

The Learning Curve

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Your weekly guide to students, schools, teachers and triumphs in Bibb County's Public Schools

Unified Dress Code Policy goes into effect for Middle Schools

Miller Middle students calling fellow students and families as reminder



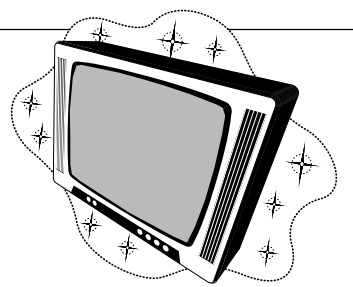
Miller Middle rising 8th graders (l-r) Emma Brown, Leah Parris, and Kayla Hutchings are trying to reach every student to remind them of the dress code policy.

In an effort to make sure the students at Miller Middle are aware of the Unified Dress Code Policy going into effect at all the county's middle schools this year, three students were chosen to try and contact every student in the school.

This past year, parents voted to have all the middle schools to move to a unified uniform policy. Since the decision was made after school was out for the summer, Principal Tanzy Kilcrease felt it would help students, teachers, and parents if they made a concerted effort to make sure everyone was aware of the changes.

Rising eighth graders Emma Brown, Leah Parris, and Kayla Hutchings were selected for their previous activities in other service organizations, and they attempted to contact every student going to Miller this year.

The dress code for all grade levels, as well as the school system's Code of Conduct, can be accessed online at http://www.bibb.k12.ga.us/System_Policies/clothing_checklist.asp.



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QuickThink-A-Thon Competition helps teach children how to make safe decisions

For a third year, the Exchange Club of Macon, in cooperation with the Bibb County Public Schools, held its annual QuickThink-A-Thon competition. Taking place at Vineville Academy, winners from 15 schools competed for the City QuickThink Champion.

QuickTHINK is an entertaining personal safety game that helps children ages 5-10 make safe decisions when faced with potentially dangerous situations including fire, water, gun, street and Internet safety, as well as information on drugs, poison prevention, abduction, bullying, and child abuse.

More than 100 people showed up to cheer on their children as judges posed the questions to them. Judges were representative from the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department, the Macon Police Department, and the Bibb County Sheriff's Office. Each school winner received a trophy and a certificate, while the top three winners in the city received an additional trophy.

Tamerea Haynes of Danforth Elementary won first place, D'wan Dixon of Williams Elementary won 2nd place, and Afeeni Cumberbatch of Bernd Elementary won 3rd place.

Individual school winners also included Lexus Finney of Bruce-Weir Elementary,

Jessica Gaines of Burdell-Hunt Elementary, Payton Butler of Sonny Carter Elementary, Carlos Rhodes of Hamilton Elementary, Kovie Kendrick of Hartley Elementary, Cameron Wright of Heard Elementary, Melvin Trimble of Ingram-Pye Elementary, Michael Parrish of Lane Elementary, Emileigh Ezelle of Porter Elementary, Emma Brock of Springdale Elementary, Jukeria McCloud of Taylor Elementary, and Miranda Somers of Vineville Academy.



top: The QuickThink game provides students with a situation in which they must choose the right course of action.



left:(l-r)Pictured from left to right are: Front row - Afeeni Cumberbatch, 3rd Place Winner; D'wan Dixon, 2nd Place Winner; Tamerea Haynes, 1st Place Winner; Second row- Mr. Benjamin Roundtree (emcee); Dr. Sherri Flagg; Mrs. Tina May; Dr. Susan Simpson; Rollin Middlebrooks, QuickThink Chairman and Exchange Club District President-elect.

Macon Knights Reading Club

Students get opportunity to meet professional athletes



(left) Daniel Davis (center) was honored at a Macon Knights football game as the Top Individual Reader in Bibb County.

(right) Mrs. William's 5th grade class received the Top Class award. They got a pizza party and a chance to meet Chris DiSanto and John Windham of the Macon Knights.



To help foster the joy of reading in Bibb County Public Schools, the Macon Knights developed an incentive program for all 3rd through 5th graders. Each school participating received a Macon Knights Reading Club poster resembling an official arena football field, and a student's progress would be tracked using football cutouts with their name on it.

To encourage them to read, prizes would be handed out determined on how many pages the student read during the two-month period. The more pages a student read, the further they could move their football down the field,

receiving prizes for every first down (10 yards) and touchdown (50 yards). First down prizes would be determined as the program went along, and touchdown prizes included a Macon Knights prize pack and a ticket to a game.

To keep track of student progress, one teacher in each school would be nominated as the school's Quarterback, who would report the pages to the Knights and would be in charge of distributing prizes.

To keep them reading from week to week, the Knights offered grand prizes to the Top Individual Reader, the Top Class, and Top

School from the County. The Top Class received a pizza party with the Macon Knights players; the Top School received a framed and autographed Macon Knights poster; and the Top Individual Reader received a \$500 savings bond.

This year, the Top Class was Mrs. William's 5th grade class at Bernd Elementary, the Top School was Bernd, and the Top Individual Reader was Daniel Davis from that same class. They were honored with a presentation by the Knights and Chik-Fil-A at a Friday night game. John Windham and Chris DiSanto of the Knights attended the pizza party for Mrs. William's class.