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VACCINE PROGRAM WINS STATE AWARD



The Houston County Hot Shots Coalition received the Walt Orenstien Champion in Immunization Award from the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Georgia Department of Community Health on Sep. 11. This is the second time this coalition received this statewide award for its dedication to children, having also won in 2006.

BOARD MEMBERS COMPLETE TRAINING

Board of Education members successfully completed training sponsored by the Georgia School Boards Association and Georgia Department of Education. Certificates of recognition were presented to all seven board members for completing at least six hours of training.



FLU VACCINE SCHEDULE



The Houston County Hot Shots Coalition is offering the seasonal flu shot and nasal FluMist at all of our schools between Oct. 1 and Nov. 5. Parents of young children are encouraged to be present for the vaccination. The H1N1 vaccine will also be offered once it becomes available.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



SAT scores for the Class of 2009 were released the end of August. I am proud of our total mean score of 1,506, which is within three

points of the national average. Even better, our mean score for critical reading and math was 1,021 - five points higher than the national average. Northside High and Houston County High deserve special congratulations for scoring above the national

average.

Our parents should have received their child's progress report recently. Our elementary and middle schools sent home the first reports on Sept. 4; high school progress reports were issued on Sept. 17.

Do you know of a deserving teacher to nominate for the Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame? This award honors extraordinary teachers who made a significant difference in the lives of their students. Pick up nomination forms from any

school or print one from our system Web site.

Veterans High School will open Aug. 2010. Our plan is to hold public forums the end of Oct. and early Nov. Meetings and other information will be publicized via our Web site and through the media. Check next month's e-newsletter for more details.

I want to remind you that we have a Columbus Day holiday on Oct. 12 and a furlough day on Oct. 13. Wishing you all a restful holiday.

MY LUNCHMONEY.COM



The Houston County School System has implemented a new service for parents to allow the option to pay for meals online, review their children's daily lunchroom purchases and regulate purchases of extra items by selecting "meal only" or by setting spending limits. Once registered, parents will receive routine e-mails such as low balance notifications. Parents register at myLunchMoney.com. The service will rollout systemwide in Jan. 2010.

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BAND NIGHT!



The annual Houston County Band Night will be held Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7:00 p.m. at McConnell-Talbert stadium. Every middle school band and high school marching band will be represented. The show is free and open to the public.

NHS ATTENDS FFA TRAINING



Northside High's Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter officers attended leadership training in August. More than 150 FFA officers from across central Georgia participated. NHS attendees were: Alyssa Haddock, Nicole McAllister, Torrey McDowell, Haley Powers, Shelby Wills, Keynan Callum, Dakota Sawyer, Jordan Edwards and Dwayne Hobbs.

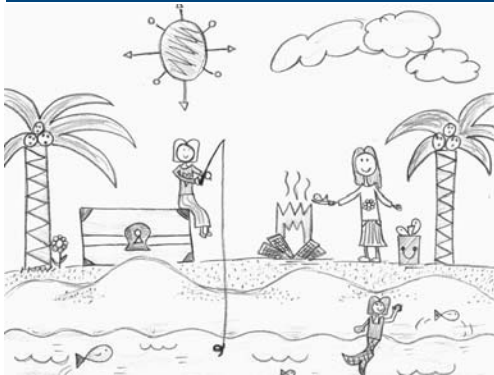
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PHS AWARDED TWO GRANTS



Perry High School's Drama Department was awarded two grants through DonorsChoose.org, an online charity where one may support a school program of their choice. Joe Sendek, Perry High's drama teacher, applied for grants totaling \$1,100 for a "Stage Fright Survival Kit" and "Beyond the Mask," a multi-cultural mask making kit.

STUDENT ART CALENDAR



Congratulations to Pearl Stephens Elementary student Shanya Warthen on her delightful artwork that was selected for our 2009-2010 HCBOE School System Calendar. The monthly calendar featuring student art from 23 schools is posted online our system Web site.

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FLU SEASON IS HERE. LEARN WHAT WE DO TO BE PROACTIVE.



WRMS MAN-TO-MAN PROGRAM



Warner Robins Middle is beginning its fourth year of a mentoring program for 8th-grade boys. *Man-to-Man* teaches life skills such as goal setting, respect for others, etiquette and manners, conflict resolution and other interpersonal skills. The group of 20 young men is led by Warner Robins Middle Graduation Coach Ernest Harvey.

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ENERGY CONSERVATION



The Houston County School System partnered with Energy Education, Inc. (EEI) in 1999 to design and implement a systemwide energy conservative plan. Since implementation, the initiative has saved approximately one million dollars a year.

BOE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN



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