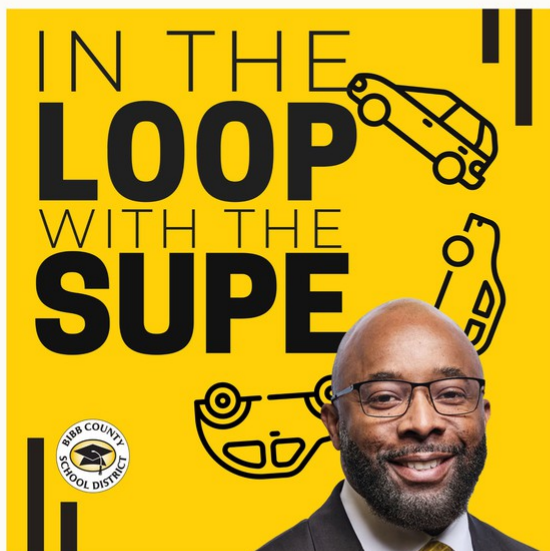
Joshua Vinson of [Rutland High School Storm Tracker](#) and Jamiah Tolbert of Howard High School visited Ireland this summer through the [Bibb County School District's](#) dual enrollment Study Abroad Program with [Central Georgia Technical College](#)! Watch video of their experience: <https://vimeo.com/852798681>

## **Baby Grand Piano Donated; All 6 High Schools Now Equipped**



High Point Church donated a baby grand piano for the [Southwest High School](#) Auditorium! This piano has formerly been utilized at their church. Now all six high school auditoriums have a baby grand piano thanks to donations from our community!

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