



# Stories From the Field:

## Shining a Light on Parent and Family Engagement



# JPS CORE VALUES



Equity



Excellence



Growth Mindset



Relationships



Relevance



Positive and Respectful Culture



# JPS MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

## Mission

We develop scholars through world-class learning experiences to attain an exceptional **knowledge base**, critical and relevant **skill sets**, and the necessary **dispositions** for great success.

## Vision

We prepare scholars to achieve **globally**, to contribute **locally**, and to be fulfilled **individually**.





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Community, Parent and Family  
Engagement



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# Parent and Family Engagement Center

Transforming lives through  
excellent education

## Purpose

The Jackson Public School District Parent and Family Engagement Program provides parents with educational resource materials, equipment, and information to become more effective in working with their children on specific benchmark skills at home.



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## Program Goals



- ☐ Support parents to assist with learning experiences with their children.
- ☐ Improve student achievement by involving parents in the education of their children.

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- ☐ Provide resources designed to support the academic, social and emotional needs of scholars.
- ☐ Collaborate with community-based organizations and businesses to support Parent and Family Engagement activities and events.





# Supporting Learning at Home

The Parent and Family Engagement Center provides a variety of resources to assist parents with benchmark skills at home, including:

- ☐ Grade level subject workbooks
- ☐ Hands-on manipulatives
- ☐ Reading Enrichment Library
- ☐ Arise2Read Kits



# Supporting Learning at Home

In-person and virtual workshops are available at various times to accommodate all parents, including:

- ☐ Literacy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Math Night
- ☐ Computer Classes
- ☐ Virtual Instruction/Platforms



# Communicating with Parents ~ The Digital Age~

- ❑ Connecting with parents and families through email, zoom, Facebook and automated phone system messages. etc.
- ❑ Utilizing JPS website and social media platforms to advertise workshops, events and activities for parents.
- ❑ Identify and address common challenges that inhibit parent and family engagement such as scheduling conflicts and language barriers.



# Connecting with Parents

Meeting Parents where they are:

- ☐ Being more visible in schools and at JPS and Community events
- ☐ Setting up informational booths with grade level resources for parents.
- ☐ Providing more professional development and other supports to Parent Center Coordinators.



# Parent Center Coordinators

- ☐ The goal of the middle school parent coordinator is to cultivate and enhance parent/family engagement.
- ☐ To meet the needs of our parents and families to better support their child's academic and social-emotional needs.
- ☐ Provide workshops, training and share timely information updates on various school and district events and activities that parents need to know.



# Parent Center Coordinators

- ❑ The Mississippi Food Network has partnered with JPS to provide monthly packages of non-perishable food items for five middle school sites: Blackburn, Brinkley, Cardozo, Powell and Whitten.
- ❑ The Parent Center Coordinators are responsible for organizing the monthly distribution.



# Parent Center Coordinators



One Parent Center Coordinator is being hired specifically to support our ELL families. Possibilities include a bilingual JPS staff person or ELL current parent/family member.



# Collaborations

## Collaborating with other JPS departments

- ❑ Collaborating and partnering with other JPS departments and programs to connect parents and families with resources that support students learning and promote Parent and Family Engagement.

## Collaborating with the Community

- ❑ Connecting parents and families with community-based programs and resources that strengthen and support students learning and promote Parent and Family Engagement.





# Family Financial Fun Nights



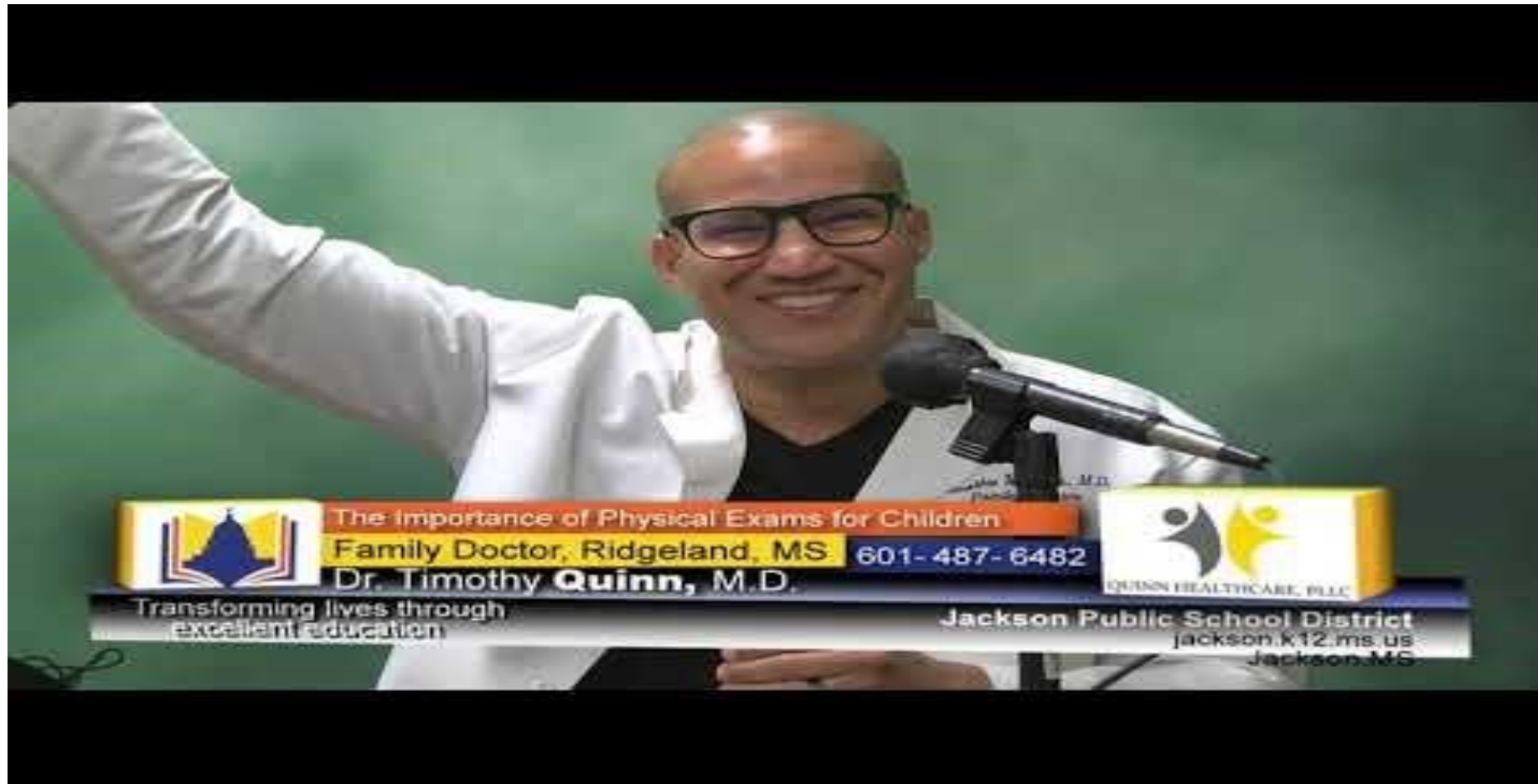
# Parent Videos

## Marion Counseling Services, PLLC



# The Importance of Physical Exams for Children

## Dr. Timothy Quinn, M.D.



# JPS Exceptional Education





# Farm to Table: Eating Healthy Junior League of Jackson



# Family Literacy Night

## Local Authors Café: The Spoken Word

Local authors Ifeoma McNeal and Tonja Murphy shared excerpts from their books, and their thoughts about the importance of reading, how to instill a love of reading in your child and how to build family connections over books, especially with middle and high school scholars.



# Family Literacy Night

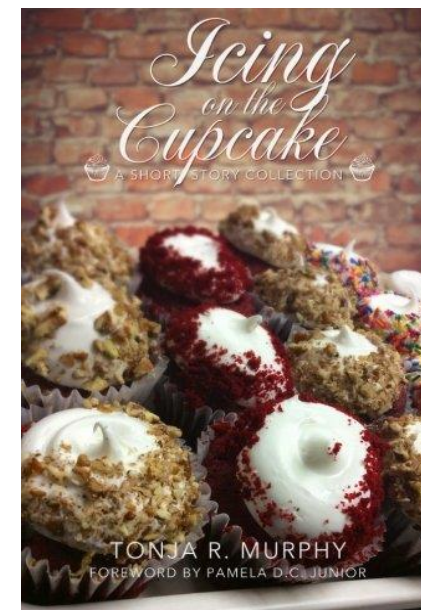
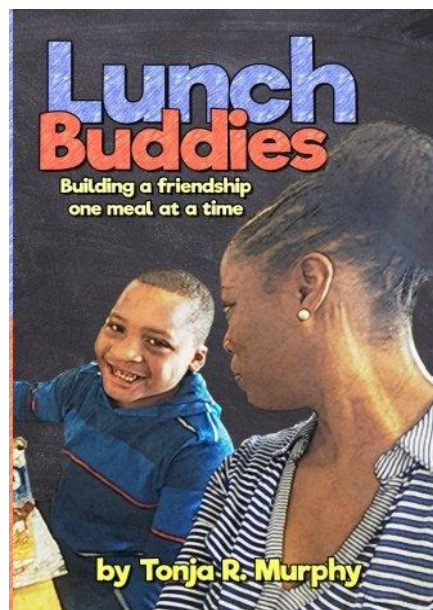
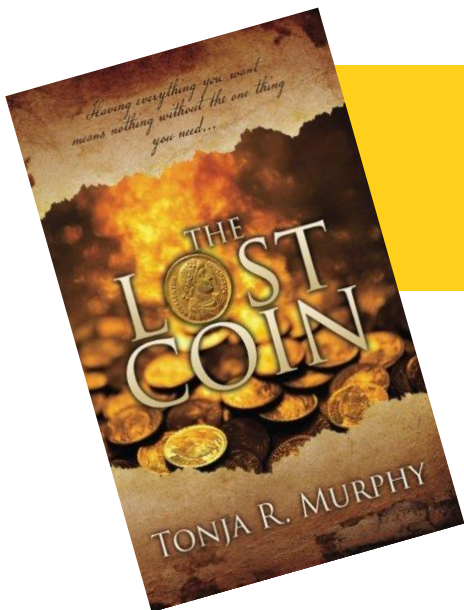
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## Local Author Tonja R. Murphy





# ARISE<sup>®</sup>



## 2Read



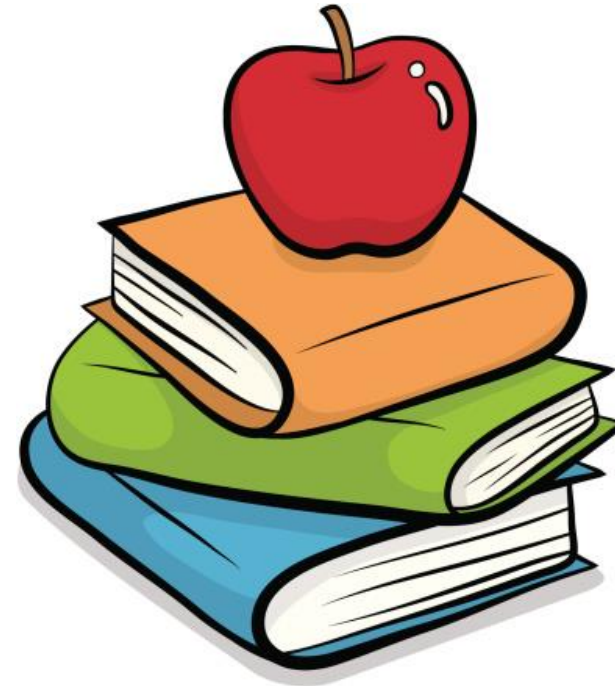
# How Does **ARISE2Read** Work?

**EASY as 1-2-3!**

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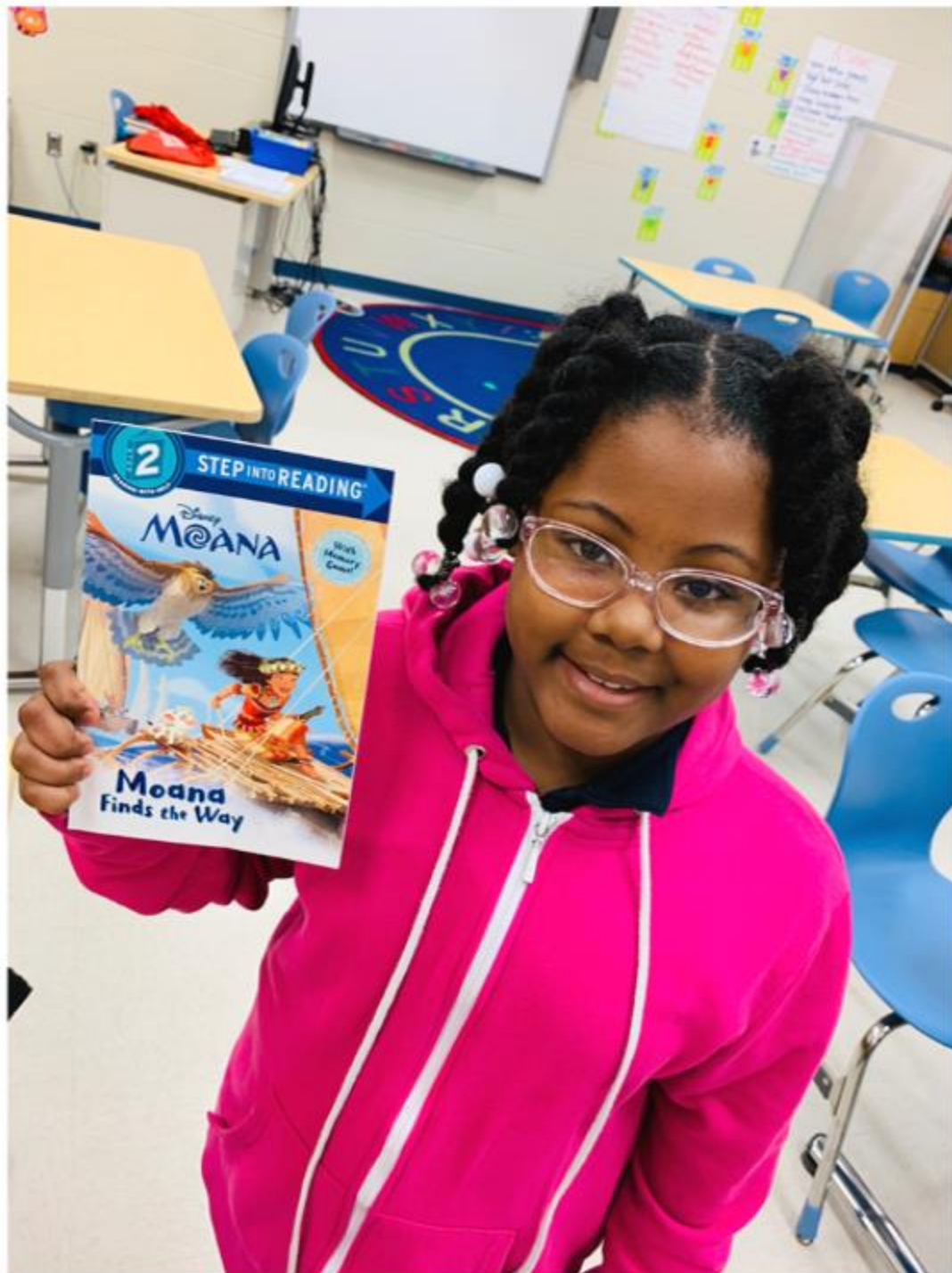
- **Repeat It**
- **Write It**
- **Use It**
- **Play It**

## 2. Read Together









# Community Partnership

## MS Children's Museum

### “Story to Stage” Exhibit

“Story to Stage,” fosters a creative literacy environment for children to create their narrative. Geared toward K-third graders, children and families can engage in a multifaceted space to illustrate ideas through performance-driven activities and explore their theatrical side on an elevated stage.





# “Story to Stage” Exhibit



# Literacy and Pajama Night Van Winkle Pre~K Center

## Purpose:

Team members from  
Van Winkle and the MS Children's Museum  
will model techniques for parents  
of Pre~K to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders  
to establish a routine of reading to their children at home.



# Literacy and Pajama Night

## Van Winkle Pre~K Center

### Activities:

- ☐ The Children Museum will introduce attendees to Rocky's House, which uses a cast of characters using puppets to representing the diverse population of Mississippi~ Rocky's Friends.
- ☐ Rocky guides parents through three primary methods of language and literacy development: playing, talking and reading with Me Books.
- ☐ Children will receive a stuffed animal and a selection of aged appropriate books to take home.





# Rocky's House



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# Additional Parent Supports

## Emergency Food and Water support



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## Uniform Assistance Program





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**Q&A**



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