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# HCBOE HEADLINES

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## VHS WINS STATE FLORICULTURE EVENT



Veterans High won first place at the State FFA Floriculture competition. Coached by Ashley Whiddon, FFA advisor and Agriculture Education Teacher, the Veterans team members were: Tanner Branham, Raven Maddox, Tanner Sparks and Jasmine Winters.

## STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPS



The Houston County Sharks are the 2011 JV Wheelchair Football State Champions!

The Sharks are pictured with their trophy and banner the team was presented.

## FREE MEALS THIS SUMMER

Children up to 18 years of age are offered free breakfast and lunch through July 21. For more information, call the School Nutrition Department at 478-322-3308, ext. 10990.

## PHS LIVESTOCK CHAMPION



Perry High junior Edward Moore presented the Grand Champion Simmental Steer at the 2011 Georgia National Junior Livestock Show. His steer weighed in at 1,360 pounds. The minimum weight of steers to compete is 950 pounds. This is Perry High's first time to win state breed champion steer.

## WRHS WINS 2ND AT STATE LITERARY MEET



Warner Robins High won runner-up at the State Literary Meet, besting all but one of 40 other AAAA schools. The Warner

Robins point total of 16 was second only to Lakeside High's 20 points.

## FIND A BOOK THIS SUMMER

Visit the BOE Web site for summer reading lists & Lexile "Find a Book Georgia."



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Congratulations to our Class of 2011 graduates! It was a proud day for all of us when our seniors walked across the stage. Altogether our high schools graduated about 1,660 seniors. I wish them the best in their future endeavors, no matter their plans. We were pleased to offer Web streaming of our ceremonies for the first time. A video of each school's ceremony is posted to our high school Web sites. Our goal is to continue to offer our families this service.

As this school year ended, we turned our focus to the 2011-12 new year. Summer school is underway, as is Enhancement and various school-sponsored camps. New Teacher Orientation will be held July 22, and Opening Session will be July 25, which is right around the corner! Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Sincerely, Dr. James R. Hines, Jr.

**DPES NEW PRINCIPAL**



Shawn Carpenter is the new principal of David Perdue Elementary. Mrs. Carpenter has been with our system for 28 years. She previously served as the Mossy Creek Middle assistant principal for instruction.

**NHS NEW PRINCIPAL**



Dr. Greg Peavy is the new principal of Northside High. Dr. Peavy has worked in our system for 18 years. He was the Northside High assistant principal.

**HCCA NEW PRINCIPAL**



Sabrina Phelps is the new principal of the Houston County Career Academy. Ms. Phelps has worked in our system since 1992. She was previously a Warner Robins High assistant principal.

**VHS ~ "MY FAVORITE TEACHER" CONTEST**



Veterans High English teacher Ike Thompson won the Barnes & Noble "My Favorite Teacher" contest. Junior Madison Raley wrote the winning essay to nominate her teacher for this award. He was chosen from 106 entries. Madison and Mr. Thompson were presented certificates and gifts at the bookstore.

**WRHS STUDENTS WIN ART AWARDS**



Warner Robins High participated in "Protégé 2011" at Macon's Museum of Arts and Sciences. Protégé is the Museum's annual juried student competition and exhibition. Several students also won Scholastic Art awards. Shiv Patel was selected as a National Silver Key winner for his tempera painting, Red Interior, which is pictured.

**HMS STUDENT WINS SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD**



Huntington Middle student Scotty Kent won a special award at the Georgia Social Studies Fair. Scotty won an archaeology award sponsored by the Society for Georgia Archaeology. He won a monetary award and was featured on the SGA Web site in an e-article. Scotty's project drew on his family history and looked at change over time.

**MISSION & VISION**

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The *mission* of the Houston County School System is to produce high-achieving students.



Our *vision* is that our system will be world class.

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- ★ Safety is our number one priority.
- ★ Failure is not an option. We do expect that all children can learn.
- ★ We will not be satisfied until all of our schools meet or exceed the highest academic standards.
- ★ We are committed to determining what each child needs to fulfill his potential.
- ★ We take responsibility for learning, for both our students and ourselves.
- ★ We are not afraid of change and will embrace change that is research-based and proven to be effective.

**2011 - 2012 REGISTRATION**



**BMS WINS AT MATHCOUNTS**



Bonaire Middle's math team won second place at the Middle Georgia MATH-COUNTS competition held at Mercer. Team members Kenny Higginbotham, Brenden Medders, Mike Kang, Lukas Woodyard and Katie Kicklighter qualified for the state competition. They were coached by math teacher Carla Roberts.

**GOLDEN EAGLE WINNERS**



Seven of our students won a Golden Eagle Award from *The Telegraph*. Seniors from 30 middle Georgia high schools were honored. Our winners were: Sarah Freeman (English & literature), Jonathan Mashburn (music) and Vania Lee (math), Houston County High; William Herren (technology), Ryan Sichelstiel (drama) and Robyn Smith (art), Perry High; and Rebecca Pool (industrial vocational), Warner Robins High.

**2011 - 2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

