



Board of Education Newsletter for September and October 2014

The Jones County Board of Education continues to work on closing the communication gap between the Board and the citizens that we serve. We hope this information will keep you informed of events that affect our school system and our community.

<p style="text-align: center;">BOE School Board Celebrations</p> <p>In recent years we have seen school days shorten, teachers furloughed, and class size increased dramatically. Yet, we have seen you spend countless hours trying to make ends meet and trying to put your time and energy where it is most needed. Your Board of Education wants you to know that we are very proud of our educators and all the employees that help to make our schools successful.</p> <p>Senior Producer Joel Walters of the Educational Television Program, "In View" hosted by Larry King that airs nationwide on FOX Business Network emailed us. "We wish to feature the best and most relevant positive stories from the best and brightest out there. After I got a recommendation, our research department brought me your district for consideration for this particular program." What an Honor! Thank you for all you do!</p> <p>School Board Visits: The school board members visited schools on October 3rd and October 17th. We are a great school system, because you are dedicated to our children. 😊</p> <p>Homecoming Parade: The board of education took part in the Homecoming Parade Sept. 25. Many from our community came to enjoy the fun.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOE meetings</p> <p>The Board of Education meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>Highlights of the September Board of Ed. Meeting Ms. Braziel presented a report on the Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES).</p> <p>JCHS Governor's Honors Program: Two students from Jones County High School were selected to participate in the Governor's Honor Program. McKenzie Lewis, Agriculture student and Shelby Fordham, Choral student will compete for the opportunity to participate in the program. State Finalists will be notified on March 3, 2015. Congratulations and Good Luck!</p> <p>Highlights of the October Board of Ed. Meeting Gray Elementary is in the process of packing up to move to the "New" Gray Elementary School building. The new school will open in January when students come back from the Holidays. 😊</p> <p>Ms. Braziel presented a report on Leader Keys Effectiveness System (LKES).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">School News and Celebrations</p> <p>School Council Meetings: Board of Education members attended the training workshop for the School Council members for the year 2014-2015. Each Board member will attend School Council meetings to show support and to encourage parents to attend School Council meetings at the school where their children attend. Our educators and students are facing many changes in the upcoming year.</p> <p>Region One Act Play: 😊 Mrs. Butler and her cast and crew did a fantastic job at the Region One Act competition. They placed 4th out of the ten High Schools in the region. The way that our cast and crew conducted themselves showed everyone in the region what Jones County High School is about. Congratulations!!</p> <p>STATE BOUND! Both the girls and boys cross country teams are advancing to the state cross country meet in Carrollton, after another impressive year and region championship. Congratulations!!</p> <p>Softball: Gray Station Lady Hounds claimed the Central Georgia Middle School Athletic League Championship. Congratulations! Well done!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">State Level & Legislation and Information</p> <p>Charter School System, IE2, or Stay the same The State Board approved a statewide waiver last week from portions of the rules on Promotion, Placement, and Retention and the Statewide Passing Score. The 2014-15 school year waiver is due to the implementation of the new assessment system and test scores being delayed this summer.</p> <p>Tiered Certification System: Understanding the 2014 Educator Certification Changes</p> <p>New! As a reminder to our members, State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) open enrollment begins October 27th. Decision guides for SHBP members are located HERE.</p> <p>SHBP is conducting information sessions across the state to educate members about the 2015 insurance plans. Please CLICK HERE and scroll down the page to locate an information session near you.</p>