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HCBOE HEADLINES

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR STATE FINALIST



Beth Sciarro, Houston County Teacher of the Year, is a finalist for Georgia Teacher of the Year. She is one of 10 finalists chosen from 154 teachers statewide. The winner will be announced May 6, at the Georgia World Congress Center. Mrs. Sciarro serves at Northside Elementary.

VHS COACH A.D. OF THE YEAR



Veterans High Coach David Bruce was named Region 2-AAA Athletic Director of the Year. He was honored in March at the Georgia Athletic Directors Association's state conference held in Savannah.

PHS BAND PERFORMED IN CHICAGO FESTIVAL



The Perry High Symphonic Band performed in the Percy Grainger Wind Band Festival last month in Chicago, Ill. Perry High was one of only three bands selected from across the U.S. Andy Hursey serves as the Director of Bands.

WRHS 1ST IN READING BOWL



The Warner Robins High Scorchin' Scholars placed first in their division in the Helen Ruffin Book Bowl competition.

Warner Robins High came in first out of six schools competing from three regions in Division B.



VIETNAM MEMORIAL "THE MOVING WALL" AT VHS

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

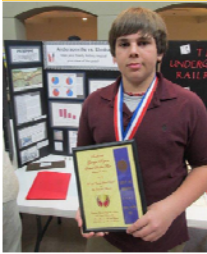


Recently we honored six extraordinary teachers by inducting them into the Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame. Congratulations to the 2011 inductees: Mrs. Joyce Brooks, Mrs. Mary Alice Holland, Mr. Ray Horne, Mrs. Annabelle Lytle, Mrs. Billie Mosteller and Mrs. Bertie Riner! More than 200 guests attended the ceremony and reception. Many thanks to Mr. Matt Arthur, our keynote speaker, and Miss Cassy Chaney, our Perry Middle student who gave an awesome performance. Read all about the honorees and the Hall of Fame on our BOE Web site's Teacher Hall of Fame page.

April is Occupational Therapy Month. Our occupational therapists help our students overcome disabilities so they can do everyday things. If you have the chance, please thank our dedicated OT employees. Other special dates to remember are: Administrative Professionals Day on April 27; Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week May 3-7; and School Nurse Day on May 12. In addition, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-8, with Teacher Appreciation Day set aside for May 4. We have great teachers, and we are so thankful for the work they do in the classroom every day. Please take time to thank our dedicated teachers and other employees.

Sincerely, Dr. James R. Hines, Jr.

HMS STUDENT WINS 1ST AT REGIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR



Huntington Middle student Scotty Kent won first place at the Southwest Georgia Regional Social Studies Fair, which was held in February at the Columbus Museum. Scotty's project was titled "Andersonville vs. Elmira-Does Your Family History Impact Your View of the Past?" Thirty-one students from the Southwest Region in grades 5-12 competed at the regional fair after placing first at their district fairs.

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OUTSTANDING WOMEN EDUCATORS



Seventeen women from the Houston County Board of Education were honored last month as recipients of the Outstanding Women in Education award. They were recognized during the "It's Time!" Unity Conference. A total of 30 honorees were selected from across Georgia.

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HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS

Houston County High Presents:

Fiddler on the Roof
May 5 - 7, 7:30 p.m.

Children and students \$5. Adults \$8.
All tickets \$10 at the door.
For more information, call
988-6340, ext. 32366.



HCHS & WRHS STARS



Miriam Baker, Warner Robins High senior, and Vania Lee, Houston County High senior, were named joint 2011 Region

VI Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Students in March. Their STAR teachers are Barbara Hilliard and Margaret Molyson, respectively.

Northside High Presents:

Hairspray

May 5 - 7, 7:00 p.m.

May 8, 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.

For more information, call
929-7858, ext. 41874.



Perry High Presents:

Zombie Prom

May 12 - 14, 7:00 p.m.

Children and students \$5. Adults \$8.

All tickets \$10 at the door.

For more information
call 988-6298, ext. 21320.



Veterans High Presents:

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

May 18 - 21, 7:00 p.m.

Children and students \$5. Adults \$8.

For more information call 218-7537.



Warner Robins High Presents:

Chicago

May 5 - 7, 7:00 p.m.

May 8, 3:00 p.m.

Students and military \$7.

Adults \$10.

For more information
call 929-7877, ext. 51275.



WRHS SENIOR PUBLISHED BOOK



Shaquille Louis Brown, a senior at Warner Robins High, has published his first book, *Celestial*. Brown said, "I was inspired to write my novel because I enjoy watching movies and playing video games. I knew I could create similar words and characters for my story."

PHS FFA EARNS GEORGIA GREEN INDUSTRY JR. CERTIFICATION



Perry High's FFA has earned Georgia Green Industry Junior Certification. FFA member participants were (from

left): Mitchell Freeman, Chace Benefield, Tyler Claxton and Jake Parker, accompanied by Agriculture Education teacher Dr. Argene Claxton. They are four of only 85 students in Georgia FFA who have passed all the requirements for this certification.

8TH-GRADE WRITING SCORES IMPROVE AGAIN

