

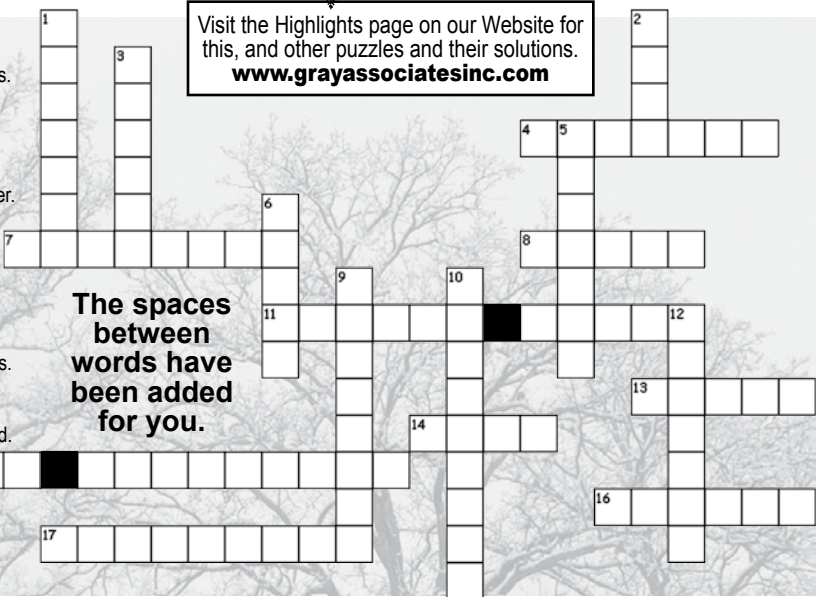
WINTER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

- We wear these on our hands instead of gloves.
- the month of Christmas.
- We wrap this around our neck to keep out the cold.
- "Just hear those _____ jingling!"
- We wear these on our feet in cold, wet weather.
- opposite of "hot."
- How we greet each other on December 25th.
- Shoes made with a blade on the bottom to travel over ice.
- the traditional way that Santa enters a home.

Down

- Dickens' character who is haunted by 3 ghosts.
- This garment keeps us warm in winter.
- burns and is made of wax.
- These hang from roofs and trees in winter cold.
- ice on the grass.
- what we do to a Christmas tree to make it pretty.
- We drink it hot with marshmallows on top.
- Frosty the _____



The spaces between words have been added for you.

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THE WORDS OF BILL COSBY



Publicity photo taken in 1969.

William Henry "Bill" Cosby, Jr., born in Philadelphia, July 12, 1937, is an American comedian, actor, author, television producer, educator, musician, and activist. Cosby has worked in television in the old *Spy* series, and as a character on the children's program, *The Electric Company*. He also created the educational cartoon *Fat Albert*. He has starred in two *Bill Cosby Shows*, one where he portrayed a high school gym teacher and the other where he was a doctor with a family. In 1976, Cosby earned his doctorate in Education from the University of Massachusetts. He also created the preschooler program, *Little Bill*.

"There's no labor a man can do that's undignified, if he does it right."

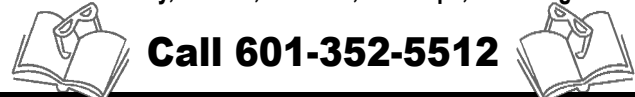
The Staff of The Learning Curve reminds you, **Value Your Education!**

Learn more about Bill Cosby online at Wikipedia.

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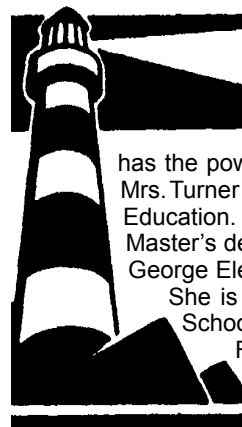


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OFF THE CHARTS!

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Mrs. Sharon LaFaye Turner, our Spotlight teacher this month, is a National Board Certified teacher who has the power to inspire all of those with whom she comes in contact. Mrs. Turner teaches Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Elementary Education. She holds a Specialist degree in Elementary Education, a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, and has been a teacher at George Elementary in the Jackson Public School District for 12 years. She is a long-time Jacksonian who graduated from Provine High School. She has been working with The Learning Curve since February 2010, and we are very glad to have her.

She currently holds the title of Lead Teacher, thus offering support to all teachers at George Elementary. She is a dynamic teacher who is dedicated to enhancing the skill levels of all students. Her unconventional styles of teaching have resulted in her class consistently scoring 100 % proficient and advanced on state assessments.



READ ALL ABOUT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY ON PAGE THREE.



She has been the recipient of several state and national honors such as Metro Teacher of the Year, Jackson Public School's Teacher of the Year, and National Teacher of the Year. In 2004, she received the American Star of Teaching Award from the U.S. Department of Education. She brings these same talents that earned her these prestigious awards to The Learning Curve after-school program.

Mrs. Sharon Turner was honored at the Gray & Associates "Under the Mistletoe" party on December 10th. Her efforts are highly valued by The Learning Curve staff, and her students are very grateful to have her helping with their lessons, as they have seen positive results in their academics.

Mrs. Turner's love for her students spills over into the community as she frequently receives calls and visits from students and parents from years past. Mrs. Turner's passion for teaching is a characteristic that can be cherished by all. Mrs. Sharon Turner has made a great difference in the lives of her students, and for this, she is greatly appreciated.

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This schedule is also available at www.grayassociatesinc.com.

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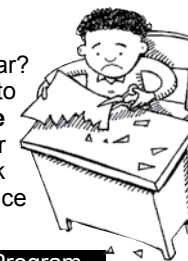
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ACT Workshop Schedule

| Test Date | Saturday Classes | Weekly Classes (Monday–Thursday) | Registration Deadline for Classes |
|----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Feb. 11, 2012 | Feb. 4, 2012 | Feb. 6–9, 2012 | Jan. 27, 2012 |
| April 14, 2012 | April 7, 2012 | April 9–12, 2012 | March 30, 2012 |
| June 9, 2012 | June 2, 2012 | June 4–7, 2012 | June 1, 2012 |

| Weekly Classes | Subject | Time |
|----------------|---------|----------------------|
| Monday | Reading | 5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Math | 5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Science | 5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | English | 5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |

Did you struggle with schoolwork last year? Don't fall behind First Term. Call or stop by to add your name to the waiting list for **Private Tutoring** or the **After School Program** for the 2011-2012 school year. Get homework help, MCT/SATP practice, and extra assistance with low performance areas.



Private Tutoring

- One-on-one sessions
- Licensed Teachers
- 2 days/week & 1 hour/day
- All subject areas

After School Program

- Small group sessions
- Monday – Friday
- 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM
- Snack Provided

Kimberly and Tonarri Moore welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Sharri Renee Moore**, on November 14, 2011.



December Birthdays

Denard Green.....December 3
 Jamiella OdinakaezeDecember 4
 Tequia "Shae" OdomDecember 9
 Brooke GrayDecember 22
 Taneja Patrick.....December 26

January Birthdays

Bill Pitts.....January 7
 Linda WilliamsJanuary 8
 Helen ClayhiggsJanuary 10
 Willie ClayhiggsJanuary 12
 Miracle R. PaigeJanuary 12
 Kanita WardJanuary 12
 Kayla Odom.....January 16
 Kelli YoungJanuary 17
 Katie D. BennettJanuary 24
 Pearl F. Jefferson.....January 24
 Tonarri MooreJanuary 25

"Under the Mistletoe!" Thanks for supporting our students by attending the Christmas party!

The Gray & Associates, Inc./The Learning Curve "Under the Mistletoe" fundraising Christmas party on December 10th had a tremendous turnout. The Training Center—repainted a soft sage green and decorated with snowflakes, icicles, a beautiful tree, colorful lights, and mistletoe—was the site of this much enjoyed annual event. Good food and drinks, music, and dancing were plentiful.



Our guests filled the dance floor as the party progressed under the watchful eyes of our host and hostess, Juan and Latrina Gray (above left). Carol Robinson (left) reminded us all of our responsibility — to support education.

Carol Robinson, the Parenting Center Coordinator for JPS, delivered a short talk on the good work that Gray & Associates does, and the community's need for organizations like ours. Mrs. Robinson spoke about how necessary to the children and to the community educational services like The Learning Curve are, and how important it is to continue supporting the work that we do in helping students with their academic progress and character-building so that they can lead happy and productive lives.



Recognition for service was given to tutors and staff members. Skilled and devoted teacher, Sharon Turner, was honored for her exemplary service as the 2011 "Grade A Tutor." Also, Nicholas Rowan was named the 2011 Learning Curve Scholar.

The "Under the Mistletoe" party was a huge success, and we hope to have even more participants next Christmas, so please plan early to purchase a ticket to the company's annual fundraiser. Remember, proceeds go to helping the students master their courses and their futures. There can be no finer way to herald in the New Year!

The Learning Curve Home-School Center is coming soon!