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SHARKS ~ STATE CHAMPS



The Houston County Sharks won the 2010 Junior Varsity Wheelchair Handball State Championship. The Sharks were presented a trophy and banner for their tournament win. In 2009, our team also won this championship. Congratulations Sharks!

FOUR SCHOOLS RECEIVE STATE AWARDS



Four Houston County schools won five Single Statewide

Accountability System awards from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for the 2009-2010 school year. Bonaire Elementary, Quail Run Elementary, Matt Arthur Elementary and the Houston County Career & Technology Center are four of 345 schools in Georgia recognized for significant student achievement.

**HCBOE TEACHER JOB FAIR
SATURDAY, FEB. 5, WRHS**

ESES PRESENTED SCHOOL BELL AWARD



Eagle Springs Elementary School was presented the School Bell Award by the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals at the GAESP Awards Banquet. Pictured (from left) are: Julia Mashburn, GAESP President-Elect; Cindy Flesher, GAESP Past President and Houston County Executive Director of Elementary Operations; Todd Williford, President of GAESP; Dr. Andrea McGee, Eagle Springs Principal; and Lisa Bragg, Eagle Springs Counselor.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



With a new year, the Board began by electing the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Congratulations to Mr. Tom Walmer and Dr. Toby Hill on their unanimous re-election as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. I also want to welcome Mr. Jim Maddox, newly elected by the voters to serve as the District 6, At-Large representative. Congratulations to Dr. Marianne Melnick and Mr. Fred Wilson, too, on their success at the polls and re-election to the Board. We have a great team of public servants who have a passion for education. They work hard to do what is best for the students and I feel fortunate to work with them.

In December, we said some farewells to include Mr. Griff Clements. He served eight years on the Board, and his service is appreciated! Mr. Dave McMahan, Director of Facilities, retired the end of December, and he will be sorely missed. We wish them both well in the future.

Sincerely, Dr. James R. Hines, Jr.

SKIP DAWKINS HONORED



Skip Dawkins was recognized at the Dec. Board meeting in honor of 15 years of service on the Board. First elected in Jan.1996, he serves District 3, which encompasses Matt Arthur Elementary, Kings Chapel Elementary, Morningside Elementary, Perry Primary, Tucker Elementary, Perry Middle, Mossy Creek Middle, Perry High and Veterans High. Thank you, Mr. Dawkins!

FMMS STUDENTS PRESENT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Feagin Mill Middle School's honors science teacher Peggy McCall and two eighth-grade students, Wilson Childers and Cullen Shope, presented at the National Association of Gifted Children in Atlanta. Wilson and Cullen were the only students who presented at this national conference.

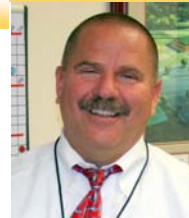
GRIFF CLEMENTS HONORED



Griff Clements served as a Board member Jan. 2003 through Dec. 2010. He was honored at the Dec. Board meeting for his service. Many thanks to Mr. Clements for serving

eight years as the District 6, At Large representative!

FAREWELL MR. MCMAHAN



Dave McMahan retired as the Director of Facilities, but he forever left his mark on the school system in many ways. He's pictured as his hand-prints are set in concrete with a brick etched with "Dave McMahan, Retiree, 30 Years" at the maintenance shop in Warner Robins. Best wishes!



LORRA LYNCH-JONES HONORED



Lorra Lynch-Jones, 13 WMAZ TV reporter and co-anchor of News at 5, was honored by the Georgia School Boards Association with a Beacon Award. She was nominated unanimously by the Houston County Board of Education for her exceptional work in the field of education reporting and her dedication to provide citizens with

thorough and accurate information about the school system. Congratulations Mrs. Jones!

RAFB MILITARY LIAISON HONORED



Cindy Graver was honored at the Dec. Board meeting. Mrs. Graver served as the , Robins Air Force Base military liaison to the Houston County Board of Education from

March 2007 through December 2010. Pictured (from left) are: Chairman Tom Walmer, Cindy Graver and Superintendent Dr. Robin Hines. Many thanks to Mrs. Graver for her efforts and dedication.

ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS



Eighteen fifth-graders from the system's elementary gifted classes competed in the Elementary School Oratorical Contest on Dec. 9. The topic for this year's competition was,

"If I Were Leader of the Free World, the First Issue I Would Address Would be..." The 2010 winners are: 1st place - Kennedy Graham, Shirley Hills Elementary; 2nd place - Trevor Pope, Centerville Elementary; 3rd place - Hannah Rahmaan, Bonaire Elementary; Honorable Mention - Alexandra Niebaum, Quail Run Elementary and Adam Conway, Lake Joy Elementary. The top three will speak at the Feb. Board meeting.

NHS & WRHS WIN FFA AWARDS

Northside High School and Warner Robins High School FFA students entered a variety of Georgia National Fair competitions. Their students won numerous awards, to include 12 first-place ribbons.



FREE SCOLIOSIS SCREENING OFFERED AT MIDDLE SCHOOLS JAN. 25-27 & FEB. 1