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### BALDWIN BEAT FOR JANUARY 2024

January Baldwin Beat



### BCSD Celebrates African American History Month



In February 2024, we proudly observe Black History Month in the Baldwin County School District, joining hands with school districts, organizations, and groups across the nation to honor the remarkable contributions of African Americans to our society. Throughout this month, we not only recognize but also celebrate the profound impact African Americans have had on the history of our nation.

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## Baldwin County School District Partners with Post-Secondary Institutions to Address Teacher Shortage





## BCSD Unveils Groundbreaking Partnership to Cultivate Future ...



On January 31, 2024, the Baldwin County School District marked a significant stride in addressing the teacher shortage in rural and middle Georgia. The formal signing ceremony, held at the Baldwin High School Fine Arts Center, featured Dr. Ivan Allen, President of Central Georgia Technical College, and Cathy Cox, President of Georgia College & State University, who delivered impactful speeches underscoring the importance of their partnership in the groundbreaking "Grow Your Own" Teacher Program.

Earlier in January, Dr. Noris Price, Superintendent of Baldwin County School District, and Jason Flanders, Baldwin High School Principal joined Dr. Christopher Blake, President of Middle Georgia State University, in a signing ceremony on Thursday, January 18, 2024, demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting the innovative teacher program. The signing ceremony marked a crucial milestone in the partnership that seeks to address the critical teacher shortage comprehensively and strategically.



## Baldwin County School Students Participate in Master Class by Renowned African Dance Instructor Jason Aryeh



The Baldwin County School District is excited to share the success of the recent cultural event featuring acclaimed African dance instructor Jason Aryeh. The visit, which took place in January at Baldwin High School, exposed students to tradition, history, and dance movements from the numerous tribes existing in West Africa combined with modern and contemporary/urban dance movements. Aryeh also taught students movements that expressed traditional themes of ritual, community, and the human collective experience.





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## The LC Gordon Hallway Dedication at Baldwin High School Preserves a Legacy of BCSD History



Baldwin High School recently held a ceremony to unveil the LC Gordon Hallway, honoring Lessie Lee Gordon's remarkable 40-year legacy with the Baldwin County School District. The ceremony reflected the deep respect and admiration the school community held for Mr. LC.

Spearheaded by Baldwin High School Teacher Larry Stephens, he shared his excitement and involvement in the process of getting the hallway named after Mr. Gordon. "It was a very momentous occasion that the board was able to say, 'we're going to name the hall for him,'" expressed Stephens. He highlighted the significance of the chosen corridor, the main thoroughfare from the media center to the cafeteria, symbolizing the heart of the school.

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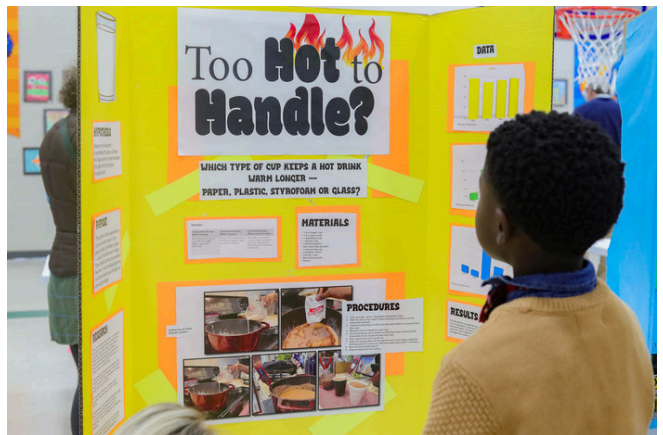


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## Lakeview Primary's Inaugural Science Fair Shines



Lakeview Primary recently celebrated a momentous occasion as it hosted its inaugural Science Fair, an event that not only showcased the scientific curiosity of its kindergarten through second-grade students but also revealed the power of strategic partnerships. Playing a pivotal role in sponsoring the event was Paperpie, an American company with a 33-year history, specializing in learning-based products such as books and toys from various publishers.



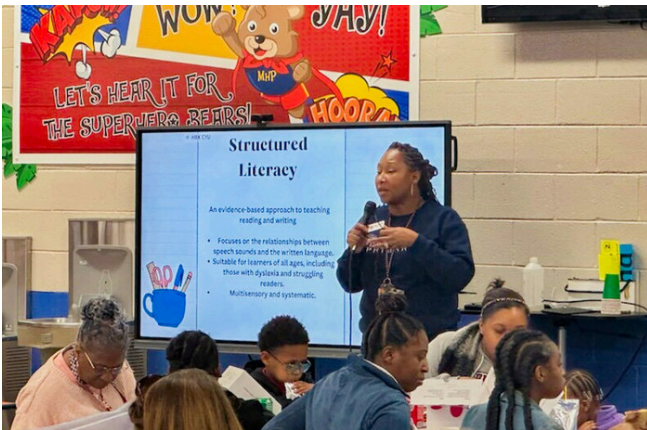
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## Baldwin County Schools Celebrate Literacy Throughout the District



For the 2023-2024 school year, literacy has taken center stage in the Baldwin County School District. All schools will be hosting a family literacy night this semester. Last month, Baldwin High School hosted a literacy night for students and families as well as a poetry slam event. Parents learned ways to support their students at home and students were able to showcase their passion for spoken words and the beauty of self-expression through poetry.

Superintendent Dr. Noris Price, appointed by Governor Brian Kemp to the Georgia Literacy Council, has been at the forefront of making it a priority to proactively retrain the entire teaching faculty in the science of reading to ensure students are reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade.



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## Deal Center for Learning and Literacy Read to Children in Celebration of Sandra Dunagan Deal's Birthday





**Former First Lady Sandra Dunagan Deal dedicated her life to the literacy of our youngest students, so for her birthday, the Deal Center celebrated by reading to the students of the Early Learning Center. Thank you to all those who dedicate their time and energy to giving the gift of reading to a child!**



## **Early Learning Center's Carrie Brown Secures Grants for Students to Provide Winter Warmth**



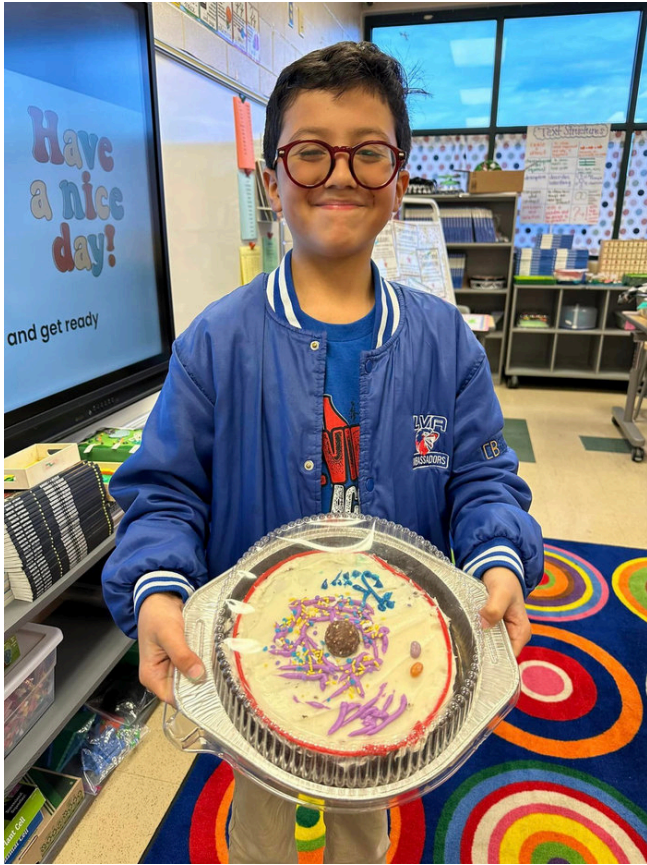
The early 2024 Georgia cold snaps might be in full effect, but our children play on! That's because this year's grueling polar vortex is no match for Family Service and Community Partnership Manager Carrie Brown at the Early Learning Center (ELC). Brown oversees the support for families, working closely with Family Advocates and community partners to secure vital donations for provisions for our youngest and most vulnerable students.

### Early Learning Center Provides Cold Weather Clothes to its St...

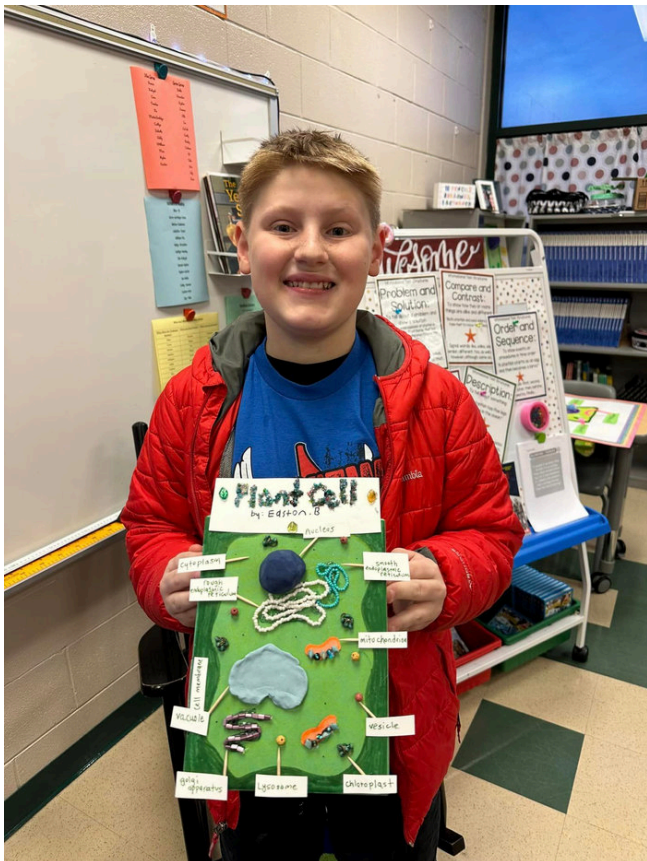


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## Lakeview Academy Montessori Students Create Intricate Animal Cell Models



Mrs. Erin Smith's Montessori class had a fascinating learning experience creating models of plant and animal cells. By getting hands-on with the project, students not only improved their artistic skills but also deepened their understanding of how cells work. Mrs. Smith's creative approach, combining art with science, made the learning process enjoyable and left a lasting impression on the students' understanding of biology.



## Midway Hills Academy Goal Getters Program Highlights Students' Achievements

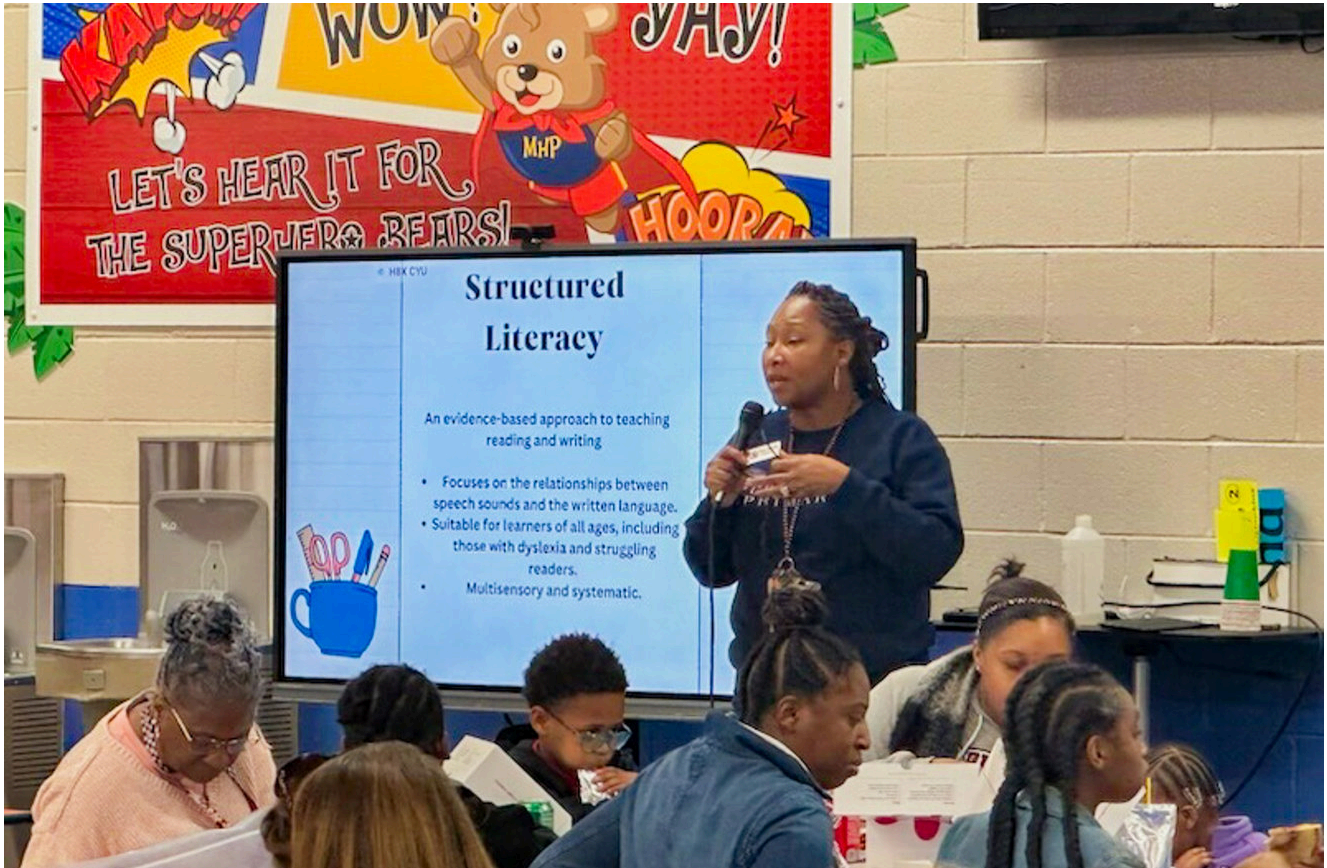


At Midway Hills Academy (MHA), the spirit of achievement and personal growth is alive and thriving through the Goal Getters program. This initiative is not just about setting goals; it's about the remarkable journey each student takes to overcome challenges and emerge victorious in their endeavors. The recent goal-getter celebration was a testament to the commitment and resilience exhibited by the entire student body at MHA.



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## Midway Hills Primary Holds First Literacy Family Night



Curriculum Coordinator Erica Ingram talked about some of the new techniques that were introduced at the Midway Hills Primary Literacy Family Night, "The school administration and teachers showed parents examples of what they could do at home to support the components of reading," she said. "They gave them resources to show them that it's not just 'reading', but sounding out words, pronunciation, asking questions about reading comprehension and delving into the science of reading."

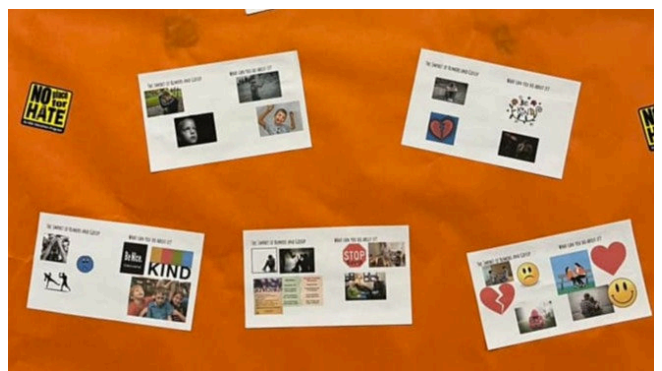
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## Oak Hill Middle School Commits to No Place for Hate



Oak Hill Middle School(OHMS)recently completed the second lesson of the No Place for Hate program, focusing on the impact of identity and bias on rumors and gossip. The session aimed to foster a culture of inclusivity by highlighting how these factors influence interpersonal dynamics within the school community. This achievement signifies OHMS's commitment to creating an environment that values diversity and works towards eliminating prejudice.



**Georgia College Early College Student Ayesha Patel Featured in Milledgeville Scene's 20 Under 40 Magazine**

20 under 40

# ayesha patel

As a 16-year-old Georgia College Early College student with a bright future ahead, Ayesha Patel's schedule is more than busy, and that's just the way she likes it.

"Honestly, I've always loved being involved," she says. "I've always loved having my schedule be full [and] getting to know other people."

Patel is a junior at GCEC, where she has been a student since the ninth grade. She is now enrolled entirely in college classes while still making time for several extracurricular activities through Baldwin High School. At BHS, she is secretary of the Beta Club, co-founder and co-president of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and vice president of hospitality in the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Club. She's also a member of the varsity soccer team. In addition, she's a member of the Southeastern Model African Union through Georgia College & State University, as well as a student ambassador and student council member at GCEC.

Her involvement goes beyond just school, though. Patel is in the current class of Youth Leadership Baldwin, and she also serves on the Milledgeville Mainstreet Junior Board and the Watson Brown Foundation Junior Board.

Recently, she was appointed to Georgia's Student Advisory Council for the 2023-24 term. Under the guidance of State School Superintendent Richard Wood, the council focuses on involving students within the state's school districts. Council members gather in Atlanta four to five times per year to discuss issues that need to be addressed. Patel is hopeful that through her role on the council, she can place an emphasis on learning and teaching strategies. It's an issue that she says she has seen firsthand through tutoring other students and peers.

"I've realized that everyone has a different way of learning, and I think that if more people realized [the need to] find a way to understand each student's learning method and what makes it easier for them, it would greatly improve how they understand the material and their ability to understand the material and perform substantially better in school," she says.

She thinks it's a goal that could be achieved in part through the integration of Artificial Intelligence.

"AI is becoming more prominent in our

world, and I think that it could be used for the better and used to help create models or ideas of how to teach students that understand materials differently than others," she says.

One of Patel's most notable achievements came through the science research internship she did last summer through GCSU's Young Scientists Academy. Through the program, she worked in a lab for six weeks cultivating a research project and presenting it at a research symposium at the end of the internship.

"My project was over synthesizing a novel naphthalimide fluorescent dye doped in silica nanoparticles in order to detect methamphetamine," Patel explains. "This was definitely not easy, but I'm glad I experienced something that challenged me, and I learned a lot about myself through this opportunity, and learned the proper methods of conducting an experiment and researching ... I truly feel like this opportunity has helped me understand what I am getting into in the future trying to pursue medicine, and it has made me more passionate to do so."

While each of her extracurricular activities is rewarding, Patel's involvement with HOSA is significant because of her aspirations in the medical field. Her plans are to attend medical school and become a doctor, preferably a neurologist. Patel founded the club at BHS along with two other friends at the beginning of the school year, and membership has already grown to around 40 students. Through the club, members participate in medical-based competitions, learn more about the medical field, shadow doctors and other medical professionals and intern within the field.

Patel says expressing her culture is something that's also very important to her.

"This is because there used to be a time when I was slightly embarrassed of showing off my Indian heritage, but as I grew up, I realized that it is something that I should be proud of," she says. "Therefore, I started embracing it more since last year and even more this year."

She does this, she says, by telling people about her culture as well as by wearing cultural clothing to events. Patel has also joined the KPSYL (Kadva Patidar Samaj Youth Leadership) club through her temple. In KPSYL, members organize and plan events pertaining to holidays like



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Navratri or Diwali.

Patel says all of the organizations and activities she is involved in have allowed her to develop connections, network, build long-lasting relationships and learn about other people.

"Being involved in my community is important to me that way, not only because it helps me develop relationships with others, but also because it gives me a sense of giving back to the community as well, and I have these opportunities, and I feel like it's only fair for me to capitalize off them as much as I can because ... a wasted opportunity is nothing," she says.

When she looks to her future, her goal is to continue giving back, and that's the mark she ultimately wants to make on this world.

"Honestly, I just want to give back, and I want to help people," she says. "I want people to know me as someone who's done my best and giving back and helping others and putting them first ... I want philanthropy to be just as important as my career goals as well. I think a mark is just giving back and being a good person."

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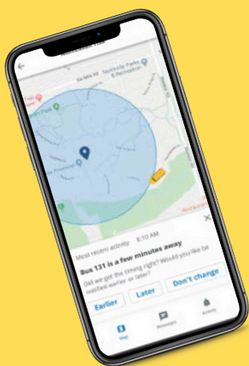
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## STUDENT REGISTRATION REWAL for 2023-2024 NOW OPEN!





Attention Parents!

# 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL REGISTRATION RENEWAL

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## EXISTING FAMILY Campus Online Registration

For more Information:

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It's time to complete our annual student registration renewal for the 2023 - 2024 school year. The purpose of the online registration is to assist the school district in preparing for all of our students who are planning to return to in-person instruction. This online registration process can be completed using a computer or a tablet and will ensure that the Baldwin County School District has your most up-to-date contact information. It will also let us know whether your child will be enrolling in [Baldwin Online Academy](#).

To access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, click the following link: [Parent Portal](#). For assistance in completing the annual update, click the following link for step-by-step guided instructions: [Annual Update Instructions](#). Please complete the annual update for each child returning to the Baldwin County School District.

If you have forgotten your password for Infinite Campus, you may access the Self-help feature on the Parent Portal login screen if you have a correct/updated email address in the system. For further assistance, you can use the Infinite Campus Parent Portal Help Desk by clicking the following link: [Help Desk](#).

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# The Early Learning Center

2023-2024 school year



## Head Start

A federally funded child and family development program that offers education, health, nutrition, family, children, transportation, & disability support services

- \* Child must be 4 on or before September 1, 2023
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## Georgia's Pre-K

A state funded child development program that offers educational services and provides access to additional services comparable to the public school system

- \* Child must be 4 on or before September 1, 2023
- \* Acceptance determined by using a lottery system

**To apply for either program, the following information will be needed:**

- \*Child's birth certificate (Original Document)
- \*Child's social security card (Original Document)
- \*Proof of residence (utility bill for the previous month)
- \*Income verification (W-2 or 3 pay stubs for the previous month)
- \*Proof of disability, if applicable

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**Please contact Mrs. Tanya Browder at 478-457-2468 for further information.**

**The Early Learning Center has extended its 2023-24 registration for applicants who will be four years old on or before September 1, 2023. They will continue to take applications until these slots are full.**

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## BALDWIN ONLINE ACADEMY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The Baldwin County School District will continue to offer students the option of remote learning by enrolling in the Baldwin Online Academy for the 2022-2023 school year. This option is also available to home-schooled students. Baldwin Online Academy is available to students in grades K-12 who want to have the flexibility of learning from home at their own pace.

Parents may use this [LINK](#) to enroll their children in the Baldwin Online Academy (BOA) for the 2023-2024 school year. Students who are already in BOA do not need to complete this form. If you have more than one child, please complete a form for each child. Homeschooled students will need to complete the new student registration process. You will be notified if your child is selected for the Baldwin Online Academy.

Students need to have good grades and attendance to be considered for the online academy (passing 3 out of 4 academic subjects). If there is a medical reason for wanting to enroll online, the parent needs to state this in the reason for enrolling. For any questions, please contact Mr. Antonio Ingram, Director of the BSA/BOA at 478-233-9010 or send an email to [antonio.ingram@baldwin.k12.ga.us](mailto:antonio.ingram@baldwin.k12.ga.us)

# FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Parents are hearing many different acronyms these days that students are learning at school. This week we would like to share the answers to some frequently asked questions about PBIS, our Positive Behavioral Interventions and supports, from the George Sugai National Center on PBIS Neag School of Education.

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| <b>POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b> | <br><a href="http://www.pbis.org">www.pbis.org</a><br> | George Sugai<br>National Center on PBIS<br>Neag School of Education<br>University of Connecticut<br>May 29, 2018 |
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| <b>1. What is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)?</b>   |
| Implementation <b>framework</b> for maximizing the selection and use of <b>evidence-based prevention</b> and intervention practices along a continuum that supports the <b>academic, social, emotional, and behavioral competence</b> of <b>all</b> students.  |
| <b>2. What is the PBIS Center?</b>   |
| Established by OSERS, USDoE in 1997 to deliver high quality, direct and indirect technical assistance and implementation support to local and state education agencies across the United States and territories.   |
| <b>3. What do students and staff members gain in PBIS schools?</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students develop, learn, and enhance their social, emotional, and behavioral competence to support their academic engagement.</li> <li>• All educators develop positive, predictable, and safe environments that promote strong interpersonal relationships with students through teaching, modeling, and encouragement.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>4. What do students and educators experience when PBIS is implemented with fidelity?</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reductions in major disciplinary infractions and antisocial behavior.</li> <li>• Improvements in aggressive behavior, concentration, prosocial behavior, and emotional regulation</li> <li>• Improvements in academic engagement and achievement</li> <li>• Enhancements in perceptions of organizational health and safety</li> <li>• Reductions in teacher and student reported bullying behavior, peer rejection, and substance abuse</li> <li>• Improvements in school climate</li> </ul> |
| <b>5. How does PBIS contribute to the development of positive school climate, school safety, and student-educator relationships?</b>   |
| By establishing positive, safe, caring, and interactive learning environments, educators develop trusting relationships with their students who in turn experience schools as safe and responsive environments where their diverse needs, strengths, and learning are supported.   |

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## INFINITE CAMPUS



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