Dear Trussville Community,

February 25 was an exciting day in the life of Trussville City Schools! Our community voted FOR building two K-5 elementary schools and setting the course for the future of our school system with a neighborhood school model. We will function like a true city school system with safer, smaller neighborhood schools. In addition, your YES vote provides the opportunity to restore the old high school and bring it back to life! Working together means winning together and everybody won on February 25. Thank you for your support for this plan!

Now, the work begins. In March, the Board of Education will meet to discuss timelines, budgets and procedures for work to begin on the schools. Advisory Groups are in the process of being formed to participate and give feedback in the construction & renovation of both schools. Look for progress reports to be posted in future issues of In the Loop.

Once again, thank you for your support of Trussville City Schools. Our theme for the school year has been “Working Together Means Winning Together” and when the residents of Trussville worked together on February 25, our youngest Huskies won.

Thank you citizens of Trussville!

Dr. Pattie Neill
Superintendent
HIGHLIGHTS FROM BLACK HISTORY MONTH

3rd Grade students

Students in third grade read and studied about Nelson Mandela in an edition of Scholastic News this month. In this edition, students were able to read how he was a hero who fought for South Africa to gain equal rights and why he is considered one of the world’s most famous leaders.

4th Grade Students

Our fourth grade students have been busy since late January learning about cultural, economic, and political aspects of the lifestyles of early nineteenth-century farmers, plantation owners, slaves, and townspeople. (SS 4.6) With this social studies standard, our teachers have created engaging plans to make learning authentic. Many historical fiction books were read, as well as, informational texts. Here are just a few of the books that our students are reading: Henry’s Freedom Box, If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad, Follow the Drinking Gourd, Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt, A Ballad of the Civil War, and Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule. Students are also interpreting quotes from Uncle Tom’s Cabin, Seeds of Succession and famous quotes of President Lincoln. In addition, our students are reading biographies of famous black Americans such as Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks.

HTMS POETRY

Mr. Pugh from the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute visits with students from Hewitt-Trussville Middle School.

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At the beginning of every school each year, our fifth grade teachers read aloud The Story of Ben Carson's Gifted Hands to our students. This is such an inspirational story about Ben Carson who overcomes many obstacles in life to become a successful doctor. In social studies the students read about Crispus Attucks, an African American historical figure during the American Revolutionary Time period, who was killed during the Boston Massacre. Crispus Attucks became the first casualty of the American Revolution when he was shot and killed during the Boston Massacre.

Also, several students researched and studied about Phillis (the is the correct spelling of her name, even though we usually do not see it spelled this way) Wheatley, the first African American woman to publish a book and the first recorded to write poetry.

The students read about Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Lincoln in Time for Kids magazine, and then they compared their famous speeches. In writing class, students were given four different quotes by Martin Luther King and reflected on the meaning in their writer's notebooks.

"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Congratulations to HTMS student Laura Piggot for winning 3rd place in an art contest sponsored by the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The drawing is a dove of peace soaring over portraits of MLK and the four girls who died in the Sixteenth St church bombing. Laura won third prize. Laura was there with her mom, dad, and brother as well as her art teacher Ms. Bloodworth.

Ronald McDonald presented Laura Piggott with her 3rd place award. DJ Ms. Cat of 95.7 JAMZ is at the mike.

Photo by Lydia Bloodworth

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HTHS Celebrates Black History Month

**English Classes**
MLK Jr.’s non-violence contrasted with Animal Farm novel’s violence
Letter from a Birmingham Jail
Harlem Renaissance poetry
MLK Jr.’s videos with discussion questions

**Social Studies Classes**
Abolition movement
1950’s and 60’s civil rights movement
Black Americans in history

**Library**
Display of African American photos and an interactive activity for identification
Window wall of art  (I’ll send a picture)
Display of African American books

**Art Classes**
Atlanta-based artist Kevin Cole and his work
Birmingham-area artist Chris Clark and his work with Birmingham Museum of Art
Chair art

**Engineering Classes**
African American Inventors video
African American Inventors slideshow for media screen

**Science Classes**
Famous African American scientists

**Daily Black History facts on morning announcements**
PAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ms. Finkley’s 2nd Grade students sharing their Black History Projects with Ms. Shorter’s kindergarten students.
### CONGRATULATIONS
#### 2014—2015 HIGHSTEPPEERS!

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Congratulations to HTHS senior students who recently received scholarships to Montevallo. The Montevallo representative presented scholarship T-shirts and breakfast as a welcome to Montevallo. Pictured are Brittany Gagliano, Christina Clayton, Joshua Dowds, Alexandra Peterson, Alexandria Fulton, Melanie Thompson, Christeana Thomas. Not pictured are Dana Horton and Jake Vetters. GREAT JOB HUSKIES & FUTURE MONTEVALLO STUDENTS!

HTHS Hosts ACTE Professional Learning Conference

On Saturday, February 22, HTHS hosted the Alabama Council of Teachers of English annual conference. Teachers from around the state came together to hear keynote speaker Peggy Albers discuss visual literacy and to attend breakout sessions led by local educators. Anna Hartzog and Lacey Johnson, two teachers at HTHS, served as this year’s president and vice president of the organization. Two of the breakout sessions were led by other HTHS educators, Dr. Jennifer Cardwell and Donna Speegle.

Congratulations to HTHS Students

You raised $10,000 at the Valentine’s Auction.
Donations will be given to:
Serving You
Big Oak Ranch and the Brock Bowman Scholarship

HTHS Culinary Team Highlighted in Alabama Restaurant and Hospitality Alliance publication for their 1st place win in ProStart Invitational.
Congratulations to Olivia DePew, 14, a student at Hewitt Trussville Middle School, has been honored for exemplary volunteer service with a President’s Volunteer Service Award. The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama. Hewitt Trussville Middle School nominated Olivia DePew for national honors this fall in recognition of her volunteer service. Olivia had extensive volunteer hours at Jessie’s Place. Jessie’s Place was established in 1998 as a haven for homeless and hurting women and children seeking shelter while preparing to reach self-sufficiency. “We are very proud of Olivia and the commitment she has shown to helping others,” said Lisa Berry, principal.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service. Prudential Spirit of Community Award applications were distributed nationwide last September through middle level and high schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and HandsOn Network affiliates. These schools and officially-designated local organizations nominated Local Honorees, whose applications were advanced for state-level judging. In addition to granting President’s Volunteer Service Awards on behalf of President Barack Obama, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards selected State Honorees, Distinguished Finalists and Certificate of Excellence recipients. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria including personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.

“The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities,” said John Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. “By recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their community.”

"Demonstrating civic responsibility through volunteerism is an important part of life," said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "These honourees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate."

THANK YOU HTMS STUDENTS!

Students raised $6,038.14 at the Charity Basketball Game on February 22.
Great Job!
The donations will be presented to:
Children’s Hospital
$5,788.14
Children’s Miracle Network
$250.00
Curriculum Night for Upcoming 6th Graders was a success!
There were over 400 parents and students in attendance.

ATTENTION.....SAVE THE DATE!

HTMS 7th & 8th grade Football Parent Meeting
*Players must have a parent in attendance
March 17th 6:00 PM
HTMS Auditorium
The HTMS Mixed and Show Choirs participated in the Alabama Vocal Association’s State Choral Performance Assessment at Bluff Park United Methodist Church on Monday, February 24 and Wednesday, February 26. The Mixed and Show Choirs both earned the highest rating of Superior. The choral students were adjudicated on their stage performance and for their sight-reading abilities. Congrats to these “Singing Huskies” for representing HTMS so well!

The HTHS Concert Choir scored all Superior ratings in performance and sight-reading. Sight-reading is a 16-20 measure piece of music written especially for this event. It is performed “on sight” a cappella in four parts. The Chamber Choir scored all Superior ratings as well, including one judge’s perfect score. Our two classes combine (101 students) for the first time in the warm-up room the day of assessment to make up our Concert Choir. Your students represented HTHS very well!
Paine Intermediate 5th Grade February Assembly

Congratulations Students!

Assembly Leaders for February

Top Dreambox Students

Perfect Attendance

PI Juggling Team

Safety Patrol

Leaders of the Month

Students of the Month

Millionaires (Students who have read 1,000,000 words or more)
Paine Intermediate 4th Grade February Assembly
Congratulations Students!

Assembly Leaders

Dreambox Leaders

Students of the Month

Leaders of the Month

Millionaires...Students who have read a million words or more this year

Paine Intermediate 3rd Grade February Assembly
Congratulations Students!

Dreambox Leaders

Leaders of the Month

Students of the Month

Millionaires...Students who have read a million words or more this year
Paine Primary students show lots of LOVE to the American Heart Association!

During the week of Valentines, Paine Primary students jumped rope to raise money for the 35th anniversary of Jump Rope for Heart. When raising money for this great campaign students are helping the fight against our nation’s No. 1 and No. 4 killers – heart disease and stroke. The donations will support such life-saving efforts as research, education, advocating for better health, improving patient care, and reaching populations at risk.

To help the students celebrate this event, parents came to jump rope with their children to experience how fun it is to exercise by jumping rope.

This year our Paine Primary Huskies raised over $11,000 participating in Jump Rope for Heart!

We are so proud of our students & parents!
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 6TH ANNUAL TRUSSVILLE’S GOT TALENT WINNERS!

Paine Primary

Most Entertaining: Haven White
3rd Place: Emma Lombardo
2nd Place: Virginia Glidewell
1st Place: Abbi Besenlehner & Sittre Paige Jones

Paine Intermediate

Most Entertaining: Sydney White
3rd Place: Mia Graham
2nd Place: Molly Bruno
1st Place: Lily Sauger

Hewitt-Trussville Middle School

Most Entertaining: Desi Gillespie
3rd Place: Kara McCulloch
2nd Place: Robin Dunn
1st Place: Brinkley Rackstraw

Hewitt-Trussville High School

Most Entertaining: ERA – Erin Bardwell, Anna Cunningham, Rachel Johnston
3rd Place: Gavin and Emma Slay
2nd Place: Claire Caddell
1st Place: Madeline Steward, Charlie Steward, and Lee Scott

MERCEDES MARATHON 2014

Paine Primary School is pleased to announce the names of the 39 participants in the 2014 Mercedes Kids Marathon! These students showed a lot of heart during Valentine’s weekend by participating in the local event to help raise money for various charities in our area.

After training in their PE classes at school, the students ran the last mile of their marathon with several hundred other students from across the state. After crossing the finish line, they received a medal to reward them for their accomplishment. The Mercedes Marathon has raised more than 4 million dollars for local charities over the past thirteen years. We are so proud of our Paine Primary runners and how they have learned to give back to their community while doing something healthy for themselves.

Pictured are:

Top Row Second Grade: Wilks Nichols, Elly Morris, Wesley Patterson, James, Auvil, Luke Pinion

Third Row Second Grade: Chaney Peters, Reagan Hanson, Isabel Delgado, Emily Giangrosso, Kaylee Rose Elrod, Beck Peterson, Sam Brooks, John DeArman, Rob Burtram

Second Row First Grade: Anna Morris, Trent Northern, Avery Burke, Kate Harrington, Antonio Delgado, Cooper Landry, Asher Tharp, Brynlea Franklin, Michael Kennedy, Addison Freeman, Ren Peterson, Conrad Jones, Noah Pearson

Bottom Row Kindergarten: Christian Zwiebel, Pierce Heinzman, Josh Dodson, Mallory Lane, Nate Dodson, Veronica Sherbrook, Same Greene, Reagan Lawson, Teague Jones, Cade Watkins

Not Pictured: Ramsey Faye Wilson, Sara Beth Slaughter, Micah Johnson, Gentry Briggs
Mrs. Linda Odom’s second grade students at Paine Primary School held a yard sale and invited other classes to shop. They raised $102.22 for the Food Drive. Not only did they help those less fortunate than themselves, they learned a great deal about pricing items, selling, counting money, and making change.
School Resource Officer Payne reads to students at Paine Primary

CHICK-FIL-A THANKS TCS FACULTY/STAFF FOR “SPENDING THE NIGHT” DURING THE JANUARY 2014 SNOW STORM
TCS FOUNDATION CRAWFISH & SHRIMP BOIL

Saturday, April 12th, 2014
Trussville Springs
More info: heathers@tcsf.org

TCS FOUNDATION
Buy a Brick

Give a long lasting and personalized gift to your loved one and at the same time, show your support for the Trussville City Schools Foundation and the Hewitt-Trussville Athletic Foundation.

Your Donations Make a Difference
Please consider a donation and leave your legacy at Hewitt-Trussville Stadium.
BRICKS ARE ON SALE NOW!
For a donation of $35, you can have your personalized brick embedded in the walkway’s at Hewitt-Trussville Stadium. The 8” x 4” bricks allow for 1-3 lines of engraving with 18 to 20 characters per line (including spaces).
Thank you for your support.
TCS Foundation
Saturday, March 8
Trussville Civic Center
$10 PER PRINCESS OR $5 WITH
DONATION OF A GENTLY USED
CHILDREN'S BOOK(S)

JOIN US FOR A LITERACY TEA WITH
MISS TRUSSVILLE HANNAH BROWN

- CUPCAKES
- CRAFTS
- STORY TIME WITH HANNAH
- PRINCESS PHOTO BOOTH

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE A SPOT
FOR YOUR PRINCESS AT ONE OF
OUR TWO TEAS.
10:15 AM OR 12:30-2 PM
(205) 655-2503

Thursday, March 20th
9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
Trussville Civic Center
$49 – ON OR BEFORE MARCH 7
$59 – BEGINNING MARCH 8
$350 – CORPORATE TABLE OF 8

Join fellow leaders from across
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- Design your own agenda by choosing
  from multiple concurrent sessions.
- Receive a copy of The Life of Excellence
- Network with over 100 business
  professionals from Trussville and the
  surrounding communities
- Visit multiple vendors in the main expo
  hall

Sign up today!
Click here to register online
or contact the Chamber office at
info@trussvillechamber.com
205-655-7535.

Keynote by
Richard E. Simmons, III
The Center for Executive Leadership
SPRING 2014 CARNIVAL

March 21-30 at Magnolia Park

Family Entertainment
Rides & Games
Food

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SPRING CARNIVAL

$1 OFF
“All You Can Ride” wristband

one coupon - per person - per session

Magnolia Park (next to First Baptist Church Trussville)

March 21-30, 2014

presented by
The Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce

www.trussvillechamber.com
Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

April 5th 6:30 p.m.
Trussville Youth Football Field
(look for the Parking Bunnies for directions to the field)
Hunt Begins at Dark
Ages 2-8 years old

Don’t forget your flashlight and basket

5000 Candy & Toy-filled eggs
Face Painting
Easter Bunny
Explore the Fire Truck
Sparky-the Fire Dog
Cotton Candy and Space Bounce!!!

Sponsored by
Trussville Parks and Recreation, Trussville Fire Department, Trussville Library, Jennie June Croly Study Club, Trussville First United Methodist Church, Amerex, Dr. Rape and Brooks Orthodontics, Trussville Life Chick-fil-a, Sams, Walmart, Gunter Oil, Bryant Bank and Keystone Finicial Group