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HCBOE HEADLINES

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SHIRLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY A HIGH FLYING SCHOOL



Shirley Hills Elementary has been selected to receive an Honorable Mention at the 2011 High-Flying Schools Award ceremony to be held at the National Youth-At-Risk Conference, March 6 - 9, in Savannah. Shirley Hills is one of only 10 schools nationwide to receive this distinction.

PHS FFA ~ STATE CHAMPS



Perry High School's FFA Senior Meats Evaluation team earned the title of State Champion during the 2010-2011 State FFA Meats Evaluation

Career Development Event. Congratulations to team members Michael Herren, Drew Rowell, Daniel Bergman, Myles Sowell and Jared Law.

STUDENTS WIN AWARDS AT BRAILLE CHALLENGE



Two Houston County students placed in the Statewide Braille Challenge held at the Georgia Academy for the Blind on Jan. 27. Armando Vias, third-grader at Eagle Springs Elementary, placed first in his division. William Rankine, Kindergartener at Lake Joy Primary, placed second in his division. William was the youngest participant. William and Armando are pictured with their teacher, Judy Dingler.

MR. AND MISS HOCO 2011



Rashun Watkins, a senior at Houston County High, won the 2011 Mr. HOCO title at a school event held in January. Eighteen contestants vied for the title. Rashun is pictured with Maria Lopez, Miss HOCO 2011.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK MAR. 7-11



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We are off and running this second semester! The past few weeks alone we held our system Spelling Bee, Social Studies Fair and Science and Engineering Fair. Congratulations to all of our students who won awards! All of the contestants did an awesome job. We also hosted our annual Teacher Job Fair. Our goal is to hire and retain the best and brightest, and the job fair is an excellent way to meet potential new hires. About 700 candidates attended. Many thanks to our host, Warner Robins High Principal Mr. Steve Monday and his team. The WRHS AFJROTC and Student Council students also helped and did a great job. We certainly appreciate their assistance.

February is National Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Month and is a good time to commend our CTAE teachers. Whether teaching technology, health, agriculture, marketing, or any of our other career paths, our teachers are committed to preparing our students for the future by setting them on the road to career success. Many thanks to all of these teachers.

Our system will be closed for Winter Break on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 17 and 18, and our students will also be off on Monday, Feb. 21. I wish everyone an enjoyable and restful break!
Sincerely, *Dr. James R. Hines, Jr.*

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



The Houston County School System will register children for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2011 - 2012 school year March 7 to 18. Registration will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the zoned school.

VISIT WWW.HCBE.NET & CLICK ON "SCHOOL EVENTS" FOR CURRENT EVENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS PRESENT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Several teachers presented at the National Association for Gifted Children convention held in November in

Atlanta. Fostering Originality, Creativity, Unique ideas and Self-direction (FOCUS) is the name of Houston's gifted education program for grades K-5. Our FOCUS teachers presented "K-5 Curriculum Stations for Gifted Learners."

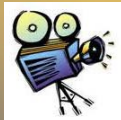
FEB. IS NATIONAL CAREER, TECHNICAL & AGRICULTURAL MONTH. THANK YOU CTAE TEACHERS!



INTERESTED IN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS?

CLICK ON THE GAVEL FOR THE 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE.

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FMMS RECYCLING PAYS DIVIDENDS



Feagin Mill Middle has joined FundingFactory, a program to fundraise through recycling.

The program has enabled Feagin Mill to purchase two slates to interact wirelessly with interactive whiteboards. In addition, Feagin Mill Middle has been ranked in the top six percent of schools and top 10 percent nationally for their recycling efforts.

BMS ROBOTICS TEAM



Bonaire Middle's Robotics team competed at the Georgia FIRST Lego League Central Georgia Super Regional Qualifier in

January at the Museum of Aviation. The team won first place in Robotic Design at the First Lego League Qualifier held at Columbus State University in December.



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FMMS & MCMS WIN REGION ACADEMIC BOWL



Feagin Mill Middle and Mossy Creek Middle won the regional PAGE Academic Bowl Competition that took place Jan. 8. Warner Robins Middle also made it to the finals of this event. Congratulations teams!



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ANNOUNCING GOVERNOR'S HONORS NOMINEES

