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Student Art Graces School Calendar



By Karina Malave, Warner Robins

Six Schools Receive State Awards

Six Houston County Schools won Single Statewide Accountability System awards from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for the 2010-2011 school year. Bonaire Elementary, Lake Joy Elementary, Quail Run Elementary, Feagin Mill Middle, Mossy Creek Middle and Veterans High are six of 259 schools in Georgia recognized for high achievement on standardized tests.



Veterans High School AFJROTC Aces Inspection

The Veterans High School Air Force Junior ROTC program was given the highest possible rating after an inspection held in December 2011. The AFJROTC Regional Director, Paul Keeping, inspected the program to ensure its compliance with Air Force regulations and to validate that the program performs its mission of developing citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community.



Warner Robins High FFA Wins 2nd Place in Area Marketing Event

The Warner Robins High School FFA Agricultural Marketing Team competed in the Area Region 3 FFA Agricultural Marketing Plan Career Development Event. Students placed second in the event and competed at Fort Valley State University for the State title.



Teacher Recruitment Fair

Our annual Teacher Recruitment Fair will be held March 3, 2012, at Warner Robins High. Teachers seeking employment are invited to attend the fair from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Candidates register in the gym lobby by submitting a résumé. Representatives from 38 schools will conduct screening interviews. Parking will be at the McConnell-Talbert Stadium, across the street. For more information, contact Human Resources at 478-988-6244 or visit our Web site, www.hcbe.net.



Message from the Superintendent

Every January our Board of Education begins the year with the election of Board Chairman and Vice Chairman. Congratulations to Mr. Tom Walmer, who was elected Board Chairman once again! Congratulations also to Dr. Marianne Melnick who was elected Vice Chairman! Many thanks to Dr.

Toby Hill for his service as past Vice Chairman. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful team of Board members who serve our community with such heart and a passion for quality education.

National School Counseling Week will be observed Feb. 6 -10. Our professional school counselors

work with our students to remove learning barriers and help them achieve school success. Please take time to express your appreciation for their contribution.

The new year is off to a great beginning! Wishing everyone a wonderful second semester!

Dr. James R. Hines, Jr.

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BMS Robotics Team Advances to Lego Super Regional Contest

Bonaire Middle School's Robotics FIRST Lego League Team competed in the FIRST Lego League Qualifier held in December. Bonaire's team won first place in Robotic Performance and second place Overall.

Elementary Oratorical Contest Winners

Eighteen fifth-graders from our gifted classes competed in the Elementary School Oratorical Contest. The topic for this year's competition was "How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles." Congratulations to our winners: 1st place—Michael Paredes, Hilltop Elementary (pictured center); 2nd place – Grace Thomas, Quail Run Elementary (right); and 3rd place – Emma O'Neill, Morningside Elementary.



Heritage Foundation Awards Grants

The Houston County Heritage Foundation has awarded grants to benefit seven schools: Northside Elementary, Hilltop Elementary, Linwood Elementary, Huntington Middle, Mossy Creek Middle, Houston County High and Veterans High. Ellie Loudermilk, a Heritage Foundation Board member, presented \$960 to Northside Elementary's Beth Sciarro and Angie Herbel for a Science eLABoration project.



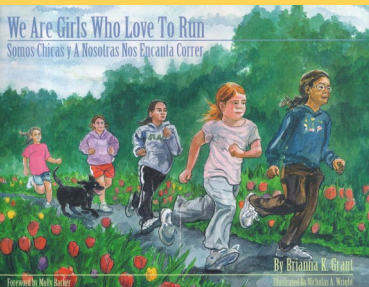
HCBS Graduate Nationally Known Author

James T. Farmer, III, Houston County High graduate with the Class of 2000, has had great success as an author and landscape architect. His first book, *A Time to Plant*, was published September 2011. Mr. Farmer has also been featured on numerous television shows and in publications covering topics ranging from planting and landscaping to decorating and cooking.



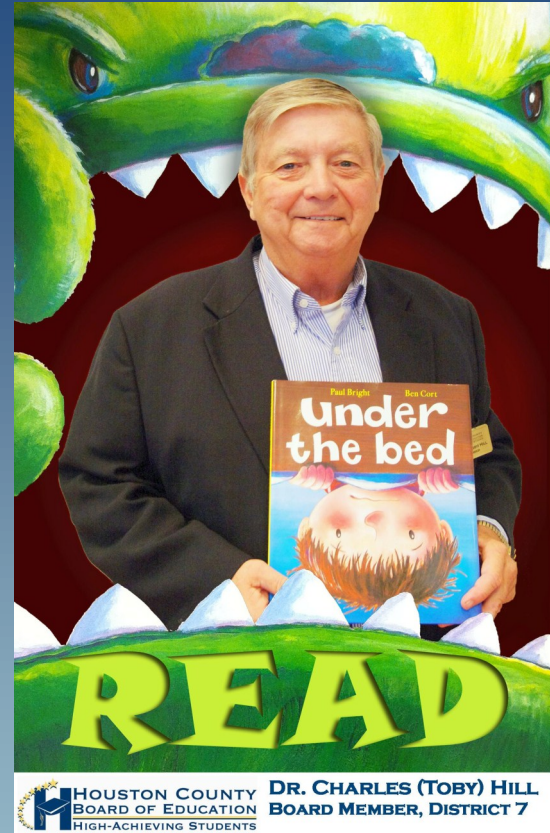
HCBS Graduate Writes Bilingual Book for Girls of All Ages

Brianna K. Grant, a 1996 Houston County High School graduate, donated her book, *We Are Girls Who Love To Run*, to every elementary school in Houston County. An award-winning bilingual picture book for girls of all ages, the book was published in 2008. Ms. Grant donated her book to help build the bilingual book collection in her former school district. In a letter she wrote, "Our world is filled with negativity, quick fixes and staggering obesity rates. Girls need a beacon of hope and encouragement!"



READ Posters

Watch for posters in our schools that feature our Board members and Superintendent with their favorite book to encourage our students to read.



HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS DR. CHARLES (TOBY) HILL BOARD MEMBER, DISTRICT 7



Potter Named Director of School Nutrition

Mrs. Meredith Potter has been named Director of School Nutrition. She is responsible for administering the program according to state and federal policies, managing personnel and budgeting, and sustaining high standards of food preparation, customer service, safety and sanitation.

The **mission** of the Houston County School System is to produce high-achieving students. Our **vision** is that our system will be world class.