



The Brunswick News

# Thanks, teach!

## EDGE READERS SAY THESE ARE SOME OF THE BEST EDUCATORS IN GLYNN COUNTY

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We've directed a significant amount of focus on sources of angst in day-to-day school life the past few weeks.

We've discussed the chagrin of students concerning attendance policies, the difficulty of Advanced Placement classes, the potential revocation of driving privileges and the end of the traditional Senior Week.

But what about some of the positives of attending one of Glynn County's high schools?

There are a lot of teachers and staff members at both Glynn Academy and Brunswick High School who go the extra mile to ensure the success of their students. So this week, the Edge offers up some teacher appreciation – for those who come in every day and do their best to make school life a little easier on their students.

So teachers, here's what some of your students had to say about their time on your team and in your classroom.

**THERESA ADAMS**  
Cross Country, Girls Varsity  
Basketball Coach, Glynn Academy

"I've been running for Coach Adams for the past two years. She's just someone who's always told us to push ourselves, and really just to do our best. She's really just the type of coach who you'd never want to let down, because you know that she wants to win just as much as you do, if not more. You know she's not going to give up on you, and so you don't want to give up on her."

– Shelby Robison,  
Glynn Academy sophomore

**JOAN NICHOLS**  
Art Teacher, Brunswick High

"Ms. Nichols has really inspired me to explore new things in an artistic sense; she's always telling us not to be afraid to branch out and try new things. There are a lot of kids who usually goof off in a lot of classes, but you don't really see them do that in Ms. Nichols' class. You see a lot of kids really start to get involved when they're in her class. I



Coach Theresa Adams,  
Glynn Academy

think it's because she really connects with her students in a way that a lot of teachers don't."

– Hanna Stette,  
Brunswick High School sophomore

**NATHANIEL ROPER**  
Choral Director, Glynn Academy



"Mr. Roper really makes an attempt to get to know his students on a personal level, and that's not something I can say for a lot of teachers. I was in his class during my junior year of high school. He's really more of a mentor than anything else. You can really just tell that he cares a lot about the kids in his class, about the experience that they have while they're in his class. So he really comes across as a different kind of teacher."

– Lauren Vason, Glynn  
Academy senior

**SUSAN MULLIS**  
Advanced Placement U.S. History,  
Brunswick High



"It's been a challenging experience under Ms. Mullis, and honestly, she comes across to me as overqualified for being a teacher. She has a background in law, and teaches college

courses, but her knowledge of her subject is impressive. Preparing her students for the AP national exam at the end of the year is a really big deal for her, and while she works us really hard, you can tell she just wants to see us all succeed ultimately. She doesn't want all of our hard work to be all for naught, and she validates that in the way she teaches her class every day."

– Alex Rumer,  
Brunswick High School junior

**SUSAN MCLEMORE**  
Literature Teacher, Glynn Academy



"Ms. McLemore is such a positive teacher. She's so intelligent, and you can tell she absolutely loves the subject (matter) she teaches to her class. She enjoys her job so much, and she's always so excited and happy when she's teaching her students something new. You can tell she cares so much about her students, and she really has a (propensity) for explaining to a class why certain aspects of what we're learning are important. It really motivates a lot of kids who otherwise wouldn't have been that interested in the subject. I was a student of hers for a year and a half, in 10th and 11th grade. She's such a sweetheart."

– Amanda Driggers,  
Glynn Academy senior

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## Technical troubles will be resolved

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What up, y'all.

Hope the week's going well. I'm pretty stoked with the high degree of responses I'm still getting on the old LG – both in text and photo message form.

I've got some pretty whack news, though, with regard to photo messages for the moment.

We're currently trying to obtain a secure server to which I can upload them; I discovered, much to my disdain on Sunday, that Alltel (my phone service provider) won't support my current interface (Facebook mobile; yeah, I know) anymore. But I've got it on lock; it'll be up and running again in a week in a separate interface.

So, in the meantime, I thought I'd throw another idea out there that we came up with about a month back.

Below are three issues that have been In The News, along with summaries of the stories that ran in the local section of The News.

What I'm interested in, however, is what you think about them.

So shoot me an e-mail, text message, call me, whatever – I'd just like some new perspectives on some of our area's occurrences as of late.

That being said, keep hitting me up, y'all, and have a good rest of your week.

Peace.

**RANDOM BANTER**

• sorry 2 hear u were sick. hope ur feeling better. – received 10:56 a.m., April 2

• It's so incredibly unbelievable what I've been reading and hearing in the news. First those poor dogs, and now there are third graders wanting to hurt their teacher. What's happened to our values? – received 1:10 p.m., April 2

• The new speed racer movie looks like a disappointment....they need to bring the old cartoons back! – received 5:42 p.m., April 2

## IN THE NEWS | HAVE YOUR SAY

**WAYCROSS**

**ARRESTS:** Waycross police arrested three third graders April 1 for their alleged involvement in a plot with six other elementary school students to injure their teacher. One kid had a knife, another had duct tape, and one even brought a crystal paper weight to hit the teacher over the head, according to police. What should happen to these kids? What about their parents?



Items police say third graders in Waycross brought to school, allegedly to harm their teacher.

**POLICE TASERS:** Tasers can save a life; tasers can take a life. Those against the use of the electric shock device utilized by most police forces across the nation argue that too many volts can be lethal to the recipient; cops say they can save the life of a person violently resisting arrest, as well as those of arresting officers and innocent bystanders. Are you in favor of the shock treatment or not?

**JEKYLL ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT:** If you've read The News at all in recent months, you know all about the controversial plans to redevelop Jekyll Island into a popular destination resort. Efforts in the Georgia Legislature to halt the plans all failed, and the developer – Linger Longer Communities – is expected to unveil the latest version of the plans sometime this month. Are you for redevelopment of Jekyll Island, or do you oppose it? Would a "new" Jekyll make a difference whether you and your friends would spend more time there?

• To comment, email Cody Trawick at [ctrawick@TheBrunswickNews.com](mailto:ctrawick@TheBrunswickNews.com).

## DOWNLOAD THIS | CHRIS BRENNAMAN

# Fall in love with REM all over again



REM's latest album, "Accelerate," has not only proven to be a great listen, but it's managed to prove to everyone who thought that these hall of famer's best music was behind them are all wrong.

"Accelerate" may be the child of a group that's been around for decades, but it sounds so fresh and new and unique that you almost feel like you're listening to a band that you've just discovered.

Everything here is tight and intricate, the hallmark of classic REM productions. But what isn't here is that weird indie feeling that the band seems to be constantly chasing. You know, the sound that made it college radio darlings back in the '80s.

REM has never fully shaken that image, and

most of the time it works. I still jam to "Automatic for the People" and "Monster," latter outings that still had that old-time REM feel. But for a while after those albums, there was the distinct feeling that REM was more interested in a unique sound than in truly fresh music.

"Accelerate" goes above and beyond. "Accelerate" is a true rock album.

Albums like "Accelerate" are great for aged groups like REM. It reminds the old fans why they fell in love with them in the first place and that sometimes their favorite acts can go above and beyond relevance. It also reminds casual fans and folks who've never given them a thought just how wrong they've been for ignoring them all these years.

If you haven't yet, go buy "Accelerate" today. What else have we today?

**Speed Racer trailer** – In case you haven't seen it yet, the trailer for "Speed Racer" has been

dropped and if the movie proves to be as trippy and sweet as this little tease, then movie fans are in for a treat. Never really been a fan of the cartoon icon this flick is based on, but I know when something looks cool as all get out. Plus Matthew Fox (Jack from "Lost") is playing the villainous Racer X. There and there.

**Battlestar Galactica** podcasts – The most raved about (and underwatched) show on TV is back for the fourth and final season, and so too are the podcast commentaries from executive producer Ronald Moore. Make no mistake, these aren't your run-of-the-mill podcasts. No, these are episode commentaries recorded by the producer to be played along with the episode to give viewers insight on their favorite show. This is the kind of above-and-beyond mentality that causes folks to not just like a series, but love it.

Well there you have it. Until next week, send all e-mails to [downloadthis@excite.com](mailto:downloadthis@excite.com).



REM's latest album, "Accelerate," proves that the famed Athens rockers still have some good music in them, says Chris Brennaman.