

MONROE CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Matters with Superintendent Moore

November 2026
32nd Edition

A Message from Our Superintendent:

Dear Monroe City Schools Faculty and Staff,

As we enter the month of November, we are reminded of how quickly the school year is moving. The first months have brought opportunities for growth, challenges that have strengthened us, and accomplishments worth celebrating. While we should take time to recognize the progress being made throughout Monroe City Schools, we must also remain mindful that there is still much work to be done.

November is an important time for us to reflect on our instructional practices and recommit ourselves to the work that matters most: student success. Our focus must remain on strengthening classroom instruction, protecting instructional time, using student data to drive meaningful decisions, and ensuring that every student receives the support needed to reach their fullest potential. We must continue to set high expectations, provide purposeful instruction, and create learning environments where all students are challenged, supported, and encouraged to succeed.

As leaders, teachers, and support personnel, we each have a responsibility to contribute to the academic growth and overall success of our students. Every classroom matters. Every instructional minute matters. Every interaction has the potential to make a difference in the life of a child. Let us continue to approach each day with intentionality, consistency, and a shared commitment to excellence.

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the faculty, staff, administrators, and families who continue to invest their time, talents, and energy into our schools. The work we do is not always easy, but it is meaningful, and its impact extends far beyond the classroom.

Let us use November as an opportunity to renew our commitment, celebrate our collective progress, and maintain the momentum needed to finish this semester strong. Our students deserve our very best, and together, we will continue moving Monroe City Schools forward.

Thank you for your dedication, your perseverance, and your continued belief in the potential of every student.

With appreciation,
Sam L. Moore, III
Superintendent

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER 23-27
THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER 11:
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/
NO STUDENTS

DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 4:
CHRISTMAS BREAK





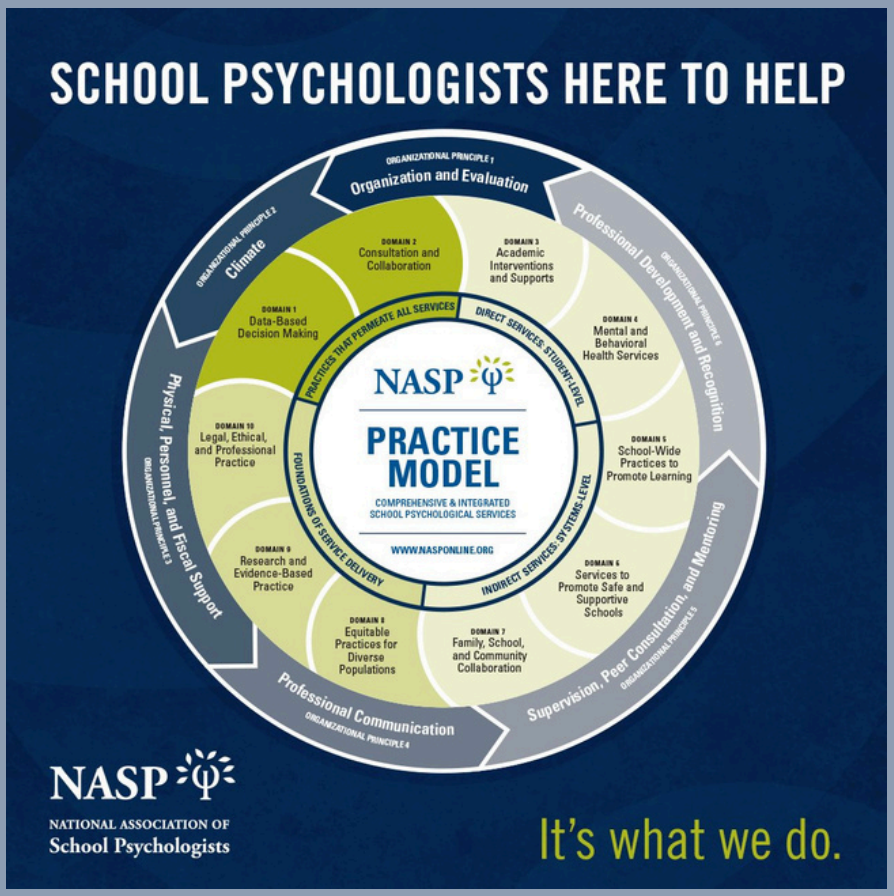




Central Office staff showed up and showed out in their pink to support breast cancer awareness.



RECOGNIZING OUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS



Monroe City Schools currently has 5 full-time school psychologists in Pupil Appraisal: Brandon Akers, Tammy Cole, Gerri Rankin, Pamela Smith, and Laura Maciaszek. Four of which are Nationally Certified School Psychologists (NCSP) through our national organization (NASP), and Pam recently became a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP) through the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. We also have 2 school psychology graduate students working with us this year. At least one of them is hoping to complete her internship in MCS next year and stay forever! Our school psychologists are all uniquely trained and qualified to meet the expectations of NASP by providing comprehensive and integrated psychological services in a public-school setting.

Thank You

Barkdull Faulk
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MATTHEW CHAVEZ
Student of the Year

(not pictured)







Carver
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL







Clara Hall
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Fermia Newell
Support Staff of the Year



Jessica Wade
Teacher of the Year





Tyron Battle
Student of the Year

CYPRESS POINT
UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY



Gail Brown
Support Staff of the Year



Sarah Phillips
Teacher of the Year

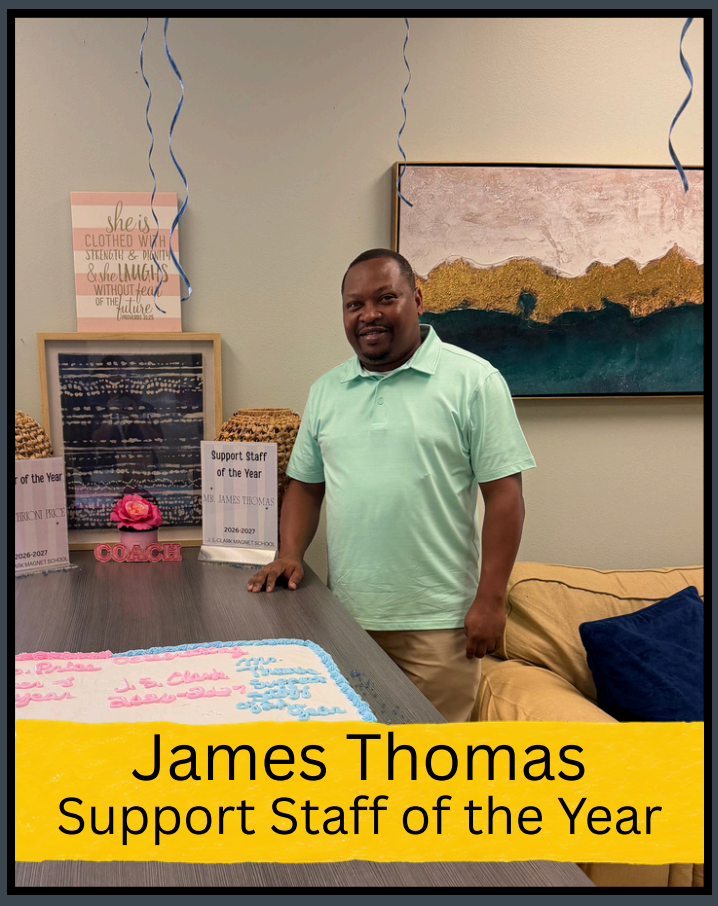


Connor Allen
Student of the Year

JS Clark
MAGNET SCHOOL

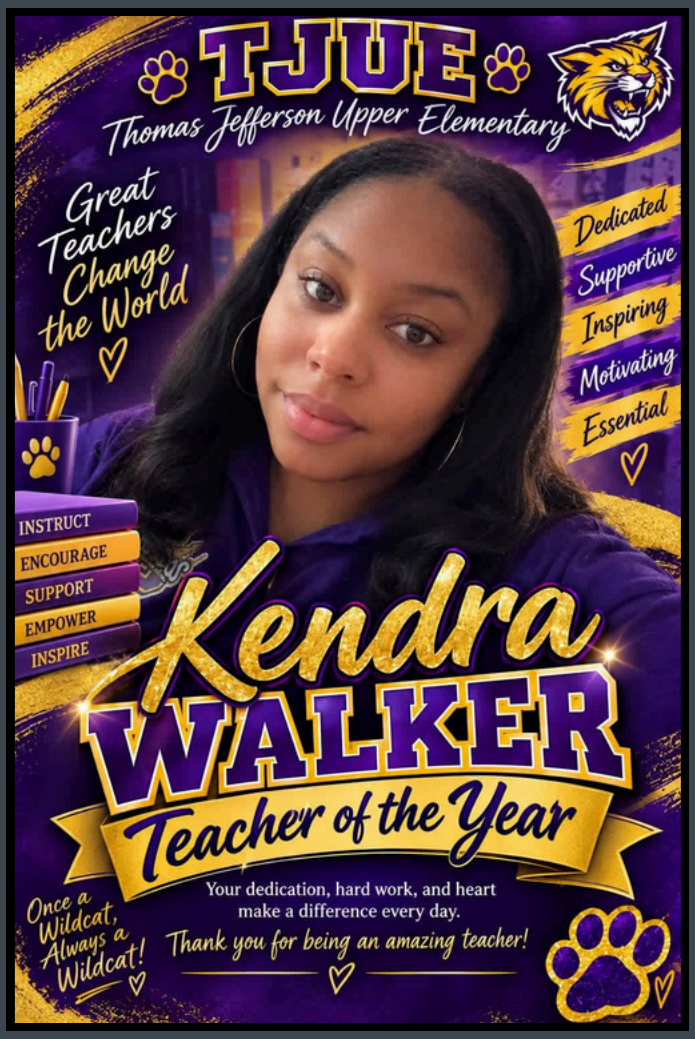


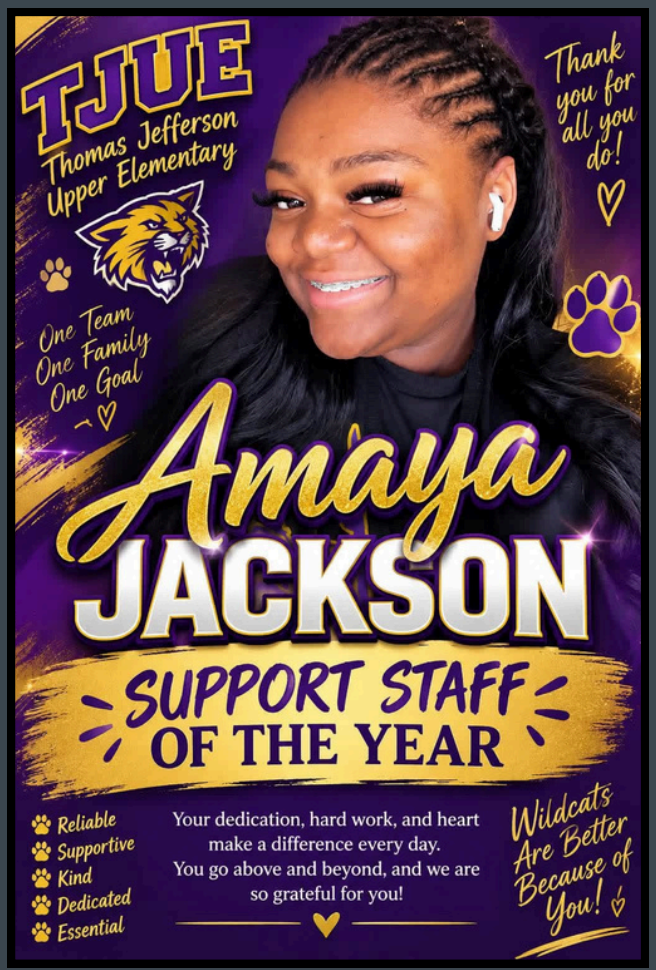
Chrioni Price
Teacher of the Year



James Thomas
Support Staff of the Year


STUDENT OF THE YEAR
WILDCATS
DEVIN FENROY
THOMAS JEFFERSON
UPPER ELEMENTARY


TJUE
Thomas Jefferson Upper Elementary
Great Teachers Change the World
Dedicated
Supportive
Inspiring
Motivating
Essential
INSTRUCT
ENCOURAGE
SUPPORT
EMPOWER
INSPIRE
Kendra
WALKER
Teacher of the Year
Your dedication, hard work, and heart make a difference every day.
Thank you for being an amazing teacher!
Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!


TJUE
Thomas Jefferson Upper Elementary
Thank you for all you do!
One Team
One Family
One Goal
Amaya
JACKSON
SUPPORT STAFF
OF THE YEAR
Reliable
Supportive
Kind
Dedicated
Essential
Your dedication, hard work, and heart make a difference every day.
You go above and beyond, and we are so grateful for you!
Wildcats Are Better Because of You!


THOMAS JEFFERSON
TJUE
UPPER ELEMENTARY
HOME OF THE WILDCATS



Ashlie Antis
Teacher of the Year



Jennifer Young
Support Staff of the Year



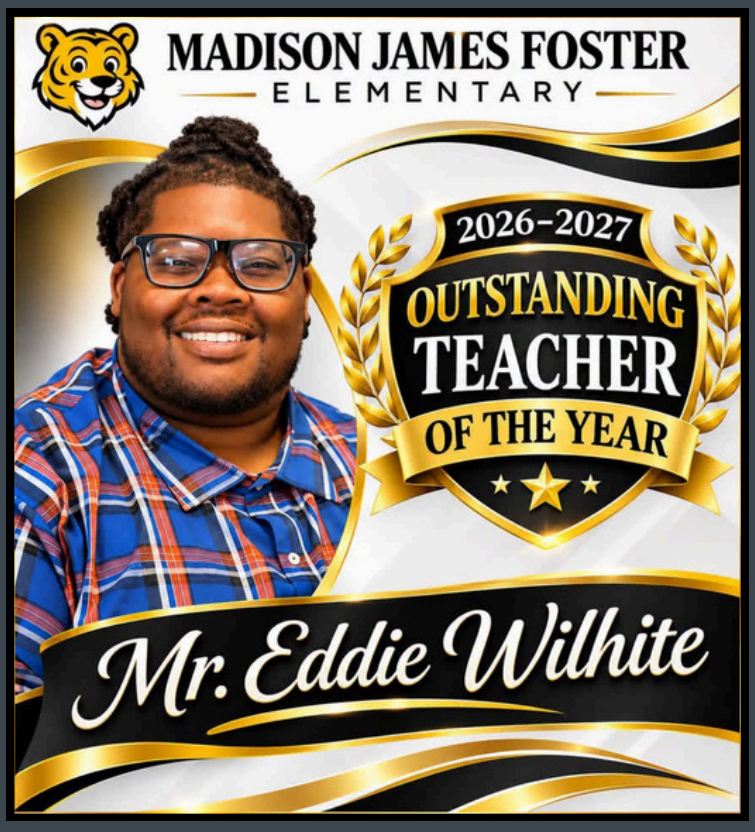
Elisabeth Hunt
New Teacher of the Year

Lexington
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





Madison James Foster
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





TERRACE TAYLOR
STUDENT OF THE YEAR

(not pictured)





Minnie Ruffin
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





RN Shelling
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

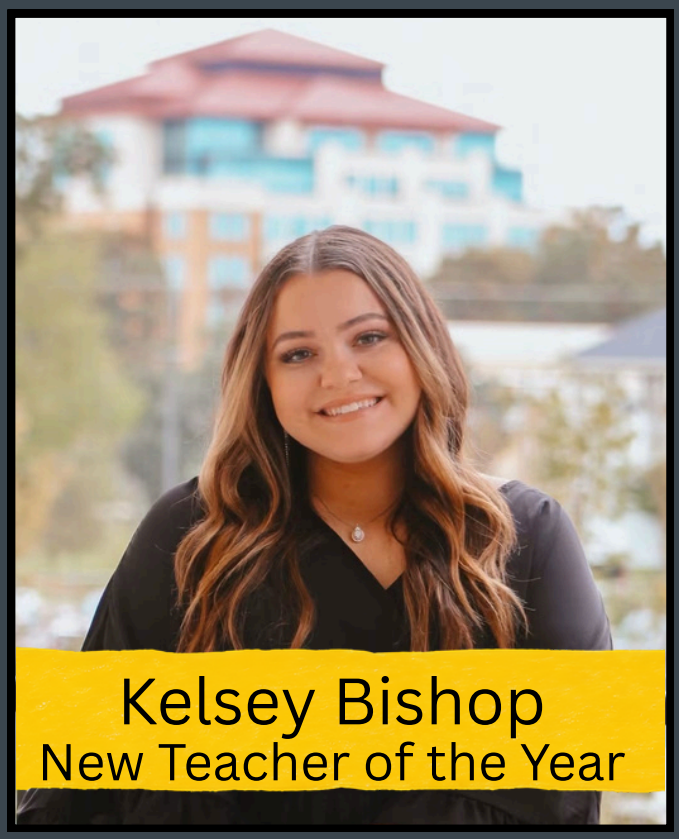
RNSE







Mary Carlyle Rachel
Student of the Year



Kelsey Bishop
New Teacher of the Year

Sallie Humble
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Cordella Powell
Support Staff of the Year



Katelyn Vaughan
Teacher of the Year

Carroll Junior
HIGH SCHOOL



ARIYANNA HENDERSON
Student of the Year

DARIUS WASHINGTON
Teacher of the Year

JASMINE BOLEY
New Teacher of the Year

REGINA ONYEMECHARA
Support Staff of the Year

JUNIOR HIGH



Reid Gonzales
Student of the Year



Adam Honeycutt
Teacher of the Year



Antonio Anderson
Support Staff of the Year

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
JUNIOR HIGH



Zoey Ross
Student of the Year



Minnie Williams
Support Staff of the Year

Patrick Sumbler
(Not Pictured)
Teacher of the Year



Adryanna Tippit
Student of the Year



Brenda Grover
Teacher of the Year

Carroll
HIGH SCHOOL

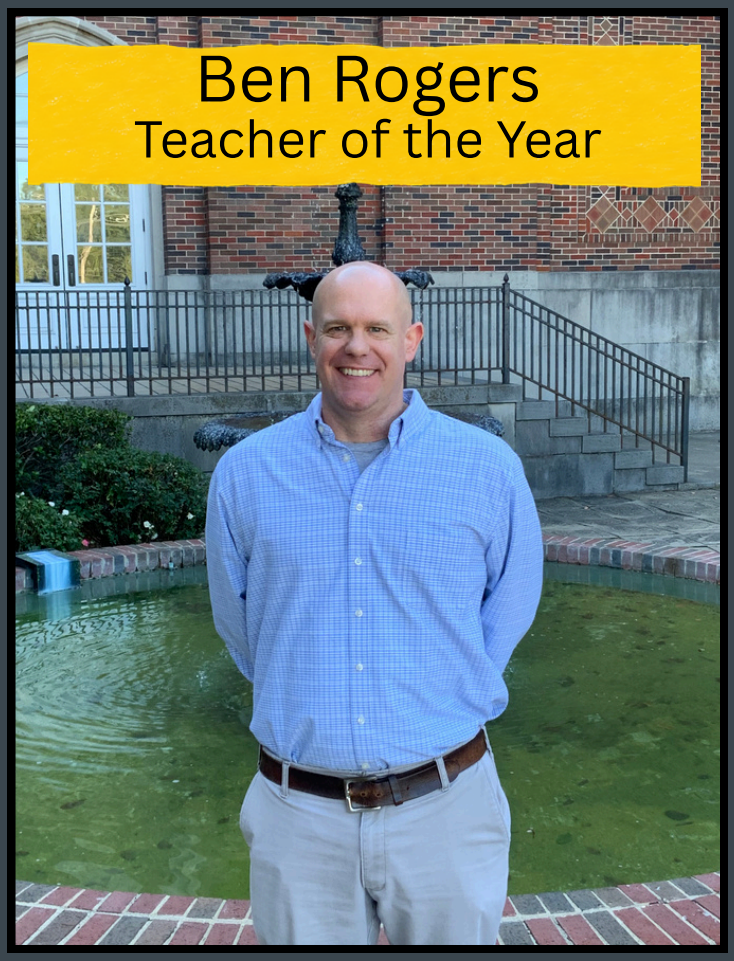


TaVeion Dismuke
New Teacher of the Year



Shalena Cloman
Support Staff of theYear







Neville
HIGH SCHOOL

Wossman
HIGH SCHOOL

KEYDEN REITZELL
Student of the Year

TONY BUTLER
Teacher of the Year

IVORY HUDSON
Support Staff of the Year

SPOTLIGHT

We want to showcase all the wonderful things going on in Monroe City Schools!

We know there are great things going on in our district. Are you aware of a student, employee, or a story that should be featured in the newsletter?

Send an email to deann.taylor@mcschools.net.