



The Jaguar Chronicles



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Ms. G. Jones is THE BOMB.COM - by Mrs. Murphy-Johnson

It is my pleasure to extend a HIGH FIVE to our Teacher of the Year--Ms. G. Jones. This award is perfect for her because it recognizes her dedication, enthusiasm, and love of teaching that she displays everyday. Ms. Jones works late during the school week and can be found at the school on the weekends too. She builds relationships with her students, sets high expectations for them, and pushes them to excel. Ms. Demby, says "As a result of Ms. Jones hard work, the growth her kids receive is AH-MAZING!" Ms. Demby also stated that the one thing she admires most about Ms. Jones is "her will to keep going despite the challenges we have as educators. She does not let any of it stop her from our #1 goal, which is educating our kids.

Congratulations Ms. G. Jones



The JAG News - by Paris Riley and Laila Dorsey



Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls!!! Grab your dresses and your bow-ties, and get ready for the **2018 Winter Wonderland Social!!!** This event will be hosted by our Jaguar Booster Club, and will be held on **December 14th at the Amour Venue** located at 1400 JR Lynch Street. This is a semi-formal event that will last for 3 hours; 7 pm to 10 pm. The tickets are \$20 and the last days to purchase them is December 11th and December 13th. If you any questions talk to the Winter dance coordinators: J. Barnes, Dr. Nelson, and, A. Williams. Enjoy the food, the fun, and dancing!!

We asked a question and here are their answers:

Laila: Why did you decide to have the dance off campus?

Ms. Barnes: We wanted to give you a different experience.

Paris: Do you think that with this event being off campus, students will behave?

Dr. Nelson: Yes, because we have very good students and the know what the expectations are.

Time to Catch Up- JaQueria Bailey & Shayla Brooks



What's up people, get comfortable and put on some hot cocoa. We are about to get you caught up on your school news. First, were going to talk about "What's up Wednesday". I know your wondering if there will be a concession stand, but sorry we don't know be cause it depends on the activity. This event will take place during each grades lunch hour. **We would tell you what will be happening but it's a surprise.**



Now we will be talking about the 60% day and the PBIS event. We will have a sack lunch at 10:30 AM. The PBIS event will occur at 9:00 AM. Also lastly we will get out of school on the 60% day at 12:40 PM. This concludes your school news have a nice day.



Winter Break
December 24, 2018 -January 8, 2019

"Fashember"

Written by: Rickedria Davis, Tracie Kidd,
& Cyneice Williams

I like purple. You like PINK. We're about to look fresh, so what do you THINK? How should I dress on a cute winter day? You can take a good hot shower. Put on a pretty white and silver pink's shirt with some light blue Miss Me jeans. Then you can put on some black and white ugg boots with the bows on the back. There are so many pretty things girls can rock in the winter. Here are just a few suggestions:

1. jackets with fur on the hood
2. boots
3. scarf
4. cool shades
5. cute hoodie



Iced Out

Written by: Kaylah Grant & I'keria Tillman

Do you know what it takes to make a iced out look? Well, if you don't, let me tell you what we think. Because it's growing colder and colder, guys need to wear hats and jackets. They also need some high tops and gloves. Wait! Let's not forget the jeans and that cool watch. That's the winter look for guys. And remember WINTER IS HERE!!! Here is a list of winter items recommended by

Jonathan Roby:

1. name brand gloves
2. stylish beanies
3. boots
4. furry coats
5. hoodies



Thanks JONATHAN!!!

Student Council & Community Service

Student Council received 411 canned goods and donated all of them to Stewpot!

Way to go Student Council!!!



Advice Column

What do I do if I have low self-esteem?

Written by: JalyN Myrick & Sahara Thomas

Having low self-esteem mainly has something to do with the way you think about yourself. Self-doubt can have a major affect on how we see ourselves. It is a challenge for a lot of students so never feel that you are alone.

There are a number of ways to get rid of these negative feelings. For example, setting goals and pushing forward to achieve them will help you feel better about yourself. You can also be your OWN friend and believe in yourself. You can also develop a talent that makes you feel great about yourself. Finally, one last suggestion to kick low self-esteem to the curb is to BE YOURSELF, NEVER GIVE UP, AND STAND PROUD.

In the great words of Dr. Maxwell Maltz, "Low self-esteem is like driving through life with your hand-brake on". This means do not let low self-esteem slow you down in life. You Got This!



Up Next!!!

Written by: Zaikyria Luckett & Nia Vaughan

Hi folks ! This is Up Next Entertainment, we're coming to you from Blackburn Middle School. Today's topic is the new Netflix movie "Mowgli". It's about an exciting movie about an human man cub and how he survives with his pack of wolves.



If you want an up close, extravagant, personal view of the wild, check up the new and improved "Lion King" that will be in theaters July 2019.



Another great movie that we recommend seeing is "Aquaman". In this movie, Arthur Curry learns that he is the heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis, and must step forward to lead his people and be a hero to the world. Sounds good right?



So the big question is this: **Will Cardi B and Offset get divorced?** Some people are saying all of this is just a publicity stunt. Here is what Cardi B had to say: "I've been seeing a lot of people saying my relationship is fake," she began. "There's certain things called love. People do fall in love. My relationship was never fake. Y'all gotta understand, there's a kid involved so there's no type of publicity that I would ever want that would have my daughter looking at me crazy when she gets older..."



We will just have to wait and see...

Finance Corner by: Mr. Kirton



Understanding personal finance needs to start at early age. As all people use or transact with money, students need to know how to manage their monies efficiently and effectively. Teaching personal budging and managing debt especially credit card debt, can serve students for a lifetime. A good first step would be to open bank accounts for young persons as early as your local financial institution would allow. This allows young people to learn about the growth of money over time.

Note: Many financial institutions allow students as early as 13 to open joint accounts with one parent with as little as \$20.00.

Apart from being an educator, Mr. Germaine Kirton, MBA, has 15 years of banking and finance experience.

Nothing but Net

by: Gloria Estrada & Makayla Lockett



Blackburn's boys basketball team is amazing! They work very hard to keep up with school work and basketball practice. We interviewed **Jamaree Jefferson** from the team. These are a few of the questions we asked him and the answers he gave.

Question- What does it take to be on the basketball team?

Jamaree- Keep your grades at least a 75 average, and work hard from the time you get in to the time you leave.

Question- Are your teammates cool to work with?

Jamaree- Yes, my teammates are fun and thats why I call them my family.

Question- Do you have a message for the 6th graders?

Jamaree- If its something you love keep your mind straight on what you want.

Jamaree gave some great answers! If your a 6th grader and you would like to be apart of the basketball team next year, now you know what it takes to reach that goal.

POWER UP!

Kid-friendly Recipes

By: Mrs. Murphy-Johnson



The perfect sidekicks

INGREDIENTS

- 2 c. white chocolate chips
- 1 tbsp. coconut oil
- Yellow food coloring
- 12 oreos
- Black cookie icing

DIRECTIONS

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment or wax paper. In a medium bowl, combine white chocolate chips, coconut oil and 4 to 5 drops of yellow food coloring. Microwave on 50% power in 30 second intervals until the chocolate has melted. Stir until smooth.
2. Toss each Oreo cookie in the yellow chocolate mixture until fully coated and transfer to the baking sheet.
3. Use cookie icing to pipe glasses and mouth, then press candy eyes on top of glasses.

YIELDS: 12 PREP TIME: 5 MINS TOTAL TIME: 25 MINS

found on delish.com

Soccer Chronicles

By: Jordon Watson and Desmond Kinner



2018-2019 BLMS Soccer Team

Hey everyone! It's soccer season here at Blackburn and their on their way to yet another championship game Just so you know all soccer games are free so you should come and support us our games are every Thursday night right after school.

Coach McDill and his assistants have been playing hard this school year. This article will feature one of our Mighty Jaguar soccer players--**Lisandro Hernandez**. We conducted the following interview:

The 8 highest-paid soccer players in the world

- Lionel Messi.** Pay: \$111 M.
- Cristiano Ronaldo.** Pay: \$108 M.
- Neymar.** Pay: \$90 M.
- Gareth Bale.** Pay: \$34.6 M.
- Paul Pogba.** Pay: \$29.5 M.
- Oscar.** Pay: \$27.4 M.
- Wayne Rooney.** Pay: \$27 M.
- Luis Suarez.** Pay: \$26.9 M.

Jordon: What inspired you to play soccer?

Lisandro: I just always wanted to play.

Desmond: What type of mindset do you need to be on the soccer team?

Lisandro: You need good sportsmanship and determination.

Desmond: What are the coaches like?

Lisandro: They're nice and they keep us on track.

Blackburn Celebrities

Photos by: Mr. Vaughn Ms. Veal Ms. Wicks & Mrs. Murphy-Johnson



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