

THE TIGER TIMES

The old school days

by: Sadie Davis & Kassidy Nolan
Did you know that some of your grandparents and great grandparents may have gone to Central just like you? Central Elementary opened in 1921. The school has changed a lot over the years. The student newspaper committee came up with the idea to interview some Central Elementary School alumni. Alumni are people that formerly attended a school.



Sadie Davis pictured with her Papa Danny Davis, who attended Central from 1961-1969.

by: Sadie Davis

My Papa, Danny Davis used to go to CES like you. I was able to interview him about his time spent here. When he attended Central it only had seven classrooms, and the eighth grade class was in the auditorium.

"I remember driving Big Blue to Central school when I was only thirteen," Papa said.

Big Blue was an old Ford truck that my papa was surprisingly allowed to drive to this school! In case you didn't know, Central Elementary burned down in the fall of 1969. My papa was the last graduating class before the first school burned down. He remembers watching the flames and smoke as he was transferring from the high school buses.



Central School in the 1940's



Kassidy Nolan pictured with her cousin Edwina Erkhart Southern, who attended Central from 1962-1969.

by: Kassidy Nolan

I interviewed my second cousin, Mrs. Edwina Erkhart Southern. Her favorite teacher was Joe Lee Rouse because Mr. Rouse always helped all students no matter who they were and treated people equally. Her principal was Mr. Clyde Dungan. *"Almost all the students that went to Central were kin," claimed Mrs. Edwina.* Kin means you are family. According to Mrs. Edwina, school was much different in those days. *"Students had consequences so they knew they better do right and follow the rules. Students had more respect for teachers," she added.*

Top 20 outing to Chinatown and Lucedale City Park



by: Parker Lebert

Tanner Havard interviewed his grandmother, Mrs. Patsy Smith. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Walts. She liked him because he was a kind and sweet person. She described the school as a horse shoe shape with a back porch. *"We had chapel once a week and prayer," stated Mrs. Patsy.* She reminisced about how every year they would walk over to Shady Grove Church when they were having revival. She mentioned that students used books back then and not chromebooks. She recalled how different musicians would perform for all the students.



Tanner Havard pictured with his grandmother Patsy Smith, who attended Central from 1944-1951.

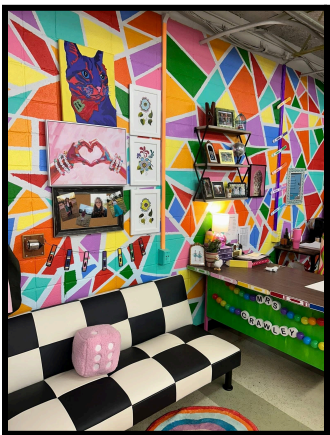
A.R. Top 20

1. Olivia Pinkerton
2. Autumn Carter
3. Natalie Havard
4. Grace Woods
5. Chapman Havard
6. Cooper Christian
7. Victoria Cabrera
8. Jase Gibson
9. Amelia Jane Faurot
10. Camille Green
11. Jennings Meeks
12. Caybrie Sumrall
13. Chloe Smathers
14. Rilynn Williams
15. Kassidy Nolan
16. Haisley Byrd
17. Gunter Hudson
18. Hayden Parnell
19. Henry McLeod
20. Dallas Pruitt

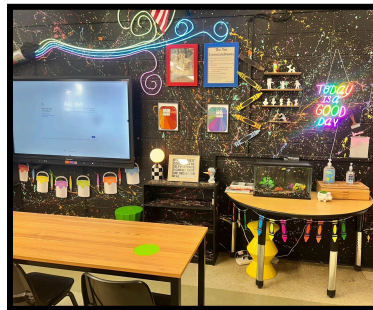
Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Melanie Crawley

by: Grace Woods and Cameron Parnell

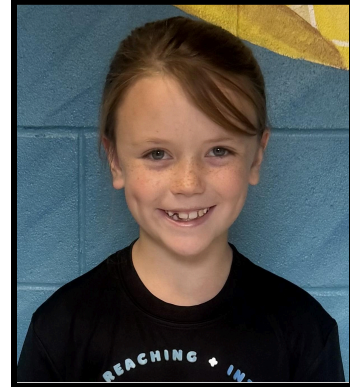
We selected Mrs. Crawley as our staff spotlight. Her favorite part about working at Central is getting to see creative artwork from children every day. We asked her to tell us a little about herself. She is married with seven kids including her dog. They are 20, 16, 13, 11, 9, 8, and 3. She has been married for 3 years. Can you believe she still likes to watch cartoons? We asked her if she had any hobbies. "Putting miles on my car for kids' hobbies," she responded. Another thing we asked her was if she could tell us any upcoming plans for the art class? "I always have something brewing," Mrs. Crawley replied.



We were surprised to learn that Mrs. Crawley has a second job. "It involves a cape so I can't talk about it," Mrs. Crawley joked. We think the art room is a comfortable place to be able to draw and create things. Most students at CES love going to Art each week. Mrs. Crawley is a really funny, nice, and creative teacher. She gives us something to look forward to each week.



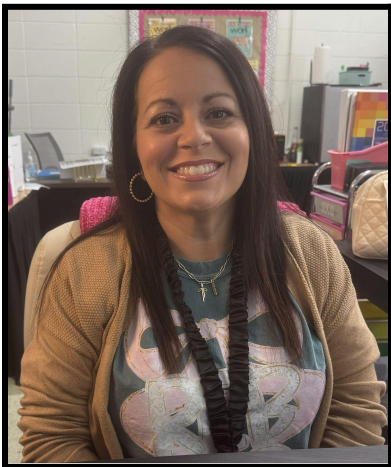
Tiger Spotlight Raleigh O'Neal



by: Sadie Davis

Raleigh O'Neal is a second grader in Mrs. Havard's class. She is seven years old. Her favorite part of school is reading. Raleigh loves when her teacher does "Foot Fun" which is where they get to spend the day barefoot. When she is not at school she enjoys playing games. Her favorite event at CES is pep rallies. When Raleigh grows up she wants to be a doctor. Help us give Raleigh a shoutout if you see her around!

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Ashley Bexley

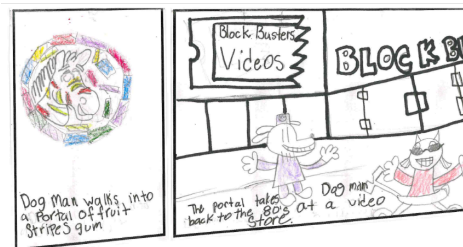


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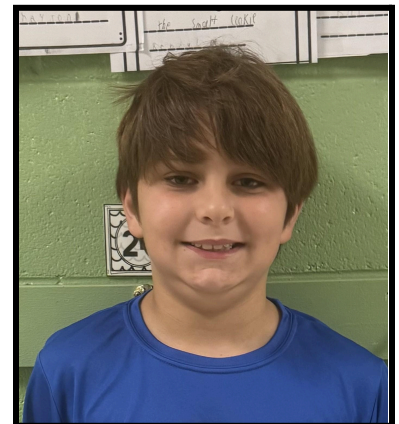
Mrs. Bexley has been teaching at Central for five years. Her favorite part of working at CES is the kids of course! When she is not at school Mrs. Bexley spends time at the ball field, reading, shopping, and getting massages. She has two boys, Maddox (11) and Brody (8). Mrs. Bexley has been married for twelve years. We also learned a few things that you may not know about her! She is secretly a good rapper, and she was a cheerleader in high school. Mrs. Bexley is looking forward to going with the Spirit class to Walt Disney World in February.

Central Shenanigans

presents... "If Dog Man lived in the 80's."



Tiger Spotlight: Bennett Seaman



by: Michael Gray

Bennett Seaman is a second grader in Mr. Tanner's class. He is eight years old. His favorite part of school is math. Bennett also enjoys when his teachers let him play with LEGOs. When he is not at school he likes playing video games. His favorite CES event is the Lip Dub. When Bennett grows up he wants to be a doctor. Be sure to give Bennett a high five if you see him!

