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HCBOE HEADLINES

An award-winning monthly communiqué of the Houston County School System

TITLE I DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS



Sixteen schools in Houston County have been recognized by the Georgia Department of Education as 2008-09 Title I Distinguished Schools. These schools have achieved adequate yearly progress for at least three years under the No Child Left Behind Act. "We are proud that 16 of our schools have been named 2008 Title I Distinguished Schools," said Superintendent David Carpenter.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HONORED



Our school system has been recognized as a leader in Georgia for our efforts to improve the performance of students with disabilities. Houston was honored at the Georgia Council for Administrators of Special Education at the fall conference.

HIGH SCHOOL WRITING TEST SCORES



Georgia High School Writing Test results are in. Of our 1,562 students to test, 91 percent passed the test the first time.

**HCBOE TEACHER JOB FAIR
SATURDAY, FEB. 7, WRHS
9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.**

GA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSN. TREASURER



Kristi Hess, Perry Middle School counselor, was elected Treasurer of the Georgia School Counselors Association. GSCA is a private, non-profit association comprised of school counselors, counseling and guidance directors and others

involved in related activities that impact student success and well-being at school, work and home.

**THANK YOU
COUNSELORS!
NATIONAL SCHOOL
COUNSELING
WEEK
FEB. 2 - 6, 2009**



**SCHOOL
COUNSELORS
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2009!



Happy New Year! The second semester is underway and we recently observed the 100th day of school. As we do every January during our Board of Education meeting, board members elected a chairman and

vice chairman. Congratulations to Mr. Tom Walmer, our new Chairman, and to Dr. Toby Hill, Vice Chairman. Many thanks to Mrs. Pamela Greenway for her service as Chairman for five years. A visionary, she has done a phenomenal job leading the board. I am thankful for each and every one of our members and their devotion to our schools.

Please take time to thank our counselors and graduation coaches Feb. 2-6 during School Counseling Week. They are essential to school improvement, and they work hard to maximize student achievement.

I am looking forward to great things in 2009 and hope that you are too!

Supt. David Carpenter

GIFTED TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Dr. Cassie Rape, gifted education teacher at Warner Robins High, was announced as the 2008-2009 Gervaise Wynn Perdue Gifted Teacher of the Year in December. Dr. Rape was presented with cash rewards and gifts valued at \$800. She has taught in Houston County for more than 10 years. Her principal, Steve Monday, nominated her for this award.

PARRISH HONORED BY HCBOE



Dave Cyr, president of Parrish Construction, was recognized by the Houston County Board of Education in November at the board meeting. Parrish was honored with two presentations to show appreciation for his company's system sponsorship and support of individual schools.

2009-2010
SCHOOL CALENDAR
APPROVED



1ST BAPTIST CHURCH HONORED



Reverend Josh Kirvin, pastor of First Baptist Church of Garmon Street, was recognized by the Houston County Board of Education at the November board meeting. Rev. Kirvin was presented with a Georgia School Boards Association Partnership Commendation.

ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS



Twenty fifth-graders from Houston County's gifted classes competed in the Elementary School Oratorical Contest in December. The speech topic was, "For me Optimism is..." The 2008 winners were: 1st place — Cassy Chaney, Tucker Elementary; 2nd place — Alana Horne, David

Perdue Elementary; and 3rd place — Ethan Hart, Kings Chapel Elementary. The students will present their speeches at the February Board meeting.

HCHS STUDENTS HONORED



The Houston County High School Work-Based Learning program recognized Emily Wellborn and Aysa Lowe as Students of the Month for September and October. Emily and Aysa are both seniors.

AVIATION POSTER CONTEST



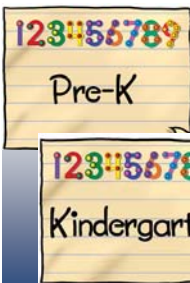
Sixteen students won awards for their entries in the 2008 Museum of Aviation Skyscapes Poster Contest. Fifth-graders created posters themed, "The 40th Anniversary of Man on the Moon." Seven schools submitted a total of 247 entries. Pictured (from left) are: Museum of Aviation Education Department Director Melissa Spalding, Erika Labrum, Bonaire; Hunter Edling, Bonaire; Emily Simmins Quail Run; Courtney Crossan, Bonaire; Parker Stahlman, Lake Joy, and Jillian Casebeer, Lake Joy.

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PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



The Houston County School System will register children for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year from March 16 to 27, 2009. Registration will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the zoned school.

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