



Wildcat News

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INFORMING HIXSON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS

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Principal's Corner

Dear HMS Family,

2015 is off to a great start. We were honored to host the dedication of the Everett Fairchild Media Center. It celebrates the accomplishments of Everett Fairchild, a lifelong educator, principal and school board member with Hixson roots.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 26th, 3:00-6:30 p.m. These are by appointment only.

Students in the 7th and 8th grades have been completing

their TCAP Writing Assessments. The 6th grade assessment is 2/17 – 2/20.

It's great to be a Wildcat!
Sincerely,

LeAngela Rogers
Principal



Academics

Geography Bee time! Try your hand at answering some questions...

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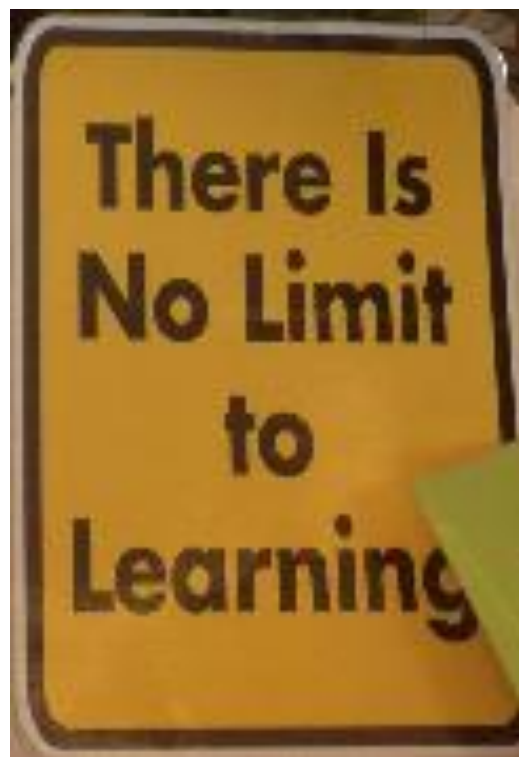
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Everett Fairchild Media Center Dedication

On Sunday January 25th, our Media Center was named for our longtime supporter, former Principal and School Board member, Everett Fairchild. Over one hundred people attended the ceremony, including school Superintendent Rick Smith, County Mayor Jim Coppinger, School Board Representatives George Ricks and Greg Martin. County Commissioner Marty Haynes and City Councilman Ken Smith. David Carroll was the MC of the event. Many members of the Fairchild family were also present along with many former students and acquaintances of Mr. Fairchild.

--Excerpt from HixsonMiddle.com



WRCB Channel 3 Eyewitness News

I was proud to emcee the dedication of the Hixson Middle School media center in honor of Everett Fairchild. He's done so much for Hamilton County, as a principal, a school board member, and a citizen. Co. Commissioner Marty Haynes was among those who paid tribute. - David Carroll - — at Dedication of the Hixson Middle School Media center in honor of Everett Fairchild.

January 25

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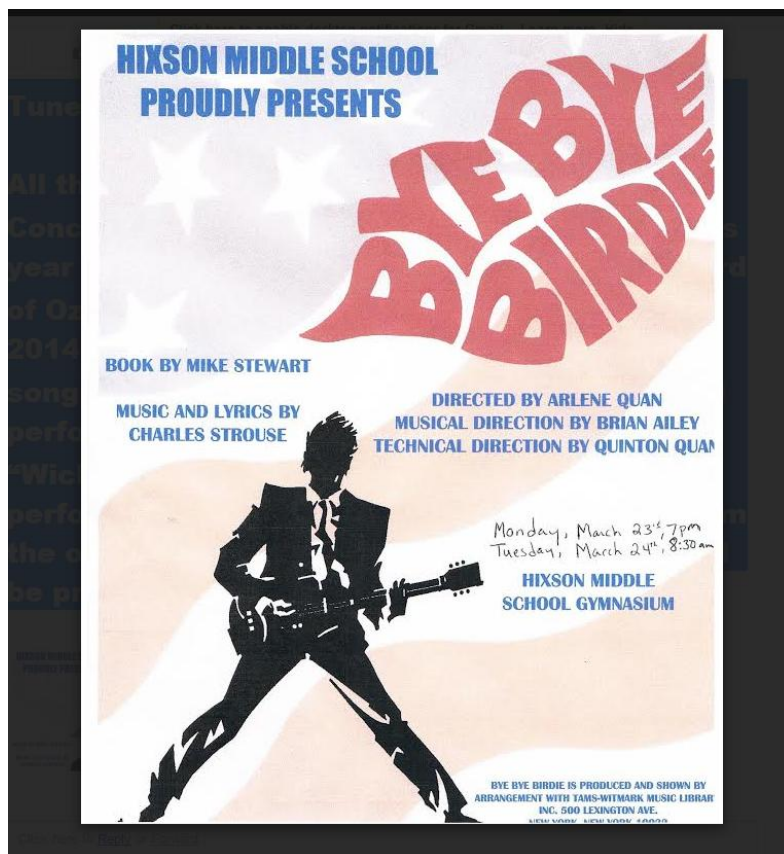
Save the Date!

HMS Chorus News

Mr. Ailey is overjoyed to report that our chorus classes have grown significantly this semester thanks largely in part to the 6th grade, which has ballooned to nearly 80 students!! Overall, we have close to 200 chorus students across the three grades!

This is a busy semester! We are currently in rehearsals for our Spring production of "Bye, Bye Birdie, Young Performer's Edition!! The students have fallen completely in love with this show and it stars some of our best singers, including Drew Dodge as Conrad Birdie, Hannah Vaughn as Kim McAfee, Jared Dove as Albert Peterson, Zy'Drea Hunter as Rosie, Aubrey Ford as Mama Peterson, Connor Mosburg as Mr. McAfee and Hali Clark as Mrs. McAfee and many many others! All together we have a cast of 40 students, plus the chorus. Shows will be presented on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00pm and Tuesday, March 24th and 8:30 am for the student body. Both shows are free admission, but we will ask for donations at the Monday evening performance to help with expenses of the show. The performance could change in case of missing school due to inclement weather. Stay Tuned!

All three choruses will present their Spring Concert on May 11th at 6:30pm in the gym. This year the program includes a salute to the Wizard of Oz, which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2014! The 6th grade chorus will be performing songs from "The Wiz", the 7th grade chorus will perform a medley from the Broadway show, "Wicked", and the 8th grade chorus will be performing a complete medley of the songs from the original 1939 film! Also, chorus awards will be presented at that concert!



SCHOOL CALENDAR



ATHLETICS:

Meet our new Mascot!



You may notice a new Wildcat prowling school events. Be sure and say hello to our new mascot. Thank you to the school & PTSA for providing the costume.



Wildcat *Sports*

GO WILDCATS!

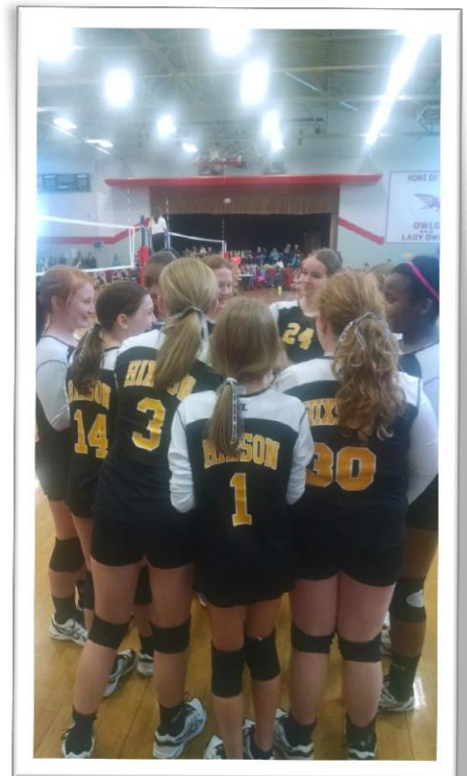


Wrestling

Congratulations to the Hixson Middle School Wrestling Team for a 15 game winning streak! Go Wildcats!

Volleyball

Girls Volleyball had possibly its largest turnout at tryouts ever. We have two great teams so come watch our JV and Varsity girls.



JV Girls Volleyball

Golf

Golf tryouts will be the first week of March. Information packets are available on the rack outside the office.

Academic Update

6th Grade

Math

6th grade math students are starting an Algebra unit that will last until the end of the 3rd quarter. We will be learning how to write and evaluate numerical expressions, find equivalent numerical expressions and use numerical expressions to represent real world situations. We will finish up the unit with One Step Algebraic Equations. It is an exciting time in 6th grade math.

Reading

6th grade readers are working very hard on close reading and using various strategies to increase their comprehension! Also, reading independently and completing book reviews are very important in helping readers to apply reading strategies they learn in class. Keep up the good work 6th grade readers!!

Social Studies

During the third quarter we will study the Ancient Greeks in the Sixth Grade. We will visit the geography and its contribution to the creation of independent city-states, as well as, the lack of unity which eventually weakened Greece. Other topics to be covered include the rivalry of city-states: Sparta and Athens, Persia and its powerful dominance, and major developments subsequent to the Persian wars.



7th Grade

Language Arts

We will begin our poetry unit by writing poetry entries into EPB's Black History Month Poetry Contest. https://www.epb.net/about/community/educational-programs/black_history_month_poetry_contest_2015/

In poetry clubs, students will read poetry in such a way that they get down to the bones of the poem, to the heart of what makes the poem tick - and most importantly, read so that poems become a part of them. There are many reasons to spend some time on poetry. First of all, it is a breath of fresh air after the dense, stuffy writing assessments. A small poem can be a lure into academic, analytical thinking - thinking that will be rigorous, but will also have many access points. In our poetry clubs there are sure to be rich discussions about interpretation and meaning. There is no place where the work of close reading is better put to use than in the study of poetry. You can't really read a poem without reading it twice or three times, and reading it very closely.

Thanks to the families of Charlotte Dickerson, Paul Newton, and Aren Desai for their generous donations of books for our classroom

libraries. Students are already eagerly reading these new favorites!

Thank you to the family of McKenna and Riley Rominger and Grace Chemical for copying the leveled packets of poetry for our poetry clubs! Our readers love having their own copy to annotate!

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8th Grade

Math

We have started out PI projects. Students are to be creative. They can create a t-shirt of their own about pi, write a story about pi, sing a song about pi, or make a poem about pi. All projects are due March 11. Plan ahead. Be on the lookout for the rubric! This quarter is the hardest quarter. It is all about what students learned earlier in the year and making connections to what they continue to learn, functions, all types of graphs, and, $\text{distance} = \text{rate} * \text{time}$. Please be advised that the material only gets harder for students who are not doing their homework. Detention has been assigned for students who do no homework. Homework is practice and it allows the teacher to see what the student is understanding each day and then we can discuss what mistakes that are being noticed. There is tutoring on Wednesday's with Ms. Ellis until 3:30. Please have your ride arrive on time. Continue to look at Edmodo for notes, worksheets, and review the previous tests!

National Geography Bee



Left to Right—

Front Row: Edward Lewis, Colin Griffin, Skylar Ellis-Gilliam (runner-up), Alex Kennedy, Fisher Brown

Back Row: Paul Newton (Champion), Ethan Headlee, Ethan Praytor, Philip Herrin, Fate Dixon

Paul Newton won the school competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 27 and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. The school Bee, at which students answered questions on geography, was the first round in the 27th annual National Geographic Bee. Eighth grader Skylar Ellis-Gilliam was the first runner-up. Other finalists included: Philip Herrin, Ethan Prylar, Fisher Brown, Ethan Headlee, Colin Griffin, Fate Dixon, Alex Kennedy, Edward Lewis.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2015 Bee. The school champions, including Paul, will take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be

eligible to compete in their state Bee on March 27, 2015.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state winners to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 11-13, 2015. The first place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and a trip to the Galápagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic.

Thanks to all the Hixson students who took the qualifying test.

Challenge Your Skills

How do you compare to our finalists?

- Name a river in China
 - Ural
 - Yangtze
 - Nan River
 - Ganges
- Name of a mountain range in South America
 - Amazon
 - Alps
 - Altai
 - Andes
- Capital of India
 - Mumbai
 - Kanpur
 - Delhi
 - Jaipur
- Country that borders Mexico to the south.
 - Guatemala
 - Niger
 - Panama
 - Ecuador
- Which of these countries is not in Africa?
 - Burkina Faso
 - Zambia
 - Mali
 - Yemen

Answers: 1 (b), 2 (d), 3 (c), 4 (a), 5 (d)

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is returning this spring! The Scholastic Book Fair will be open from Monday, February 23rd through Friday, February 27th this semester. Come out and check out some of the great books available.. Purchases support the school library and help us continue to stock our media center with great books and resources!



Candy Grams!



Student Council has been selling candy grams, 4 for \$1. This helps us pay for the conventions and leadership classes. We will deliver on Friday, February 13th. If you have not joined Student Council, you still can.

The Student

Section

Academics & Excellence (A&E) 2015

Did you know our Academics and Excellence Society is harder to achieve than other schools? Our students must earn all A's and B's, nothing is averaged. Did you know we have unique privileges and a pep rally for the students who achieve the A&E recognition? It is a lot of fun.

Students in A&E 2015 were celebrated on Friday, February 6th. In attendance to congratulate the students were School Board Representative Greg Martin and County Commissioner Marty Haynes, as well as our own Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Hamrick and many parents, friends and family. Thanks to the cheerleaders & Mr. Ailey & Mr. McElhaney & Mr. Weger for making it festive.

Congratulations to each student in A&E!

Congratulations also to the following students who received character awards! These students were nominated by teachers or staff for an act of kindness, generosity, honesty or stewardship.

Jared Dove, Jaya Gardner, Paul Newton, Sadie Rodgers, and Faiz Sheikh



Thanks, Ms. Clagg, for making it all happen!

A few more pictures of Caio Modolo de Godoy in "A Christmas Story" that didn't make the last issue. We look forward to your next endeavor, Caio!



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