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HCBOE HEADLINES

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HCCH WINS REGION STAR TEACHER HALL OF FAME



Brandon Munda, a senior at Houston County High, has been named the 2009 Region VI Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) student. He was named the region winner out of 19 school systems. He and his STAR teacher, Ms. Laura Byrd, next compete at the state level.



The third Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held in March at Perry High School. Congratulations to the six extraordinary teachers honored (pictured from left): Mrs. Evelyn Ross, Mrs. Jean Lambert, Mrs. Gloria Ragin, Mr. Philip Brewton, Mr. Leon Tompkins and Mrs. Martha Valdes.

DISTRICT ACCREDITATION



The Houston County School System has been granted District Accreditation by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission.

This means our system and all 37 schools are accredited, and that Houston County is recognized across the nation as a quality school system.



**IN MEMORY OF
MRS. PAMELA
R. GREENWAY
1950 – 2009**

TESTING UNDERWAY



Our system received our Fiscal Year 2008 audit results. I am proud to tell you that for the 7th consecutive year, the audit had no qualifications or findings. Of the 180 systems across Georgia, only a handful can make this claim. Stephen Thublin, our Assistant

Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations, and the business department are to be commended for this accomplishment. Our elementary and middle school students are in the midst of taking the CRCT, which will be given through April 21st. Another high-stakes test will be administered soon. Our high school students will take End-of-Course tests April 27th through

30th. Parents, please make sure that your children who are testing get plenty of rest and arrive at school on time. All of our high schools will have their proms this Saturday, April 18th. I encourage our young people to make smart choices and to be safe while they enjoy their prom.
Supt. David Carpenter

NHS FOOTBALL PLAYERS READ TO QRES STUDENTS



Quail Run Elementary had some special visitors stop by to read to the children in February. Football players from Northside High visited classrooms

school-wide. The young men serve as positive role models for the children. Northside High students Xavier Bacon and Tommy Moore are pictured reading to first graders.

PHS FCCLA WINS STATE AWARDS



Perry High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America members attended the State Leadership Meeting and Star Event Competition. They brought home four top awards.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

The Georgia Department of Education has released its annual report on the professional qualifications of teachers and the percentage of teachers deemed "highly qualified." In Houston County, 99.7 percent of teachers and 100 percent of paraprofessionals are rated highly qualified.



APRIL IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH.

Many thanks to the OT professionals who serve our students!

BMS WINS 17 STATE AWARDS



Bonaire Middle School's Technology Student Association competed in the 47th annual Georgia TSA State Conference held in Athens in March. Thirteen Bonaire students competed against other middle grade students from all over Georgia in 22 of the 32 events offered. Bonaire won 17 of the top awards, to include six first place awards. The Bonaire Middle TSA Chapter was ranked 4th in the state.

NHS WINS AT ACADEMIC BOWL



Northside High School competed in the annual Academic Bowl at Plains High School Museum hosted by the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. Northside freshmen from a gifted world geography class competed against five teams of seniors from South Georgia high schools.

GRADUATION 2009

Perry High	Fri., May 29	8:00 p.m.
HCCTC	Sat., May 30	9:00 a.m.
Houston County High	Sat., May 30	11:00 a.m.
Northside High	Sat., May 30	3:00 p.m.
Warner Robins High	Sat., May 30	7:00 p.m.

HCBOE SEEKS TO FILL POST 5



The Houston County Board of Education is accepting letters of interest, accompanied by résumés, from residents of Post 5 interested in serving on the board. Applicants will be considered based on: involvement in the schools and community; community support; reasons for wanting to serve; and verified residence within the boundaries of Post 5. A map is posted online at www.hcbe.net.