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# Turner Talk

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Welcome New Staff to H.M.Turner !

## Principal's Corner

Karen Riggins-Taylor

Parents,

As we approach a new year, it is time to reflect on the past few months. I must say, I have had an exciting time working with you and your children. During this holiday season, please take time to reflect on all the positive things that life has to offer. Share with your children your value systems and the expectations you have of them for the new year. It is important that we take advantage of every opportunity that is given to us. I know that we share the same sentiments about wanting our children to be good and successful children. It is important that they start to build good character now so they continue to grow socially and academically.

The administration and faculty will continue to hold every student to high expectations and model these expectations daily. Remember, our four targets: **Academic, Behavior, Respect and Attendance.** I wish for you life's joy!

### Parent Center News:

What a successful year it has been! On October 29, we sponsored a parent workshop to increase total parent involvement. The focus was to address the need for parents to be a consistent influence in the children's lives. Since then, we have had an increasing number of parent participation and continuous support from the community. Our goal is for parent—teacher partnership with a target for 100%. I know that we can accomplish our goals!

### Greetings

6th grade: Ms. J. Baynes, Ms. B. Maize , Mrs. T. Watkns-Graham

7th grade: Ms. D. Ball, Ms. A. McKinnon,

Ms. C. Thomas, Ms. J Hardy

8th grade: Ms. Crawford, Mr. J. Turner

Connections: Coach Albritton, Ms. Ariagada, Ms. Hirtie, and Mrs. Hartry

In-School Suspension: Mr. G. Davis

Front Office Staff: Ms. S. Watkins, Ms.

M. Hudgins,

Ms. P. Elliott, our new Social Worker

Dr. T. Tillman, Instructional Liaison

Specialist

Mr. D.Jackson, Cafeteria Manager

Mr. Stanley, Site Manager,

The Visions Team,

And last but not least,

Mrs. K. Riggins-Taylor, our new principal and leader.

Administration, faculty, and staff—Thanks for all that you do to uplift our students. As the saying goes.... It does take a village...

And..... WELCOME BACK

MR. SPANN

We missed you!!!!

## Student Highlight

A new poet has been discovered and his name is Jerome Gemes. Jerome has been awarded the prestigious Editor's Choice Award from poetry.com and the International Library of Poetry for his poem entitled "Dilemma". Congratulations to Jerome and his language arts teacher, Ms. Thomas.

*Happy Holidays*

# Athletic Accolades

Turner athletics have been fun, thrilling as well as exciting this year. From football to softball to basketball, we have had our game really going. Under the leadership of the enthusiastic coaches, our teams have given it their all.

- Basketball—Coaches Leonard and Baynes— Nicholas Alexander,Jerome Bernard, Ramonte Butler, Jeffrey Cash, Cedric Cauley,Christopher Copeland, Atiba Daniels, Thaddeus Davis, Cartavius Glover, Anthony Jackson, Karim Mawuemyega, Cortez Moore, Kelsey Spencer.  
Brenda Grier, Alisha Williams, Kayla Matthews, Nichelle Daniels, Isis Buffington,Briana Warren,Briana Ball, Taja Bryant
- Girls Softball—Coach Baynes—Kayla Matthews,Jasmine Garrett, Chastity Challenger, Briana Butts, Shyra Dent, Inari Gates, Whitney Lewis, Janeria Thomas, Tyesha Thomas, Alisha Williams
- Boys Football— Coach Albritton—Dearon Baulding, Jerome Bernard. Brandon Brooks, Jeffrey Cash, Torico Derricott, Sammy Evans, LaVaonta Good, Freddie Ivory, Jeffrey Jefferson, Perry Johnson, Xavier Lawson-Cleveland, Derek Turner, Ezra Harris, Anthony Jackson, Javarius Robinson, Terrance Coner, Antonio Rayton

## The Cheer wolves

Last month, the TMS Cheerleaders headed east on I-20 to Lincolnton, Ga for a day long cheerleading clinic sponsored by the Lincoln County Red Devils. The Cheerwolves learned new stunts: the banana roll, the show-and-go, and an extension; new cheers and new tumbling techniques. The cheerleaders in attendance were Tyesha Thomas, Jasmine Shockley, Inari Gates, Whitney Lewis, Shyra Dent, Alexis Thomas, Nydia Ford, and Hermera Blanks. A special thanks goes to Ms. Dent and Mr. Lewis for driving the cheerleaders to their destination. Keep up the good work, Lady Cheerwolves!

# Auxiliary Activities

Other organizations also represent Turner. This month's featured groups are The Beta Club sponsored by Mrs. Hale. The Turner Gents are sponsored by Mr. Crooms.

The Beta Club members are: 6th grade: Shaniqua Allen, Cornelius Bickley, Jamareo Duggan, Oladi Falade, Dalvonya Fleetwood, Chastity King, Anthony Kinsey, Terrance Lawson, Takeya Primus, Antoinette Rayton.

7th grade: Nicholas Alexander, Taja Bryant, Martell Churchwell, LaShante Evans, Douglas Daniel, Renea McBee, Latesha Rosser, Javarius Robinson, Gabrielle Smith, Kornelius Taylor

8th grade: Kinsey Blackamore, Hermera Blanks, Brandon Brooks, Isis Buffington, Chastity Challenger, Shyra Dent, Xavier Lawson-Cleveland, Kayla Matthews, Melissa Washington, Robert Waters.

The Turner Gents are: Nicholas Alexander, Jermaine Baty, Byron Bays, Jerome Bernard, Michael Bradshaw, Brandon Brooks, Terrance Coner, Darien Dean, Nicholas Devereux, Sammy Evans, Jerome Gemes, Ezra Harris, Freddie Ivory, Jeffrey Jefferson, Eric Jeffreys, Jerrick Johnson, Xavier Lawson, Antonio Mountain, Jonas Porter, Jamarion Roberts, Deshn Ross, Javion Smith, Jalen Thomas, Dewayne Warren, Martrick Williams.

### *The Turner Teaser*

**Riddle: There are 7 girls on a bus, each girl has 7 backpacks. In each backpack, there are 7 big cats, for every big cat there are 7 little cats.**

**Question: How many legs are there in the bus? Your solution must include work.**

**The first 3 persons who submit the correct answer to Mr. Miles in rm.331 will get a special prize. The winner will be announced in January.**

### *Reminder to Parents*

CRCT is a high stake test required of all students. Parents can monitor and access student progress on GOAS (Georgia online assessment system). You will need the logon ID which is the Georgia Test Identifier and the password is student. You can obtain this information from your child's home-room teacher. The website is [www.georgiaoas.org](http://www.georgiaoas.org).