



# Language Arts Department

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Wanda K. Clark, English Coach



James Brown, born May  
3rd, 1933

"We need to protect the kids by giving them something to do . . . It's about making them interested, making them love mom and dad more, love the family more, love themselves more, and love their school."

-James Brown

Fulton County Summer Reading List:

<http://www.fultonsummerreading.com/>

A JOB WELL DONE!!

**The theme for this year's Graduation/Recognition Ceremony is a "Journey in TIME". What an awesome journey the English department had this year.**

**Let's take a reflective look back at what the year held for the students of Mrs. Carpenter (ELA department chair), Ms. Irby, Ms. Oyewole, Mr. Daugherty, Mrs. Joseph (Reading Specialist) and Mrs. Clark (ELA Coach).**

Annual Poetry Slam

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Writing Marathon

African American Read-In

ELA GHSGT First time test-takers marathon (spring)

ELA GHSGT Writing Marathon (fall)

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Increased number of students passing the writing GHSGT

Increased number of students performing at the Advanced Placement, Honors, and Pass Plus on the ELA/GHSGT

All ELA teachers instituted WORD WALLS in their classrooms

ELA Inaugural Journal Writing Project in collaboration with the Social Studies Department

Novels and Books read by students throughout the year: *Copper Sun* by Susan Draper, *The Tiger*, *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, etc.

Videos viewed and studied by students this year: *I Have a Dream*/ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Commencement speaker/Walden University: Dr. Bertice Berry

Projects: In collaboration with the FMHS *Georgia Women of Achievement Organization (Social Studies department)* students petitioned the US Postal Service to issue a (former unrecognized enslaved quilter) Harriet Powers a stamp that would honor her accomplishments 175 years later...

Projects: Creative Problem Solution/ PowerPoints; Reading Strategies.

Informational Brochures, How-to Essay Power Points; ETC.

Looking ahead to the next journey in time [Summer Break], the ELA department sends you forward with these words of encouragement: have a *happy summer journey* filled with fun, sun, relaxation, safety, and a measure of academia that may continuously stimulate your brain as you relax and have fun! This will ensure your appreciation of literature, the

relax and have fun! This will ensure your appreciation of literature, the classics, lifelong learning, advancement toward post secondary education, test preparation, and writing and journalistic skills.

**We continuously support your education for the upcoming school year (2009-2010) by leaving you with the following educational materials and links in preparation for the upcoming year:**

**Reading:** <http://www.readingquest.org/strat/>

[http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/  
ReadStrats\\_20Best.html](http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/ReadStrats_20Best.html)

[http://www.literacymatters.org/content/readandwrite/  
reading.htm](http://www.literacymatters.org/content/readandwrite/reading.htm)

<http://bartleby.com/>

<http://bartleby.com/index.html>

**Writing:** <http://brammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>

[http://owl.english.perdue.edu/handouts/esl/  
eslstudent.html#perdue](http://owl.english.perdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslstudent.html#perdue)

[www.ccc.commnet.edu/mla/](http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/mla/)

With this, and other fond memories of the year in mind, we look to summertime as a chance to regroup, reflect, and recharge. To all of our students, staff, and faculty, we wish you a safe and happy Summer!!

And if the Atlanta weather gets too hot, sit under a tree and read! Again, the Summer Reading List is available here:

<http://www.fultonsummerreading.com/>

