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HCBOE HEADLINES

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WRHS WINS ONE-ACT



Warner Robins High won first place at the Region AAAAA One-Act competition with its

performance of *Anatomy of Gray*. Senior Sam Haines also won Best Actor portraying Gray, the lead character. In addition, Brittini Foskey and Blake Copeland were named to the All-Star cast.

PHS WINS ONE-ACT



Perry High won first place at the Region AAA One-Act competition for *Wiley and the Hairy Man*. They also won the award for Best Set and Best Costumes. In addition, students Carson Albritton and Avery Jones were named to the Region All Star Cast, and Carson received Best Actor.

HCHS GRAND CHAMPS



The Houston County High Black and Silver Brigade Marching Band was named Grand

Champions Class AAAAA in two competitions. The band won the premier awards at both the Golden Hawk Marching Band Invitational band competition and the Heart of Georgia Invitational, both held in October.

PROPOSED ZONING



22 SCHOOLS NAMED TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



November 19 is National Parent Involvement Day. Research shows that involved parents result in children who are more successful at school and throughout life. Parents are their child's first and best teacher. Being active in a child's education is the best gift a parent can give. When children know that their parents

value education, they will too.

Our Be There parent involvement campaign encourages parents to connect with their children during everyday moments of life. Little things matter. Parents can connect with their children during ordinary routines, such as driving to school, checking agendas or running errands.

On this special day and during this season of thanksgiving, on behalf of all of

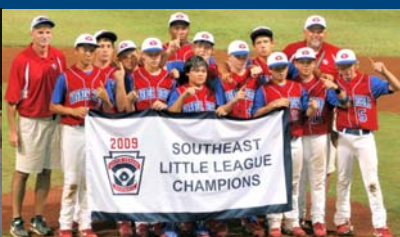
our schools, many thanks to all of our parents who are committed to active involvement in their child's education.

November is also Military Family Month. We are so appreciative of our military members' dedication and contributions!

I wish each and every one of you a peaceful and joyful Thanksgiving holiday.
David Carpenter

HCBOE HONORS WRALL

GIFTED TEACHERS RECOGNIZED



Twelve teachers of gifted and AP students were honored in September as recipients of the Houston County Education Assistance Fund. Each was presented \$500 by the Houston County gifted Department on behalf of the Manoj H. Shah family.

BONAIRE MIDDLE FAIR AWARDS



Many of our schools competed in various events at this year's Georgia National Fair. Bonaire Middle, for one, competed in art and FFA competitions, winning 32 awards, to include 15 first-place ribbons.

SMARTWEB NEWS

The class average was recently removed from SmartWeb, based on the desire to provide parents accurate information regarding student progress. Class average is not always a reliable indication of student achievement within the class. One low or high score can skew the class average. In addition, students who have not completed an assignment are initially given a zero as a place holder for a grade, which results in a negative impact on the class average.

All other components remain the same on the SmartWeb portal. Parents will continue to have access to test scores, daily grades and attendance. The available data will afford the opportunity to focus on the strengths and needs of the individual student. As always, please contact your child's teacher or administrator with any concerns. Your support in ensuring your child's continued academic growth and success are appreciated.

SCHOOL BUS POSTER CONTEST



The Georgia School Bus Safety Week was held August through September. Students designed posters with the theme, "Cross in View, it's the Right Thing to Do!" The contest was to support Georgia School Bus Safety Week that was observed in October.

Schools that participated in the contest were: David Perdue Primary, David Perdue Elementary, Lake Joy Primary, Hilltop Elementary and Mossy Creek Middle.

FOCUS ART CONTEST



Lake Joy Elementary student Austin Anaral won the annual FOCUS T-shirt design contest. Approximately 800 T-shirt design entries were submitted. Austin's artwork will grace the front of this year's custom designed FOCUS T-shirt, and he was presented with a cash award.

VHS PRINCIPAL NAMED



During the October board meeting, the Houston County Board of Education appointed Lionel Brown as principal of Veterans High. The new school will open the first day of the 2010— 2011 school year. Brown has been with the school system for 15 years. He currently serves as Assistant Principal at Perry High School.



HCBOE HONORS YEARS OF SERVICE



The Board of Education recognized employees who have served 30, 35, 40 or 45 years in the Houston County School System at the October Board meeting. A reception in their honor was held prior to the meeting. Congratulations to all 25 employees honored. We appreciate your dedication and contributions!