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# HCBOE HEADLINES

An award-winning monthly communiqué of the Houston County School System

## 2009 GEORGIA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE



Bonaire Elementary has been named a 2009 Georgia School of Excellence. Bonaire Elementary was chosen for placing in the top 10 percent in the state for reading and math. Bonaire had 98 percent of all students meet and exceed standards on the state assessment.

## SCHOOL BELL AWARDS

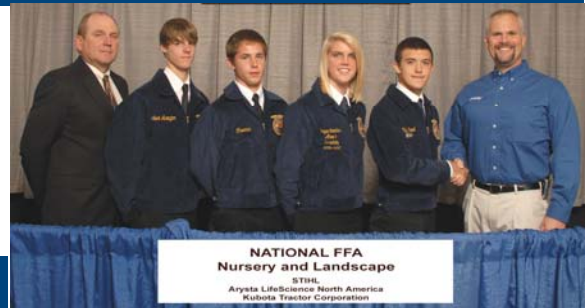


Tucker Elementary and David Perdue Primary were named 2009 Georgia School Bell Award winners. This award is presented annually to schools with outstanding programs



in the areas of curriculum and organizational leadership. Tucker was chosen for its mentoring program, and Perdue Primary was selected for its Book of the Month program.

## PHS FFA WON TWO NATIONAL AWARDS



Perry High students won two national awards at the 2009 National FFA Fair. Taking second place in the nursery and landscape event were: Thomas Burnham, Spencer Freeman, Morgan Strickland and Nick Wood. Third place was garnered by the Perry High agriscience team, consisting of Samantha Strickland and Tal Linegerger. The students were accompanied by Perry High advisers Argene Claxton, Philip Gentry and Perry Middle's Melissa Moulton.

## HIGH SCHOOL WRITING TEST SCORES



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Our school system is pleased to be a member of the Houston County Hot Shots Coalition, a partnership formed in 2003 between the Board of Education, Health Department, Robins Air Force Base and private providers in Warner Robins and Perry. The coalition's purpose is to increase vaccine awareness and vaccine rates in Houston County's children. Our most recent initiative has been an offer to parents for their children to receive the H1N1 vaccine at school. This week and last, our Health Department provided free H1N1 vaccines at 15 school campuses. We plan to offer this service at more schools as the Health Department receives additional doses of the vaccine. The shot clinics are one way to help prevent the spread of the flu. We also encourage our students to practice preventive steps such as frequent hand washing and the use of hand sanitizers. To assist us, the Houston Healthcare Complex contributed 1,600 bottles of hand sanitizer to our school system. We appreciate the HHC and CEO Skip Phillips.

Many thanks to Mr. Fred Wilson for his dedication. A member of the Board since January 1995, he has served Post 4 for 15 years. His commitment and passion for quality education are greatly valued.

Our Christmas and New Year's holidays begin Dec. 21st. I wish you each a joyful and peaceful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely, *David Carpenter*

### PHS WINS STATE 1-ACT



Perry High won first place at the State One-Act competition for Region AAA. Perry High advanced to the state competition by winning first

place at the Region One-Act competition with the performance of Susan Zeder's *Wiley and the Hairy Man*. Joe Sendek serves as drama teacher and director.

### SHARKS WIN JV HANDBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Houston County Sharks won the 2009 Junior Varsity Wheelchair Handball State Championship, winning the title game in overtime. The Sharks were

presented a trophy and banner for their tournament win.

### SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM



Kurtis Anderson, Warner Robins High junior, has been invited to participate in final interviews for the 2009 – 2010 United States Senate Youth Program. One student from each Congressional District in Georgia was chosen to interview. Two awardees and two alternates will be named from this group. Those selected will have an

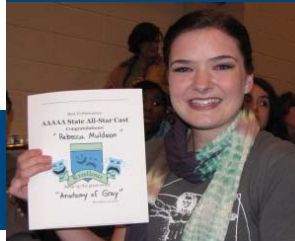
opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. and personally see our government in action.

### SUPPORT THE HOUSTON COUNTY SHARKS!

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### WRHS WINS 3RD AT STATE 1-ACT



Warner Robins High School won third place at the State One-Act competition with its performance of *Anatomy of Gray*. Warner Robins High qualified for the state competition by winning first place at the Region AAAAA One-Act competition. Senior Bobbie

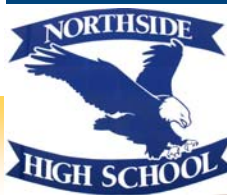
Stringer (pictured) was also chosen for the All-Star cast award for her portrayal of Rebecca Muldoon. She was presented an award at the Georgia Theatre Conference.

### OPERATION SEASONS GREETINGS UNDERWAY



Houston County schools participated again in Operation Seasons Greetings (OSG) by creating cards and writing letters for our troops in the Middle East and Europe. MaryTherese Tebbe, the OSG show emcee, and CMSgt. Jay Willis, OSG producer, traveled overseas to personally deliver the sentiments. They were accompanied by Kid Rock.

### NHS OFFERS FREE TUTORING



Northside High is offering its students free Supplemental Educational Services. Parents of eligible students attending Northside High School may register their children for free tutoring outside of the regular school day. This service is provided as mandated by the

No Child Left Behind Act 2001. Parents have until January 12, 2010, to request this additional assistance.

### 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVED



### PROPOSED ZONING

