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BMS WINS SPELLING BEE



Bonaire Middle seventh-grader Auburn Davidson won the District Spelling Bee in February. Students in grades four

through eight competed at the system level to qualify for the District Bee. At District, Auburn competed against the top two spellers from area System Bees. She next competes at the State Spelling Bee at Georgia State University.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH COMPETITION



A Middle School Math Invitational was held at Bonaire Middle this month. Bonaire, Feagin Mill, Huntington, Mossy Creek, Perry and Warner Robins middle schools took home

awards for placing in the top five out of 14 schools and 298 individuals.

MEET THE BOARD BROCHURE



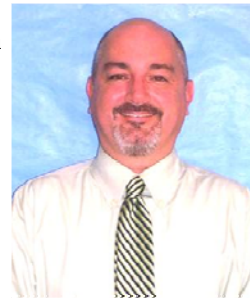
March is *Social Workers Month*, and I want to acknowledge these professionals who work hard to help our children

succeed. If you have the chance, please thank our social workers for their efforts to eliminate barriers to student achievement. This month is also *Music in our Schools Month* and *Youth Art Month*. This is a good time to recognize the

importance of the fine arts in our schools. I commend our music and art teachers on their commitment and passion to the arts and to our students.

This month our system observed School Board Appreciation Week. I cannot tell you too often that we are fortunate to have the best Board of Education one could find anywhere. Our board members are passionate about providing the best education possible for our students. Many thanks to all of our Board members

BES GEORGIA DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to Bonaire Elementary Principal Dr. Eric Payne on being named the Georgia Distinguished Principal for District 11. Each year the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals honors exemplary school leaders. Chosen by their peers, they represent their district at

MCMS WINS MATHCOUNTS



Mossy Creek Middle won first place at the MATH-COUNTS competition held at Macon State in February.

Daniel Sims won the individual contest. Team members Josh LeBoriosis, Megan Douglass, Lindell Flowers and Daniel Sims also won first place. They next compete at State.

MANY THANKS THIS MONTH OF MARCH

for their dedication.

We wish our high school juniors success as they take the Georgia High School Graduation Test next week, March 23 through 27. I am confident that our students are well-prepared to meet this high school graduation requirement.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful spring break April 6 through 10!

Supt. David Carpenter

HCHS HONOR BAND OF GA



Houston County High's Symphonic Band I was named a 2009 "Honor Band of Georgia" by Columbus State University. The HoCo band attended a two-day clinic, which was conceived to honor the finest in music education. The selection process is highly competitive, with only three premier band programs honored each year. Wally Shaw serves as the band director.

NHS FFA MARKETING EVENT



Northside High Future Farmers of America (FFA) members Josh Mathews, Kellie Allen and Nicole McAllister recently placed second in the Area Three FFA Marketing Career Development Event. They

will represent Area III at the State FFA Convention. *(Nicole is not pictured.)*

NHS FFA SPEAKING WINNER



Northside High Future Farmers of America (FFA) member Chris Gray won second place in the Area FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event. The event was held at Fort Valley State University in January. Gray will represent Area III at the state FFA Convention in April.

BES, CES & ESES WIN SS FAIR



Six Houston County students won first place at the Southwest Georgia Regional Social Studies Fair held in February at Columbus State University. Five of the students will compete

at the State Social Studies Fair, which will be held March 21, in Henry County.

NHS SCIENCE AWARD



Northside High School senior Johnny Fells won second place in the Georgia Junior Science and Humanities Symposium sponsored by the University of Georgia and the Armed Forces. Fells was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to the school of his choice and next competes at the Nationals in April.

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HCHS 2009 STAR STUDENT



Brandon Munda, a senior at Houston County High, is the 2009 System Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) student for Houston County. STAR students select a teacher who has been most instrumental in his or her academic development. Munda selected Laura Byrd as his STAR teacher.

DINNER THEATER



The Houston County Association for Gifted Children will present a dinner theater on March 21, at Houston County High. A lasagna dinner, catered by Olive Garden, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the lunchroom. Performances will follow. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

MARCH IS SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

"Thank you for leaving a lasting impression and helping us produce high-achieving students."

