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## Congratulations, Class of 2012!

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**A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME** - Brandy Hogan displays her winning Herbscape entry, featuring pink double Knockout roses.

### Hogan repeats win at Maymont festival

by Emily Camden  
*PECHS Horticulture Teacher*

Prince Edward County High School horticulture student Brandy Hogan, who graduated with the Class of 2012, placed first in Maymont's annual Herbs Galore and More Herbascapes competition April 28, repeating last year's win.

The Herbascapes contest requires contestants to create a container garden that includes the herb of the year and illustrates a theme.

The 2012 herb of the year is the rose. Brandy chose as her theme "Breakfast in Bed - A 'Rosey' Collection of Recipes for Mother's Day."

Competition rules specify that 75 percent of the arrangement must include herbs. The presenting student is judged on the look of the container, placement of plants, and content knowledge of the plants in the arrangement.

Brandy used pink double Knockout roses, purchased at Lowe's in Farmville, as well as 'Alaska mix' Nasturtiums, fern-

leaf dill, and sweet basil, from B&M Greenhouse. She also used orange mint and thyme donated by her mother, Jody Hogan, and oregano donated by Emily Camden, PECHS horticulture teacher.

The container was constructed by Keith France, building trades instructor at the Prince Edward County Career and Technical Education Center. It was fashioned to look like a serving tray.

Lapierre Davis, also a graduating senior, drew roses on the container's sides, which Brandy then wood-burned and stained in a light cherry finish.

Brandy and the PECHS horticulture program donated the container and plants to Maymont to sell to help raise money for Maymont's programs.

It was a busy day for Brandy, who rushed home after the competition in time to shine at the PECHS prom that evening at Longwood's Grand Ballroom.



Lapierre Davis

## PECHS graduates 'a very strong class'

That is what Prince Edward County High School Principal Craig Reed called the Class of 2012 when he welcomed the seniors to their graduation practice and thanked them for a good year.

And the numbers back him up. Of the 162 members of the class, 58 are honor graduates, earning a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Of those students, 21 earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Twenty-two graduates are members of the National Honor Society.

More than half the class plans to attend college, and a number of them have earned scholarships.

Thirty-five graduates are Commonwealth Scholars, having followed a rigorous course of

study that included foreign languages and physics. The program is a business initiative designed to increase the student's success in college and the workplace.

Eleven members of the class



**AT THE HEAD OF THE CLASS** Calla Bowles, left, earned the spot of class salutatorian, and Katrina Lowe, right, was the valedictorian. Katrina will attend the University of Virginia. Calla will attend Smith College.

passed the exam to become Certified Nursing Assistants.

Another 41 have passed career and technical credentialing exams. Twenty-five passed the exam for Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth, which tests the academic, communications and personal skills identified by employers as necessary skills for their employees.

One student passed the NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) Automotive Technician exam. Four passed the NOCTI Architectural Drafting exam.

Eight students earned the Microsoft Office Specialist certification and three passed the National Restaurant Association's Pro

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Arlene Layden

**COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARS** - Among the 162 PECHS graduates were 35 Commonwealth Scholars. Students in the Commonwealth Scholars program follow a rigorous course of studies, including physics and foreign languages, in preparation for success in college. The 2012 Commonwealth Scholars are Jessica Bass, Sean Burns, Sarah Campbell, Peter Carter, Siani Cooper, Kaliena Dimaano, Sarina Eames, Darren Eppes, Waldell Goode, Sterling Hargrave, Kyle Hart, Da-Ron Harvey, Amber Harvin, Brandy Hogan, Dean Jewett, Da'Quan Johnson, Danesha Jones, Davonte Jones, Kimberly Jones, Katrina Lowe, Stanley Lyles, Kanisha Nash, Erica Nunnally, Annisa Rose, Debra Shumaker, Ryan Steward, Megan Thomas, Jennifer Thomson, Jasmin Vaughan, Malik Vaughan, Tashiana Wade, Iesha Washington, Colin Watson, Xavier Wells, and Jesseca White.

# The PECHS Class of 2012



Assabiyya  
Abdus-Sabur



Sean Erik  
Adkins



Bryan Patrick  
Allen



Andre Elliot  
Anderson



Samantha Jean  
Applegate



Nashon Ali  
Arrington



Juanita Jakece  
Atkins



Tamika Shanta  
Bailey



Salanda Simone  
Banks



Monique Renee  
Barbour



Jessica Madalyn  
Bass



Tyler Ryan  
Bernier



Shaqwanna  
Laquessha Boisseau



Neosha Shanice  
Bolden



Elana Marie  
Booker



Calla Johnsn  
Bowles



Rebecca Lee  
Bowman



Rebekah Lee  
Breckinridge



Jasmen Nowell  
Brown



Sean Michael  
Burns



Axel Andree  
Cabrera-Lopez



Brittanie Marie  
Callaway



David Cole  
Campbell



Sarah Ann  
Campbell



Shaniqua Denise  
Canada



Peter Darien  
Carter



Carter Allen  
Chassey



Walter Rene  
Christmas, Jr.



Jessica Erin  
Cole



Tanganek Ruby  
Coleman

# The PECHS Class of 2012



**Siani Alexis  
Cooper**



**Stephen Weston  
Cooper**



**Shamika Shante'  
Copeland**



**Kimberly Michelle  
Crenshaw**



**Joshua Wesley  
Davis**



**LaPierre Ramon  
Davis**



**Keirra Zhane'  
Davis-Foster**



**Kalienna Linda Eve A.  
Dimaano**



**Sarina DeRon  
Eames**



**Tangeiria Quashell  
Easter**



**Cheharri Marshe  
Eddins**



**Jacorum  
Edmonds**



**Brandon Le'quan  
Eppes**



**Darren Eugene  
Eppes**



**James Richard  
Farley, Jr.**



**Brittany Charmaine  
Fitzgerald**



**Hayley Elizabeth  
Gant**



**David Leslie  
Gardner, Jr.**



**Trey Owen  
Gilbert**



**Jasmine Deasir'va  
Gilliam**



**Tyrek Dawan  
Goode**



**Waldell Abraham  
Goode**



**John Michael  
Hackney**



**Rachel Nicole  
Hammock**



**Sterling Rose  
Hargrave**



**Kyle William  
Hart**



**Da'Ron Ke-Von  
Harvey**



**Tevin Jamal  
Harvey**



**Amber Regina  
Harvin**



**Mytisha Rashawn  
Hayes**

# The PECHS Class of 2012



**Bridgette Nicole  
Hendricks**



**Monica Renee  
Hines**



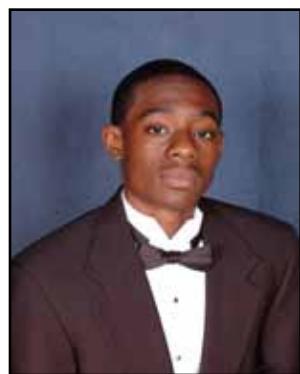
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Hogan**



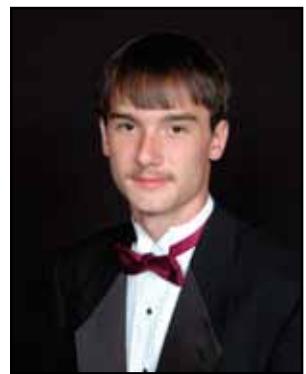
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Hoge**



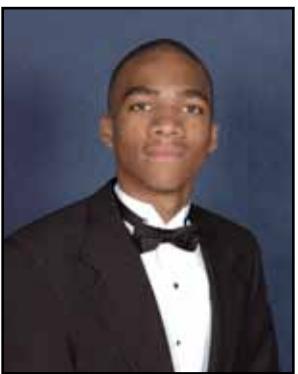
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Holmes**



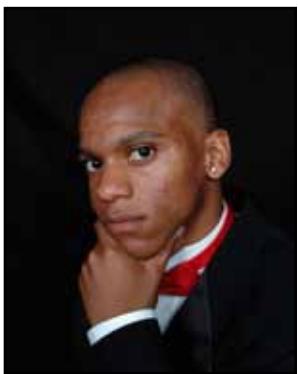
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Hubbard, Jr.**



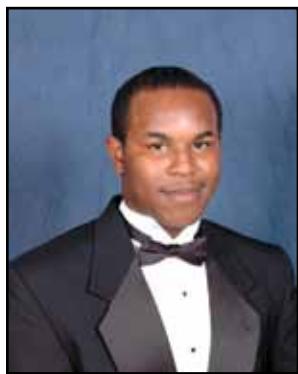
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Hunter**



**Dashad Raquantez  
Hurt**



**Kalvon'dre  
Domirique Hurt**



**Christopher Julius  
Jackson**



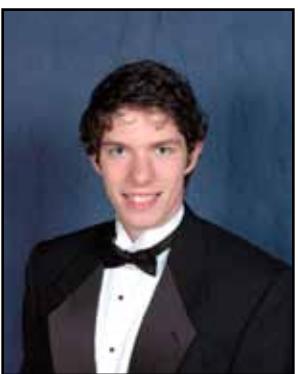
**Courtney Bryanna  
Jackson**



**Laquan Rodeeka  
Jackson**



**Ronald  
Jenkins**



**Dean Kyler  
Jewett**



**Da'Quan Octavius  
Johnson**



**Danesha Shantel  
Jones**



**Davonte Lamar  
Jones**



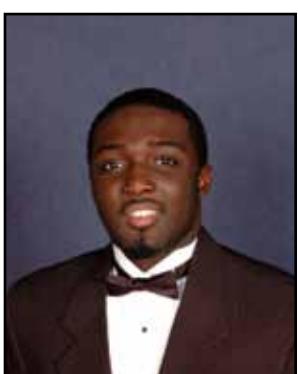
**Desha Shambrielle  
Jones**



**James  
Jones, Jr.**



**Kimberly Renee  
Jones**



**Steven Gregory  
Jones, Jr.**



**Lauren Nicole  
Keup**



**Shayna Elisabeth-Ann  
King**



**Daneishia Joslyn  
Knight**



**Gwendolynn  
Nicole Lawrence**



**Brian Darius  
Lee, Jr.**



**Jordan Vance  
Lee**



**Kendria Michelle  
Lee**

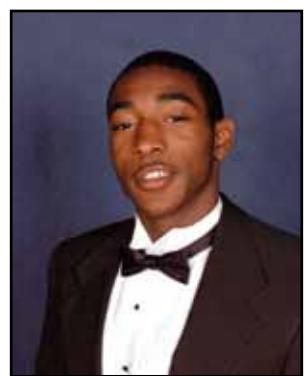


**Desiree Dominique  
Little**



**Qu'Tosha T'Keyah  
Little**

# The PECHS Class of 2012



Ralick Jaquince  
Lockett



Quentin O'Neal  
Logan



Matthew James  
Paul Lovelace



Katrina Renee  
Lowe



Zentaria McCora  
Lyle



Stanley Alston  
Lyles



Tyquan Lamar  
Manns



Tevin Richard  
Marshall



Ty'Tim Lon'Derek  
Marshall



Joshua Thompson  
Messerschmidt



Ikeria Radeshia  
Miller



Jamal Tymaine  
Miller



Kevin Lorenzo  
Monroe



Israel Betancourt  
Moore



Aaron Travis  
Morris



Colleen Annette  
Morris



Ikela Marie  
Morton



Tymaine Alonza  
Morton



Taquita O'Nique  
Ke'aira Mosby



De-Lantra Lashae  
Nash



Kanisha Monique  
Nash



Sheinik Dy'Che  
Nash



Erica Nicole  
Nunnally



Annie Marie  
Perry



Ashley Monique  
Pride



Austin Dean  
Reames



Annisa Rebecca  
Rose



Victor Manuel  
Saez, III

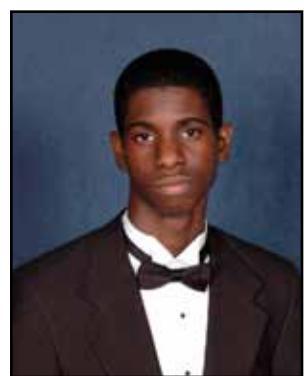


James Edward  
Scott



Jashana Renee  
Scott

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**Lucas Trevon  
Scottt**



**Debra Sue  
Shumaker**



**Daz Zjniq Anyte  
Simpkins**



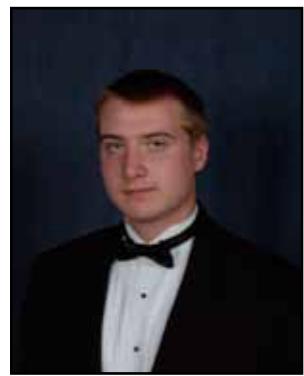
**Michelle Nicole  
Simpson**



**Carl Anthony  
Smith, Jr.**



**George Tyler  
Steinke**



**Ryan A.  
Steward**



**Takara Marshell  
Streat**



**Dante' Lamar  
Swann**



**Megan Elizabeth  
Thomas**



**Jennifer Jane  
Thomson**



**William Robert  
Turner**



**Jasmin Denise  
Vaughan**



**Malik Deago  
Vaughan**



**Tylic Amon  
Vaughan**



**Brianna Da'Shay  
Wade**



**Tashiana Octavia  
Wade**



**Willie Lee  
Wade, Jr.**



**Paige Marie  
Wakefield**



**Bre'onna Shawtae  
Walker**



**Ziana Regine  
Walker**



**Rashaad Delmarque  
Walton**



**Iesha Desha  
Washington**



**Colin Kent  
Watson**



**Michael Edward  
Watson**



**Anna Nicole  
Welch**



**Michael Andrew  
Welch**



**Xavier Najee  
Wells**



**Jesseca Lorraine  
White**



**Darius Amon  
Williams**

# The PECHS Class of 2012



**Amanda Marie  
Williams-Logan**



**Karen Taylor-Nicole  
Wilmoth**



**Wanya Nasir  
Wilson**



**Tia Jakayla  
Womack**



**James Lewis  
Woodford, Jr.**



**Ka'tashai  
Ladesha-Tangalek  
Wright**

**Graduates not pictured:**  
**William Earl Biddle**  
**Alexis Nicole Burchette**  
**Octavius Davon Croner**  
**Quantez Nash**  
**Kentwan Jermaine Smith**  
**John Dixon Snellings**

**Graduates, cont. from page 1**

Start exam.

Ninety of the graduates have informed the guidance office of acceptances to a total of 27 four-year colleges, community colleges and trade schools. Two graduates have enlisted in the Air Force and one in the Army.

Class of 2012 graduates plan to attend the Art Institute of Virginia, Averett University, Baylor University, Christopher Newport University, Ferrum College, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampton University, the International Air and Hospitality Academy, Liberty University, Long and Foster Real Estate School,

Longwood University, Lynchburg College, Mary Baldwin College, Memphis State College of Art, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Randolph Macon College, Saint Paul's College, Smith College, Southside Virginia Community College, The Apprentice School, Tidewater Community College, the University of Virginia, Virginia State University, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Union University.

**GEAR-UP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Twenty-nine students applied for the competitive GEAR-UP Scholarships, worth \$5,500, and GEAR-UP Achievement Grants, worth \$2,000. Based on their resumes, 250 word essays, recommendations, and official transcripts, all 29 won awards - 19 scholarships and 10 achievement grants, for total GEAR-UP awards of \$125,000.

Earning GEAR-UP scholarships were Juanita Atkins, Salandra Banks, Rebecca Bowman,

Siani Cooper, Sarina Eames, Da'Ron Harvey, Desiree Little, Qu'tosha Little, Ralick Lockett, Ikela Morton, Kanisha Nash, An-nisa Rose, James Scott, Jasmine Vaughan, Tashiana Wade, Iesha Washington, Colin Watson, Xavier Wells, and Jesseca White.

Earning GEAR-UP Achievement Grants were Jessica Bass, Lapierre Davis, Tyrek Goode, Kimberly Jones, Katrina Lowe, Zentaria Lyle, Sheinik Nash, Debra Shumaker, Megan Thomas, and Malik Vaughan.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Scholarships and awards announced at the Senior Day assembly for the Class of 2012 included:

Hampden-Sydney College Allan Honors Scholarship, to Kyle Hart.

Lest We Forget Scholarship, to Sarina Eames.

Farmville Masonic Lodge Scholarship, to Jessica Bass.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Excellence Award, to Jesseca White.

Iota Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Scholarship, to Da'Quan Johnson.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarship, to Jasmin Vaughan.

Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Awards, to James Scott and Samantha Applegate.

Marine Corps Athletic Excellence Awards, Ralick Lockett and Katrina Lowe.

Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Music Award, to Adam Hunter and Jessica Bass.

Nottoway County NAACP Scholarship, to Da'Quan Johnson.

Prince Hall Masonic Scholarship, to Da'Quan Johnson.

Community Helpers of PE County Scholarship, to Jasmin Vaughan.

Martha E. Forrester Foundation Scholarships, to Carter Chassey, Samantha Applegate, Jesseca White, Kanisha Nash, Jasmin Vaughan.

Luther H. Foster High School Alumni Association Scholarship, to Da'Quan Johnson.

Virginia Credit Union Success

Scholarship, to Da'Quan Johnson.

Virginia High School League Student Action Team Recognition Award, to Da'Quan Johnson.

Longwood University Provost Scholarship, to Carter Chassey.

Larry Brown Memorial Foundation Scholarship to Da'Quan Johnson.

Smooth Rider Scholarship to Da'Quan Johnson.

Dean's Award, Memphis College of Art, to Shayna King.

Hampden-Sydney College Tuition Exchange, to Megan Thomas.

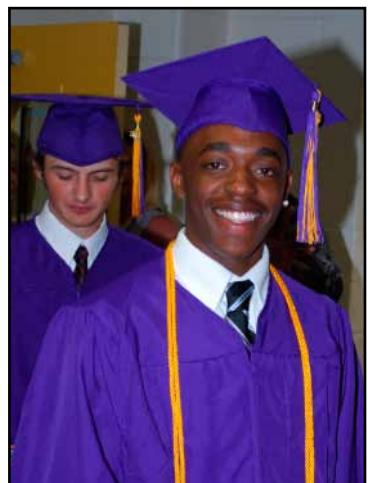
Mary Baldwin College Academic Standing Grant, to Ka'tashai Wright.

Scholarship from Baylor University to Jennifer Thomson.

Scholarship from Lynchburg College to Brian Lee.

Scholarships from Ferrum College to Zentaria Lyle and Desha Jones.

Scholarship from Randolph-Macon College to Da'Ron Harvey.



*Arlene Layden*

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**STEPPING UP TO MIDDLE SCHOOL-** As their older brothers and sisters graduated from high school, fourth graders prepared to move up to Prince Edward County Middle School. At their "stepping up" ceremony May 22 students from each fourth grade class read essays on what they had learned in elementary school. Dr. K. David Smith, division superintendent, and PECS Principal Janice Paige presented certificates to each student.



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**Jason Crowe**  
**Susan Eanes**  
**Elizabeth Fitts**  
**Janice Goode**  
**Sarah Norton**  
**Jen Townsend**  
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# Everything I need to know . . .

## Fourth graders tell us what they learned at PECS

As fourth grade pupils prepared to become middle schoolers, their teachers assigned one last essay, asking them to reflect on their elementary school years and what they learned. The following essays were contributed by Fourth Grade Teachers Angela Booker, Jason Crowe, Susan Eanes, Elizabeth Fitts, Janice Goode, Sarah Norton, Jen Townsend, Linda Webber, Joanne Weidinger, Breanne Wolf and Heidi Woodson.

Elementary school is a special time. You pretty much learn everything you need to know, like reading, writing, honesty, sportsmanship, fairness, etc. You practice these things all your life, and if you skip that, you might not have a clue of what to do at Middle School, High School, and College! So I'm going to tell you some of the things you learn, not really in lessons, but in life experiences.

Sharing is one of the most important because you learn that there's only so much of everything. You share crayons, glue, books, and even playground equipment. You take turns and have fun with it!

Honesty is an important skill because you learn that you should always tell the truth, not cheat, and do your own work. And if you're not honest, you may regret it and it can hurt you later in life - and that won't be nice! Who knows, it could lead to things worse than a trip to the Principal's office. So, that's why you should be honest.

Sportsmanship is important because you learn to be fair when you play games. If you win a game or a contest, don't brag. And if you lose, you shouldn't complain. If you have good sportsmanship, people will be more likely to be your friend, because you're nice and they can trust you.

Caring is important because it helps you show sympathy to others. And if you care, people may be your friends - and they might return the favor! If you don't care for others, people will be likely not to help you if you're hurt or need help. So, if you're caring for others, they're probably looking out for you, too.

So those are four of the things I thought were some of the most important things you learn in Elementary School and Prince Edward Elementary School is a perfect place to learn them. So, if you think about it, all you needed to know, you learned at PECS.

**- Hannah Roldan**

All I needed to know I learned at Prince Edward County Elementary School. My teachers were wonderful. They have always encouraged me to do my best in each and every thing I do.

I've always loved this school since the first day I started. I loved how the teachers taught me all I needed to know in a way that all my classmates could understand. I also love how they teach us in a fun-filled way so that I could enjoy the lesson but still learn everything I was required to know.

I learned that the teachers treat you with all of the caring attention that they would share with their very own children. I like

how the principals care about your education and your health also. I have enjoyed elementary school, the teachers and the way everything was. I will always remember how the teachers taught in a marvelous way.

In moving over to the middle school, I will always love the learning experience that I had at Prince Edward County Elementary School.

**- SaRoyia Walton**

First, in Pre-K I learned how to draw and color. In kindergarten, I learned to count. In first grade, I learned to add and subtract. In second grade, I learned to add and multiply. In third grade, I learned to do multiplication and division. Last but not least, in fourth grade I learned a whole lot. I learned about fractions, long division, and multiplication. We learned English, Math, Spanish, Social Studies, and Science. I learned the difference between fiction and non-fiction and historical fiction. And all of these things came from wonderful teachers. I also want to thank the lunch ladies and men, the resource teachers, our school nurse, plus everybody in the whole, wide world!

**- Darius Scott**

All I needed to know I learned at Prince Edward County Elementary School. All of my teachers have encouraged me to work hard and do my best. All of the teachers helped me succeed in every skill. I am happy that I go to Prince Edward County Schools. They taught me all of my knowledge.

**- Autumn Brockway**

At Prince Edward you learn about everything. You learn about rounding, subtraction, and adding. Then about multiplying and dividing. And reading is a BLAST!!!!

The thing I like most is the teachers. They are really fun. They give you projects to do. I love the science projects. They are so much fun.

The thing I will miss most are the teachers. Every teacher I've had, I love them. That is why I recommend coming to Prince Edward!

**- Kaleb Hensley**

Hello, my name is Anthony Calhoun and I am a fourth grader in Mrs. Townsend's class. I am going to share with you what I like about Prince Edward County Elementary School. It is that they make you use your brain! I admit, I am a troublemaker and they let me learn from my mistakes and correct me when I am wrong. Most of you may think that this is mean, but I think it is that they care.

When I am finished don't clap for me, clap for the teachers. These are the teachers that have helped me use my brain: Mrs. Swink, Mrs. Bobenreith, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Fells, Mrs. Capati, Mr. Bisailon, and Mrs. Townsend. In addition to these teachers, many people at Prince Edward Elementary have helped me throughout the years, and I want to say THANK YOU!

**- Anthony Calhoun**

*Editor's note: We certainly do not agree with Anthony when he calls himself a troublemaker. We call him a bright and inquisitive student!*