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6th Graders Take a Trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival



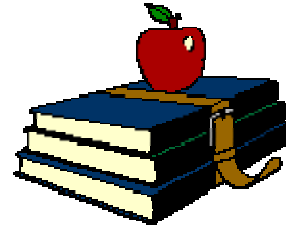
On Thursday, November 13th, the 6th grade attended the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's *Charlotte's Web*. The class enjoyed themselves as the cast did a superb job of acting. After the play, we ate lunch at Chick-fil-a at Eastchase and received a behind-the-scenes tour. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this possible, including all the chaperones!

Ms. Bell

Congratulations to Annual Alfa Farm City Poster Contest Winners

The annual Farm-City Poster Contest was sponsored by the Alabama Farm-City Committee and was held in October. The theme this year was Pathways to Progress. Our school winners were: K-3rd; 1st Place: Wyatt Barnett, 2nd Place: Carrie Sharpe, 3rd Place: Kelli Moseley. 4th-6th; 1st Place: Audrey Fowler.

Classic Club Members



Congratulations to the senior high first semester Classics Club members. The Classics Club is a program designed to motivate the senior high students of Hooper Academy to read the great works of classical literature. Doing this gives these students a greater understanding and appreciation for the "essential" books that will prepare them for college and for life in general. Membership in Classics Club for semester one requires the reading of at least 350 pages of classic books and at least a 70% score on the books' AR tests. Perks include recognition during Class Day and a free trip to CiCi's Pizza during a school day. Our first semester Classics Club is as follows: Kaylee Hobbs (468 pages), Jackie Toledo (1014 pages), Travis Campbell (406 pages), Thomas Langley (370 pages), Christian Grant (547 pages), David Ballentine (370 pages), Christy Whaley (673 pages), Alex Paulk (350 pages), Lauren Dorsey (567 pages), Casey Suchocki (370 pages), and Brooke Conway (697 pages). Congratulations!

Candice Foster
Senior High English Teacher

From the Headmaster...

It's a New Year!
Time-Out

The time-out. What a great tool! When I was coaching and realized my players were becoming unnerved, out of breath, or even confused, a time-out was a great way to stop, reorganize, refocus, reward and reassure them. Something as simple as a water break to energize a team is all it takes to get them going again. In the same way, our "thirst" for God requires that we take time-outs in our lives to be reenergized by Jesus, our spiritual coach.

Sometimes I've called a time-out because the other team threw something at my team we weren't expecting. It's like that in life too. Things will happen that are out of our control. We become upset by the events of the moment and immediately lose our focus. The only true way to get our focus back is to turn to Jesus for help.

Other times we call a time-out to just rest in the moment and reward our team for a job well done. God wants to do that for us. One day, I pray each of us will hear those awesome words: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Sometimes we are in a hopeless situation and need to call a time-out to reassure our team. If athletes realize they have meaning and purpose in life, they will run through "brick walls" for us, because they know we care about them. God seeks to reassure us in the same way. We are truly free to run through any of the brick walls in our lives, because of the power of His Love for us – "that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

God must be our coach. We need time-outs so that we can listen to what He has to say to each of us. If we're obedient to His calling, He can set a pace for us so that we don't get run-down or lose focus or faith. We can rest in Him and know that He is God.

We must challenge ourselves to take a time-out whenever we are on our own and need His coaching. Let's make this a blessed and loving year in our individual lives and for those we know and love.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

John D. Niblett
Headmaster

To All Parents From Dr. Niblett, Headmaster

For Hooper Academy to continue to be a positive vehicle of education for her students, we will be adding new technology to each classroom. The technology we will install will provide for our students and teachers the full benefits of a truly interactive classroom.

Our new software program will enable teachers to use their lessons with a wide variety of interactive technologies, moving seamlessly from classroom to classroom, curriculum to curriculum.

Inspired by teachers and teaching experts, these innovative and easy-to-use tools, including place-value cards for math, sentence builder cards for English, Language Arts, map building tools for Geography, and stop watch and timer tools for Science. The curriculum toolbars have been designed to use with K-12 students.

Content packs contain ready-made lesson activities that include comprehensive teaching notes with objectives, questioning strategies, and ideas for additional, related activities. These resources have been developed by or in consultation with teaching experts and are suitable for a range of learning styles. They are highly visible, very interactive, easy to modify and most of all fun to teach with.

Our teachers will enjoy this software package because it's easy to use and easy to integrate. But most of all they will like it because it motivates students and creates an interactive, creative classroom in which students excel.

From learning addition and subtraction all the way to complex physics problems, it will provide tools to model and demonstrate concepts, ideas and processes in visual and engaging ways.

Our students will be motivated by the interactivity of our software. Engaged students are focused students. Focused students perform better.

This program will improve student achievement. Visual, interactive learning gets results. Teachers will be able to create lessons that incorporate a variety of learning styles and tools to encourage concept adaption and retention. By using video clips, animation, charts, photos, sound clips, and more, we will be able to do a better job of capturing our students' attention and imagination.

I am very excited about this direction we are taking to prepare our students for the future.

All equipment will be in place the 1st couple of weeks in January. After a teacher in-service and instructional seminar the excitement will begin.

Have a blessed Christmas and May God continue to bless each of us in 2009.

Go COLTS!

6TH Graders Deliver over 500 Candy Cane Grams



Santa and his Elves

During the week of December 1st the 6th grade class sold candy cane grams before school to raise money to attend Space Camp. On December 10th, the candy cane grams were delivered to the K-5 to 5th grade classes by Santa and his elves. The other sixth grade students paired up and delivered to the 6th to 12th grade class homerooms.

Thank you to everyone that purchased a candy gram and to all the parents and students that helped with this fundraiser.

We raised \$507.00 for space camp!!

Pam Kendrick

K-5 News

The Holiday Season is in full swing in the K-5 room. We have busy painting adorable angel shirts made from our hands and feet, decorating our class tree, writing about holiday topics, singing carols, counting down the days

until Santa comes, and most of all learning about the true meaning of Christmas.

On Thursday the 11th, we are going to head off to Calera, Alabama, and ride the Dixie Express Train. On Friday the 12th, we are going to wear our pajamas to school and have a fun filled Polar Express day. On Wednesday the 17th, Mrs. Claus is stopping by our room to read to us and share some of Santa's favorite cookies with us. Finally, on Thursday the 18th, we are going to have a birthday party for Jesus.

We hope that each of you enjoy a wonderful Christmas break with your friends and family. Be sure and make some memories that you will cherish forever,

Merry Christmas from K-5

Campstew Sale

This year, the Hooper Academy junior class campstew sale was a huge success! Overall, we made more than \$8100 to go towards prom and next year's senior activities. Junior class sponsors Mrs. Candice Foster and Coach Eddie Dykes would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraiser as well as everyone who worked hard to make it a success. Special thanks go to the junior class, Mr. Herbert Mims and Mrs. Ann Mims who contributed their time and lots of energy and let the juniors borrow a large pot, Mr. Larry Pickett who donated a large pot and helped cook, Barbara Owen, Scott Baker, and Samantha Casey, who all stayed overnight and helped with the cooking, and to all other junior class parents who helped out. The junior class could not have done it without you! Thanks again!

Candice Foster
Junior Class Sponsor

Science Club



The science club is excited to help the environment this year. We are also under new leadership; Kristen Ellis as Secretary, Jackie Toledo as Vice President, Abbie Walden as President and Mrs. Christensen as Treasurer.

The senior environmental science class went to Lanmark Park in Wetumpka and took specimens of macro and micro organisms. They took water samples from different ponds, looked under microscopes and hiked to various ponds and creeks. The environmentalist that walked through these places with the students gave great insight on how to help protect the environment and water supply.

The science club also went on a field trip to the Coliseum for the rock and mineral show. There were different booths that had all different sizes, shapes, and colors of rocks. Each booth had all different kinds of things that were made out of rocks. One booth had a variety of bowls of fake food made out of rocks. Other booths had all kinds of jewelry made out of rocks.

We have recycling bins inside and outside the lunchroom. If you want to know how much carbon dioxide you emit per year, go to www.zerofootprintkids.com

DONT FORGET TO RECYCLE !!!!

Abbie Walden
Science Club President

Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Thanks to Donna Piel for providing breakfast in December.

FCA meetings are on Thursday mornings and breakfast begins at 7:15. If you can help donate breakfast one morning, please email Pam Kendrick at pk4au@yahoo.com.

Thanks to everyone that has donated in the past and we look forward to be able to continue this throughout the school year.

Booster Club News



See Linda Casey, Bill or Renee Flowers to help with basketball concessions & gates.

Booster Club meeting will be Monday, January 12th in the lunchroom at 7:00 pm.



COUNSELORS CORNER

FOR ALL SCHOOL PARENTS:

Immunization Survey:

Earlier in the fall semester, all of our student records were evaluated in order to comply with the state of Alabama immunization law. I have received many copies of blue slips, social security cards and birth certificate updates. Many of your student records are now up to date and I appreciate the amount of parents that have complied so quickly. If you have not this is a serious matter and ask you to please do this in a timely manner so that your student's record may be complete.

PARENTS OF JUNIORS:

PSAT Information: In October, the junior class took the PSAT. This is an annual test that is given nationwide and is a co-sponsored program by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test™. When the students return in January we will review their scores and discuss their strengths and weaknesses as they prepare for the ACT.

***Also please note the listing of ACT dates listed below in order to sign your student up in plenty of time during their junior year. It is required all juniors take the ACT test at least one time this year. Notice there are only three dates left. ***

PARENTS OF SOPHOMORES:

PLAN Information: In November, the sophomore class took the PLAN. As a "pre-ACT" test, PLAN is a powerful predictor of success on the ACT Assessment®. At the same time, many schools recognize the importance of PLAN testing for all students, as it focuses attention on both career preparation and improving academic achievement. Once we receive the test scores we will be given the opportunity to evaluate how to prepare next year for the ACT.

PARENTS OF SENIORS:

Financial Aid Workshop

The workshop was held on Tuesday, November 11, in the Library. This workshop was for all parents interested in knowing all of the in's and out's of dealing with college federal financial aid and loans. It was presented by Mr. Tommy Dismukes, the Vice President of Financial Aid at Huntingdon College. I hope that this was invaluable to you and your student as you prepare to complete this extensive paperwork. I would like to thank the parents who also attended and tell you how much I appreciate such a good turnout. For those interested that could not attend I do have the power point information that was provided so please have your student come by and pick up a copy from my office.

Selective Service:

All senior young men are required to register with **Selective Service** within **30 days of your eighteenth birthday**. The Selective Service is a government agency whose job is to provide untrained manpower for the Armed Forces if there is a national emergency. You can register online at www.sss.gov or go by the Post Office and complete a registration form.

College Opportunities/Scholarships:

Each year a large 3-ring binder is compiled noting any scholarships, college opportunities, deadlines, etc. that seniors need to know. This is information that is mailed to me from various colleges across the nation. The notebook is housed in the Guidance Office, and checked out by students during elective classes. Also, as I have received information I have tried to immediately let the students know of the scholarship opportunity. Also, I visit 12G and 12W during English to make them aware of any new information I have received.

ACT Information:

Please note the following information concerning the upcoming ACT (American College Testing Program) important dates for this academic year. Packets are available in the Guidance Office or you may register online at www.act.org I highly encourage the students who register by mail or online to create FREE ACT web account Packets are available in the Guidance Office, or you may register online at www.act.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
02/07/2009	01/06/2008	01/7-16/2009
04/04/2009	02/27/2009	02/28-03/13/2009
06/13/2009	05/08/2009	05/9-22/2009

College Campus Visits:

We have wrapped up the fall semester by having the University of South Alabama, University of West Alabama, and Faulkner University visit campus. The students were able to preview their particular college choice and what each has to offer. Each of these visits from the counselors has been an excellent opportunity for the students to see a showcase of various colleges.

If I can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me at 288-5980 or my new e-mail is knewell@hooperacademy.org

Kelley Newell, Guidance Counselor

Congratulations to the School Winner's of the Wendy's High School Heisman

Congratulations to Jasmine Andrews and Shane Hudson who were chosen as our school winners of the Wendy's High School Heisman award. They were selected by the national program and are being recognized as student scholar athletes and their accomplishments. In its 14th year, the program continues to touch the lives of high school seniors. Created to showcase high school students who excel in academics, athletics, and community/school leadership, the Wendy's Heisman program celebrates the well-rounded student in a way that other student academic awards and athletic awards do not. They will move on to compete at the state level for scholarship money.

Thank You From the JV Cheerleaders!



The JV cheerleaders and Ms. Donna would like to thank the JV football players for the beautiful flowers you gave us at the Sports Banquet. We enjoyed cheering for our JV team this fall and appreciate your thoughtfulness so very much! Go JV Colts!!

Hooper Academy AllStar Cheerleaders Perform at Walt Disney World



Kristen Ellis and Ivy Watts were selected as 2008 UCA AllStar cheerleaders at the AISA cheerleading camp they attended in July at Huntingdon College. In November, they traveled to Orlando, Florida, to perform in the Walt Disney World Thanksgiving Day Parade. They had the opportunity to spend four days in the Disney World theme parks and were treated to breakfast at Planet Hollywood and a family Thanksgiving dinner at the Coronado Springs resort. Kristen and Ivy had a great time and enjoyed representing Hooper as UCA AllStar cheerleaders.

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL NEWS

We are working on something exciting for our teams this season! This past fall the Board and Booster Club approved the building of a new 40' x 60' covered batting facility for our softball and baseball teams. The amount of \$4,000 was initially raised for this project with the balance to be donated and or fundraised by the softball and baseball parents and players.

A handful of dedicated Dads have been working diligently on this project. It is still in the construction phase and help is needed! Any help to complete this project would be appreciated. This is something that will not just benefit our current players, but all future players as well.

Please contact Todd Casey @ 799-9677 if you have any questions.

Calendar of Events

12/19	Friday	End of 1 st Semester Basketball @ Lowndes	4:00 p.m.
1/3	Saturday	Varsity Basketball @ Macon-East	1:00 p.m.
1/5	Monday	Begin 2 nd Semester	
1/6	Tuesday	Basketball @ Taylor Road	4:00 p.m.
1/8	Thursday	Report Cards Issued	
1/9	Friday	Basketball vs. Ft. Dale Third Drawing for \$1,000	4:00 p.m.
1/10	Saturday	Basketball @ Lee-Scott	1:00 p.m.

Hooper Daycare Holidays

Christmas – December 24, 25, 26

New Year's – December 31, January 1 & 2

Hooper Daycare Menu – January 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 HOLIDAY	2 HOLIDAY
5 Chicken Nuggets Creamed Potatoes Field Peas Bread	6 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Applesticks English Peas	7 Corn Dog Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Vegetable Sticks	8 Steak Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Bread	9 Pizza Fries Peaches
12 Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Mixed Vegetables	13 Charbroiled Chicken Rice Pilaf Baby Limas Bread	14 Steak Fingers Fried Okra Macaroni & Cheese Bread	15 Hamburger Steak w/ brown gravy Creamed Potatoes Field Peas Bread	16 Pizza Baked Beans Vanilla Pudding
19 HOLIDAY	20 Chicken Nuggets Peas-Potatoes Rice Pilaf Bread	21 Ravioli Corn English Peas	22 Hamburger Tater Tots Green Beans	23 Chicken Strip Sandwich Cheezy Potatoes Fried Okra
26 Cheeseburger Tater Tots Peaches	27 Steak Creamed Potatoes Fried Okra Bread	28 Corn Dog Nuggets Tater Tots Green Beans	29 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce English Peas Applesticks	30 Chicken Nuggets Field Peas Creamed Potatoes Bread

Hooper Academy K4 & K5 Menu – January 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 HOLIDAY	2 HOLIDAY
5 Chicken Nuggets Creamed Potatoes Field Peas Bread	6 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Applesticks English Peas	7 Corn Dog Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Vegetable Sticks	8 Steak Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Bread	9 Pizza Fries Peaches
12 Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Mixed Vegetables	13 Charbroiled Chicken Rice Pilaf Baby Limas Bread	14 Steak Fingers Fried Okra Macaroni & Cheese Bread	15 Hamburger Steak w/ brown gravy Creamed Potatoes Field Peas Bread	16 Pizza Baked Beans Vanilla Pudding
19 HOLIDAY	20 Chicken Nuggets Peas-Potatoes Rice Pilaf Bread	21 Ravioli Corn English Peas	22 Hamburger Tater Tots Green Beans	23 Chicken Strip Sandwich Cheezy Potatoes Fried Okra
26 Cheeseburger Tater Tots Peaches	27 Steak Creamed Potatoes Fried Okra Bread	28 Corn Dog Nuggets Tater Tots Green Beans	29 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce English Peas Applesticks	30 Chicken Nuggets Field Peas Creamed Potatoes Bread

Hooper Academy Menu – January 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 HOLIDAY	2 HOLIDAY
5 Chicken Sandwich Spicy Fries Mixed Fruit	6 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Salad Garlic Bread	7 Hot Dog w/chili&cheese Potato Rounds Chocolate Cookies	8 Country Fried Steak w/white gravy Green Beans Creamed Potatoes Roll	9 Pizza Fries Peaches Chef Salad
12 Homemade Beef & Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Crackers Chef Salad	13 Charbroiled Chicken Rice Pilaf Baby Limas Roll Chef Salad	14 Ta co Salad Corn Chips	15 Hamburger Steak w/ brown gravy Creamed Potatoes Field Peas Roll	16 Pizza Fries Chocolate Pudding
19 HOLIDAY	20 Chicken Nuggets w/Honey Mustard Peas-Potatoes Rice Pilaf Roll Chef Salad	21 Homemade Chili Grilled Cheese Sandwich Crackers Chef Salad	22 BBQ Sandwich Hashbrowns Applesticks	23 Chicken Sandwich Spicy Fries Danish Chef Salad
26 Cheeseburger Spicy Fries Ice Cream Chef Salad	27 Country FriedSteak w/ white gravy Creamed Potatoes Fried Okra Roll Chef Salad	28 Hot Dog w/chili&cheese Fries Peaches	29 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Garlic Bread Salad	30 Corn Dog Fries Dessert

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