

November



The Velma Jackson High School Chronicle



The Meaning of Thanksgiving Dayo

Thanksgiving is truly a special day. When we think of Thanksgiving we conjure up thoughts of leaves that have changed color and are falling from trees. We also think of visiting with family and friends, watching Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and of course, the traditional football games on television. Our memories also remind us of turkey dinners with all of the holiday trimmings.

Thanksgiving Day is more than a day of fond memories, parades, football games, and special dinners. It is also a day of thanks. On Thanksgiving Day, we are reminded of the bounty of treasures that is a part of our lives. We spend a few moments before the Thanksgiving dinner to give thanks for the richness of our lives and for our wonderful family and friends.

Also, Thanksgiving has broader significance. It is important for us to remember that the word thanksgiving is composed of two words: thanks and giving. Through the Thanksgiving holiday, we are reminded to be thankful, to share, and to give. This year as you celebrate take a moment and reflect on what you can do to fully express the meaning of Thanksgiving. As you sit down for dinner, spend a few moments giving thanks to God for all His blessings and mercies toward your family throughout the year.

Important Dates

- Senior Pictures – 11.02
- Veterans Day Program – 11.08 at 10:45 AM
- Progress Reports – 11.15
- District Reading Fair – 11.16
- Thanksgiving Break – 11.20 - 11.24

November Games

Football

- Franklin County (Home) – 11.03
- Jefferson Davis County (Away) – 11.09

Basketball

- Holmes Central Classic (Girls Only) – 11.03
- Canton Classic (Boys Only/Away) – 11.03
- Murrah (Home) – 11/08
- Canton (Home) – 11.16
- Ridgeland Shootout (Away) – 11.19
- Pearl River (Away) – 11.24
- Madison County Tourn (Home) 11.27 – 12.02



**Congratulations Falcons on having an
awesome season and being Back 2 Back
2 Back District Champs!**



The month of November is considered Prematurity Awareness Month. An estimated 15 million babies around the world are born premature each year and more than one million of them do not survive their early birth. Although the United States has seen sustained improvement in its preterm birth rate, it has one of the highest rates of preterm births of any industrialized country. In the United States, the entire month of November is dedicated to Prematurity Awareness.

The March of Dimes helps the nation focus its attention on premature births. November 17th marks World Prematurity Day, and the March of Dimes is asking everyone worldwide to help spread the word on the serious problem of premature births. The Prematurity Campaign was launched by the March of Dimes to address the crisis and help families have full-term, healthy babies. They are dedicated to giving all babies a healthy start in life!



~Nala Johnson

November Birthdays

Brian Olive – 1st
 Xavier Luckett – 2nd
 Christian Garret – 4th
 Isaiah Jones - 6th
 Gredarian Smith – 11th
 Dvarius and Jvarius Ball – 12th
 Shayleen Phillips – 13th
 Charlie Jones – 16th
 Jada Kiner – 19th
 Jakyla Garrett – 20th
 Nala Johnson – 25th
 Edward Sims – 26th
 Manuel McKay – 26th
 Roydarius Sutton – 27th
 Jamekia Luckett – 29th
 Tamia Brewster – 30th
 Albert Day – 30th
 Deborah Jones – 30th

Life is far better than what I deserve. The things I take for granted, someone else is praying for. I am thankful for all that I have. I may not have everything I want, but I do have everything I need. Every day someone does not have food to eat, clothes and shoes to wear, or even a roof over their head. I am forever thankful for my mom, grandparents, and aunts who provide these necessities for me. God bless you and Happy Thanksgiving!

~Edward Sims

I am thankful for the food I eat. I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my teachers. Also, I am thankful for my life. I am thankful for the many blessings I receive.

~Kevin McInnis

I am thankful for life! Waking up every day is a blessing to me. One of the main reasons why I am thankful is because I have made it this far in life. So many teenagers my age die before graduating from high school. Also, I am thankful because I am a better person than I was a year ago. I have matured and grown into a very respectable young lady, and I owe it all to my mom. I appreciate my mom for always encouraging, motivating, and supporting me. She reminds me daily to pray and to keep God first. I am very thankful for all that I have been blessed with!

~Victoria Kiner

I am thankful for my loving and caring parents. I am thankful for them because they are always there for me when I need them. Also, I am thankful for my friends and my support system, without them I probably could not have made it this far. I am most appreciative for being able to get a new car at the age of 17 years-old. Most importantly, I am grateful for life today because every day is not promised.

~La’Kendria Luckett



Happy Turkey Day!

Thank You from Mr. and Miss VJ

Mr. VJ, Justin Kelly

I would like to thank everyone for their support and everybody that voted for me. It is truly a blessing to uphold this position and represent Velma Jackson High School, which is the best kept secret in Madison County. I would like to thank my family and the faculty and staff at VJ, without you all this would not be possible. Thank you!

Thank you,

Mr VJ, Justin Kelly



Miss VJ, Wendolyn Towner

I am so grateful to receive the title as Miss Velma Jackson for the 2018-2019 school year. I would like to thank God for giving me the capabilities, inspiration and strength to finish this race. Although, I am young I know where my help comes from. It is with deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude that I say thank you.

To our founder Miss Velma Ware Jackson for the legacy that she has left, to the wonderful staff especially the committee, thank you! For everyone who voted for me, thank you for believing in my potential and also supporting me from the beginning. To my uncles, aunts, and friends who supported me with donations of every kind thank you!

To the Booner family, especially Miss Lillian Booner, who was Miss Velma Jackson, thank you for your tremendous contribution.

To my niece, Karyn and nephews, Raymond and Rylan thank you for the 7 pieces of candy that you all placed in every candy bag. To my sister Kenya and Jalynn, thank you for your love and support for helping me with my speech.

To my oldest sister, Jamerriah, who was also Miss Velma Jackson, thank you for your love and leadership that you have shown me.

Lastly, I want to give a special thank you to my parents for the agape love that you have shown me day and night, and ensuring that my campaign week was a success.

As your 2018-2019 Miss Velma Jackson, I will continue to be respectful, responsible, trustworthy, caring, fair, and continue to show great citizenship. I am excited to begin my duties as Miss Velma Jackson and I look forward to an amazing year!