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HCBOE HEADLINES

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HCHS WINS NATIONAL FFA AWARDS



Houston County High's FFA Agricultural Sales Team placed 9th in the nation at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Ind. in October. Junior Brittanie Edwards (pictured) also won fifth high individual and a \$1,000 scholarship. In addition, Ryan Powell and Taylor Young won Silver medals in their competitions. Congratulations to all!

BMS 1ST AT STATE BETA CONVENTION



Bonaire Middle School students Kenny Higginbotham and Darlyn Davis won

NHS WINS 1ST AT STATE ONE-ACT



Northside High School won first place at the State One-Act competition for Quad-A schools with its performance of *Runaways*. The bid for State was held Nov. 13, 2010, at Veterans High. Northside advanced to the state competition by winning first place at the Region AAAA One-Act. At the region competition, Northside's Patrick Hamilton won Best Supporting Actor and Nicole Molina won Best Supporting Actress. In addition, Lindsay Mears and Candice McLellan were named to the All-Star Cast. Way to go Northside!

first place awards at the Georgia State Beta Club convention held in November. Kenny won first in science, and Darlyn placed first in black and white photography. Both students will compete at the National Beta Club Convention this summer.

2011-12 CALENDAR

Month	Day	Event
August 1, 2011	Monday	Summer School
August 15, 2011	Monday	Back to School
September 5, 2011	Monday	Labor Day
October 3, 2011	Monday	Halloween
October 10, 2011	Monday	Homecoming
November 12, 2011	Monday	Thanksgiving
November 22, 2011	Monday	Winter Break
December 17, 2011	Monday	Christmas
January 3, 2012	Monday	Spring Break
February 1, 2012	Monday	Valentine's Day
February 15, 2012	Monday	Presidents Day
February 22, 2012	Monday	Super Bowl
March 1, 2012	Monday	Spring
March 15, 2012	Monday	Spring
March 22, 2012	Monday	Spring
March 29, 2012	Monday	Spring
April 5, 2012	Monday	Spring
April 12, 2012	Monday	Spring
April 19, 2012	Monday	Spring
April 26, 2012	Monday	Spring
May 3, 2012	Monday	Spring
May 10, 2012	Monday	Spring
May 17, 2012	Monday	Spring
May 24, 2012	Monday	Spring
May 31, 2012	Monday	Spring

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Our school system and Health Department were pleased to offer flu clinics at our schools again this year. Approximately 5,500 free vaccinations were given in Nov. and Dec. at our 38 schools. I am proud of our school nurses – they did a great job!

Our Sharks team won the Junior Varsity Wheelchair Handball State Championship again this year. This is a back-to-back win, and we are proud of these athletes!

At the December Board meeting, we bid a fond farewell to some very special people. Mr. Griff Clements has been a valuable member on the Board serving District 6 for eight years since January 2003. We appreciate his faithful service and thank him for his dedication. Mr. Dave McMahan, Director of Facilities, is retiring as of this month. In the years he's served as Director of Facilities, he has overseen 52 major projects to include eight new schools. We will certainly miss him and his expertise. And Mrs. Cindy Graver was honored for having served as the RAFB military liaison from March 2007 through this month. Our system is proud to be home to Robins and pleased to have so many military families actively involved in our schools. Because of Mrs. Graver's efforts, this relationship will continue to flourish.

In closing, merry Christmas and happy New Year! Sincerely, Dr. James R. Hines, Jr.

STUDENTS WIN ART AWARDS IN SKYSCAPES POSTER CONTEST

Eleven students from Houston County schools won awards in the 2010 Museum of Aviation Skyscapes Poster Contest. Fourth-graders were invited to create a poster with the theme, "What can you do with the colors Red, White & Blue?" A total of 301 entries were submitted by eight elementary schools to include Bonaire, Hilltop, Lake Joy, Perdue, Linwood and Parkwood. Pictured (from left) are: Kyle McFadden, Christian Emmens and Rebecca Kurtz.



AP STUDENTS HONORED



Forty-two juniors and seniors were recognized at the October Board meeting for earning the highest score possible in Advanced Placement (AP) exams. AP is an international program

of college-level courses and exams for secondary students. Students who score high enough on AP exams may earn college credit while still in high school.

WRHS BAND BEST IN CLASS



The Warner Robins High School Demon Band competed in October at the Super Bowl of Sound in Carrolton, Georgia. The band, color guard, drum major and percussion were all rated Superior. The color guard placed second in class with the drum major, percussion and band

winning Best in Class.

DPES FIRE SAFETY AWARDS



Two David A. Perdue Elementary School students won fire safety awards from the State Department of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office. Rylee Hancock and Laynie Mizell, third graders, each won an award. The contest

was open to Georgia students in Kindergarten through fifth grade, and only 13 winners were selected statewide.

VHS AFJROTC EARNS 1ST PLACE



Veterans High School's AFJROTC Drill Team Color Guard earned the first-place Color Guard trophy at the Drill Team Meet held last month in Tifton, Georgia. More than 17 schools

competed, to include schools from Florida.

VHS SELLS COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS FOR VETERANS



Veterans High School is selling commemorative bricks to be placed in a "Walk of Heroes" to honor military veterans. The bricks will pay tribute to those who have served our country in the armed forces.

MCMS STUDENT WINS NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS POSTER CONTEST



Mossy Creek Middle School seventh-grader Nicholas Moulder won third place for his grade division in the National School Bus Safety

Poster Contest. His winning art is pictured.

ACADEMIC BOWL DISTRICT WINNERS



Houston County's eight middle schools competed in the district academic bowl in November. The four top teams were Feagin Mill, Mossy Creek,

Thomson and Warner Robins. These teams will next compete in the regional Professional Association of Georgia Educators Academic Bowl for Middle Grades in January.

