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HCBOE HEADLINES

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DISTRICT ACCREDITATION



The Houston County School System has completed a district accreditation visit by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A Quality Assurance Review team sought substantiation that the school system meets standards, engages in continuous improvement and implements methods that provide for quality assurance. The system has been recommended for district accreditation.

PHS WINS 4TH AT STATE ONE-ACT



Perry High School won 4th place at the State One-Act competition with its performance of "The Yellow Boat." Perry High made it to the state competition level by winning first place at the Region

1AAA One-Act competition.

PHS FFA TOP 10 IN NATIONAL COMPETITION



Perry High School freshman Edward Moore won first in the nation at the FFA National Agriscience Fair in the Zoology category. FFA team members Katie Claxton, Cody Gibbs, Windy Williford and Tully Lineberger won 8th place in the nation in Meats Evaluation.

NHS WINS STATE 1-ACT



Northside High School won its 14th State One-Act title with "Once on this Island." This year's win made history, with Northside being the first Georgia school to win the state title for three consecutive years. Also recognized were Rashaad Williams and Morrissa Dunbar, who were chosen as All-Star cast member, and Kiandra Richardson who won the Best Actress award.



GIVING THANKS!

I am very pleased that the SACS Review Committee has recommended our district for accreditation. This

affirms that our system meets or exceeds standards, engages in continuous improvement and implements quality assurance methods. Each of our schools provides high-quality education, which is especially important to our

high school graduates as they seek entry to colleges and universities.

Huntington Middle School is one of the select schools featured during the annual Bus Trip Across Georgia sponsored by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education. This week, about 70 education, business, government and community leaders from across the state visited Huntington, which was selected because of academic achievements. Huntington's

faculty, staff, students and Principal Dr. Taylor make us proud.

Next week our schools will be on Thanksgiving holiday. I am especially thankful to serve as your superintendent and appreciate the trust you place in me. I wish each of you a restful, celebratory Thanksgiving and hope that you enjoy the time with family and friends.

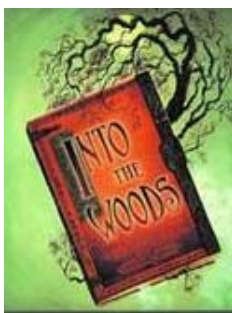
David Carpenter

WRMS DESIGN CONTEST



Warner Robins Middle student Brittany Farmer won the Central Georgia Affiliate of Susan G. Koman Kids for the Cure T-shirt design contest. Brittany's artwork will grace the front of this year's Kids for the Cure T-shirt.

WRHS ALL-STAR CAST



Warner Robins High competed at region one-act, performing "Into the Woods." Five cast member were named to the All-Star cast: Josh Earwood, Lizzie Bullington, Aubrey Peebles, Jacquui and Lauren Cusker. "Everyone in the cast and crew did an incredible job," said drama teacher and director Tammy Fisher.

ESES SUPPORT THE TROOPS



Eagle Springs Elementary hosted a "Support the Troops" campaign this month, to include a patriotic assembly. Students, faculty and staff wore red to show their support for our troops. The chorus and student body sang patriotic songs and then gave items to send overseas to those serving our country. An active duty parent is packaging and shipping the items to our troops.

HCHS REGION ONE-ACT AWARDS



Houston County High School competed at region one-act, performing "Once Upon a Mattress." Three cast members brought home individual awards. Heather Center and Alison Johnson were selected as members of the All-Star Cast, and Best Supporting Actor went to Logan Lorenz.

HCBOE HONORS YEARS OF SERVICE



HMS Arthur Wright - 45 years

the Board of Education. A reception was held in their honor and each was presented an award. Employees are pictured with Superintendent David Carpenter.

Congratulations to the Houston County Board of Education Years-of-Service honorees. Employees who have served 30, 35, 40 or 45 years in the Houston County School System were honored by



NHS Nancy Rozier - 35 years

HOUSTON'S GRADUATION RATE INCREASES



Houston County's graduation rate has increased to almost 83 percent, the highest lever ever. The system's 2008 graduation rate is 82.9 percent, an increase of more than two points as compared to last year and more than seven points above the state rate.



Happy Thanksgiving!

