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**Bonaire Elementary Wins Academic Bowl Competition**



HOUSTON COUNYTY, GA – Bonaire Elementary won the Elementary School Academic Bowl held Feb. 24. Eighteen teams representing Houston’s 20 elementary schools competed throughout the day, culminating in a single elimination competition. More than 100 children competed. Bonaire won after a very tough final round with Russell Elementary.

The Elementary School Academic Bowl is held only at the local level. This Bowl helps prepare the young students for the Middle School Academic Bowl Competition. Earlier this year the Middle School Academic Bowl Competitions took place at three levels: local, regional and state.

Bonaire Elementary FOCUS teachers Brenda Mueller, Christa Franz and Terry Lenderman coached the students. The team members, pictured (from left) with their teachers, are: (back row) Mueller, Franz, Langston Blackstock, Andrew Decker, Luke Davenport, Tommy Ferrer, Lenderman, (front row) Holly Arnold, Cooper Fanning and Dakota Wilkes.

The Russell Elementary team is also coached by Mueller. The team members (from left) are: Alexis Cone, Jaret Dixon, Captain Peyton Goodman, Mueller, Nayahna Gordon, Brittany Brown, Hailie Cochran and Blake Schmick.



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During the Bowl, teams have 10 seconds to answer questions such as: “Measured in slugs, it is different from weight in that its value doesn't change depending on its location. Name this physical quantity that is the "m" in the equation  $F = ma$ .” If the team answered the first question correctly, it has the opportunity to answer a bonus question, such as, “The Forest Service and the Food Safety and Inspection Service are among the main agencies of—what Cabinet Department, currently led by former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack, that tries to safeguard and grow America’s food supply?” (Answers are at the end.)

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

Bonaire Elementary is located at 101 Elm Street in Bonaire. Willis Jones serves as principal. For more information contact the Director of Gifted Education, Jan Jacobson, at 478-988-6200, ext. 10393, or [Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net](mailto:Jan.Jacobsen@hcbe.net).

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*Answers to Academic Bowl questions:*

- 1) *mass*
- 2) *Dept. of Agriculture*