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QRES Wins Academic Bowl Competition



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Quail Run Elementary School 5th-grade FOCUS (**F**ostering **O**riginality, **C**reativity, **U**nique Ideas, and **S**elf-Direction) students won the system Academic Bowl Competition held Feb. 25, 2010. Eighteen teams from each elementary school competed to correctly answer challenging academic questions in the fields of literature, math, science and social studies.

Quail Run Elementary FOCUS teachers Shannon Bryant and Tina Jacques coached the students. The team members (pictured from left) are: Emma Rowland, Tyler Bartlett, Timothy Freeman, Daniel Crouch – Captain, Brienna Gisseman, Taylor Oxyer, and Christiana Herron. Also pictured on the back row are Bryant, Jacques and Quail Run Elementary Assistant Principal Richard Rogers.

The team will be recognized at the next Houston County Association of Gifted Children. This meeting will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at Feagin Mill Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

During the Bowl, teams have 10 seconds to answer questions such as: “Give the correct sequence of the path of food through the body: stomach, small intestine, esophagus and large intestine.” If the team answered the first question correctly, it had the opportunity to answer a bonus question, such as, “Which integer is approximately 66.7 percent more than 12?” (Answers are at the end.)

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The elementary school competition is held as preparation for middle school students when they participate in the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) middle school program. The goal of this program is to recognize and promote academic excellence and good citizenship in the following ways:

- create good work/study habits;
- broaden individual horizons of factual information;
- develop poise and confidence in students presenting themselves to the public;
- develop teamwork and good citizenship;
- instills an appreciation for the pursuit of knowledge

Quail Run Elementary is located at 250 Smithville Church Road in Warner Robins. Dr. Cheryl Thomas serves as principal. For more information contact the Director of Gifted Education, Jan Jacobson, at (478) 988-6200, extension 10393, or Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net.

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Answers to Academic Bowl questions:

- 1) *esophagus, stomach, small intestine, and large intestine*
- 2) *20*