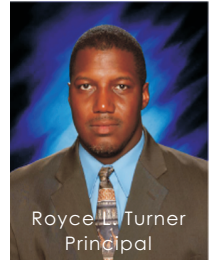




February 2012

Preparing students for their future...not our past

Message from the Principal...



Royce L. Turner
Principal

Paxon Eagles,

Welcome to a new semester and an opportunity to start fresh as we move toward the end of the 2011-2012 school year. February is also when we enter into our testing season. It is very important that you are diligent in keeping up with your studies in preparation for the benchmark tests, the end of course exams, AP exams and IB exams. If you feel that you are struggling, seek assistance through your teachers and guidance counselor. You are your best advocate. Take advantage of the resources provided for you and your success here at Paxon.

With the close of the second 9 weeks, grade recovery is getting underway. Completing this work in a timely manner helps you to free up your time to focus on the new work being given to you in your classes this quarter. Keep your eye on the prize. Your efforts now will pay off in the end. Please be reminded that the district will assess a fee for learning recovery offered through the district summer school program. You will want to take advantage of the resources available here at Paxon SAS.

Parents, please be reminded that the traffic pattern for this school year has changed. Students are to be dropped off and picked up in the back of the school in the old bus loop near the covered walkway. The front parking area is our new bus loading and unloading zone and parking for faculty and visitors. Thank you helping us move traffic through our campus as efficiently and safely as possible.

A letter will sent home providing information about the End-of-Course assessment that will be administered to all Biology, Algebra I, and Geometry students. The information provided includes the testing format, dates for assessment, and how the results will affect your student's overall grade. Please see the website or call guidance for more information.

The sun continues to shine brightly upon the Paxon eagles. Jonathan Winn (1st place), Manuela Sushnitha (2nd place), and Mary Cole Christopher (3rd place) were honored with cash awards for their participation in the Bessie Coleman essay contest titled "The significance of Being First." Crisellyson Soliman has been awarded several academic opportunities that include a letter of acceptance to Harvard, an appointment to the Naval academy, and a Navy ROTC scholarship. The ROTC rifle team placed 3rd in regional competition held at Williston High School in Williston, Florida. The girls' varsity basketball team is seeded 1st for District V playoffs. Valerie Hill received recognition through the Gateway conference as one of the top 15 varsity basketball players in the city.

On January 27th Paxon hosted the Bessie Coleman Aerospace Legacy Celebration to honor the life and aeronautical contribution of Bessie "Queen Bess" Coleman, the first African-American female pilot. Miss Coleman's last flight took off from Paxon air field, the current site of Paxon School for Advanced Studies. As part of the tribute to Miss Coleman, city and district officials attended a ceremony which dedicated a bronze plaque which was mounted just outside of the entry way into the school.

Once again, we are in a season where we are focusing on new beginnings and the end of road concurrently. Keep your eyes on the prize and stay focused on the finish line. Start strong...finish strong.

Sincerely,

Royce L. Turner, Principal



FEBRUARY 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>For all of Paxon SAS sports events, dates, times, locations, and even team scores go to: www.c2cschools.com</p>		<p>1B Senior Beacon Sessions/Media Center</p>	<p>2A Pre-CAST Testing/Selected Classes Magnet Tours 9:00</p>	<p>3B Pre-CAST Testing/Selected Classes</p>
<p>6A Pre-CAST Testing/Selected Classes Junior Registration via English classes</p>	<p>7B Pre-CAST Testing/Selected Classes Junior Registration via English classes</p>	<p>8A* Early Dismissal 1:25</p>	<p>9B Magnet Tours 9:00 Herff-Jones Ring Service/Lunch Shifts</p>	<p>4 Saturday Miss Paxon Luncheon District Latin Forum/JU Campus</p>
<p>12 Sunday Choir Concert at Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist 5:00</p>	<p>14A <i>Valentines Day</i> PERT Testing/Media Center</p>	<p>15B</p>	<p>16A Magnet Tour 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>10A</p>
<p>13B Regional Science Fair</p>				<p>11 Saturday Brain Brawl Round Robin Competition/Ribault ROTC Inspection</p>
<p>20 Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL Lifesmart Competition Tampa, FL - Ms. Loggie</p>	<p>21A</p>	<p>22B* Early Dismissal 1:25 Progress Reports</p>	<p>23A</p>	<p>17B Bloodmobile A-B Honor Roll Celebration</p>
				<p>18 Saturday Miss PAXON Contest 7:00 p.m. Paxon SAS Auditorium</p>
<p>27A</p>	<p>28B FCAT Writing Exam - Grade 10</p>	<p>29A Leap Year FCAT Writing Exam Make ups</p>		<p>24B</p>

- ▶ **2/4** - Miss Paxon Interview Luncheon at University of North Florida.
- ▶ **2/4** - FHSAA Girls Basketball Championships - Saturday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. admission is \$7.00.
- ▶ **2/4** - District Latin Forum/Jacksonville University.
- ▶ **2/8** - Early dismissal is at 1:25 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8th.
- ▶ **2/9** - Herf-Jones ring service during lunch shifts in the main hall way.
- ▶ **2/9** - FHSAA Girls Basketball Championships - Quarter Finals - 7:00 p.m., at Paxon SAS gym, admission \$7.00.
- ▶ **2/11** -Brain Brawl Round Robin Competition at Ribault High School.
- ▶ **2/12** - Ms. McDuffie-Doby's Choir Concert at 5:00 p.m. at Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1118 West Beaver Street. Tickets are \$5.00.
- ▶ **2/13** - Regional Science Fair.
- ▶ **2/14** - **Happy Valentines' Day!**
- ▶ **2/14** - FHSAA Girls Basketball Championships - Semi- Finals - 7:00 p.m., at Paxon SAS gym, admission \$7.00.
- ▶ **2/17** - Bloodmobile will be on campus.
- ▶ **2/18** - Miss Paxon Pageant 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Paxon SAS Auditorium. Pre-sale tickets are \$10.00 and at the door \$15.00. Tickets can be purchased from any Miss Paxon contestant or contact Ms. Smith at (904)693-7583, Ext. 145 or email: smith4t@duvalschools.org.
- ▶ **2/18** - FHSAA Girls Basketball Championships - Tournament Finals - 7:00 p.m. at Paxon SAS gym, admission \$7.00.
- ▶ **2/22** - Progress Reports will be sent home with students. Parents can also view their students progress on Parent Portal via the Paxon SAS website.
- ▶ **2/22** - Early dismissal is at 1:25 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd.
- ▶ **3/12** - NHS Induction Ceremony at 6:30 in the Paxon SAS Auditorium.
- ▶ **3/16- 23** - Spring Break



Miss Paxon 2012

Saturday,
February 18th

7:00 p.m. in the Paxon SAS Auditorium

Advanced Tickets - \$10.00 Each

At the Door - \$15.00 Each

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