



## Communications / GOOD NEWS REPORT

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(Submitted from Principals & Communications Liaisons for October 28, 2019)

### Hickory High

#### ➤ ARTS

The Hickory High School Marching Tornadoes gave an excellent performance at the South Caldwell Spartan Southern Classic Band Competition on Saturday, October 12th. The band placed first overall in Class 3A competition and received awards for 2nd place in Color Guard and Drum Major, and 1st place in Percussion, Marching, Music, and General Effect. **Additionally the band earned a rating of "Superior" and won the "Unifour Crown," an award given to the highest scoring band in the region.** Congrats to our marching band students!

#### ➤ ACADEMICS

- The Hickory High School Counseling Department helped 83 seniors apply to 154 colleges and universities during College Application Week!
- Counselors are also making daily announcements about October being anti-bullying month. The announcements include daily quotes that encourage inclusion, respect, and compassion towards others.
- Students participating in the Chic-Fil-A Leader Academy shipped thank you notes and paracord bracelets in a care package to our military. They're also planning a Winter Drive to collect hats, gloves, and blankets for a local homeless shelter.
- In honor of **World Polio Day**, which is Thursday, October 24, the Interact Club, in partnership with our local Rotary Club, sponsored a Jeans Day on Friday, October 25. Teachers and students were able to participate by contributing a minimum donation of \$2.00. The money will go to the End Polio Now organization, and our **Interact Club was able to raise over \$300!** While Polio has been eradicated in the United States, citizens of third world countries are still afflicted by this disease.

#### ➤ ATHLETICS

- **Cross Country** competes in the regionals on Saturday at Freedom HS
- **Golf:** Two of our Lady Red Tornado golfers, Junior Claire Darden and Senior Anna Fleenor, participated in the NCHSAA 3A West Regional on October 21st at Etowah Valley Golf Club in Etowah, NC. Both young ladies represented HHS very well and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship! Darden made the All-Conference team and had a personal season low score of 47. Fleenor also has had a personal season low score of 47. Great job ladies and congrats to the entire Red Tornado Ladies Golf Team for a great season!
- **Football:** Cody Young and Jason Martin have been awarded Player Of the Week Honors this year
- **Football:** senior night on Friday along with the cheerleaders and band.
- **Football:** This month, Coach Russell Stone earned his **275th coaching victory** with a win over Freedom!

- **Tennis:** Nicole Kozischek came in runner up in singles at the Conference Tournament which qualified her in the Regionals last week. Tennis season is now complete.
- **Tennis:** The Doubles team, Ellie Holtzman and Jonellis Heredia won the Conference Tournament. For Regionals these two placed 4th and advanced to the State Tournament
- **Soccer:** Soccer has senior night on Tuesday (originally scheduled for Wed but moved due to threat of rain on Wed)
- **Volleyball:** Volleyball advanced to the 2nd round of the NCHSAA tournament –they play Tuesday night (Oct. 29) at Southwestern Randolph at 6:00 pm.
- **Basketball:** Our Boys' Basketball team got to support Jaylan Harper (HHS Class of 2019) in his first college scrimmage!

(BELOW - Front row left to right: Eli Bryson, Rico Walker, Jaylan Harper, Isiah Cooper, Coach Poplin. Back: Tyquan Hill, Jordan Harshaw, Jack Cameron and Miller Long)



- **Winter Sports begin try outs on Wed.**
- **National signing day is coming up on Wed. Nov. 13—possibly eight athletes signing!**

### Longview Elementary

- We're grateful for our annual partnership with Subaru! Through "Subaru Loves Learning" they've donated **STEM books and \$1000 for office supplies** this year, and will be supporting our Angel Tree.
- Junior BETA Club involved in two current service projects - made Halloween cards and stuffed **over 75 treat bags for Meals on Wheels of Catawba County**; raised donations and will be participating in the Hickory Walk to End Alzheimer's.
- Longview students and staff spread awareness about polio and raised **\$145 for Rotary International in honor of World Polio Day.**

### Oakwood Elementary

- Oakwood's "Start with Hello" and Unity Day were huge successes as the Blue Jays took a stand against bullying.
- Congratulations to Jerrica Dula, who is **one of two finalists in the NW Regional Teacher of the Year**

### Grandview Middle School

- **Harper White, 6th grade, County Girls Cross Country Champion**

- Castle of Cans—to feed the hungry

### Grandview's Collection – Castle of Cans



Maggy Sanchez, Claire Graham, Laken Powe, Adriana Bennett, Mary Louise Taylor, Jacob Cushing

### Hickory Career & Arts Magnet High (HCAM)

- Girls' tennis doubles team made it through to the State Oct 20. Ellie Holtzman (HHS) & Jonellis Heredia (HCAM) coached by Jackie Finley, HCAM teacher. The tournament will be held in Burlington NC.
- **HCAM has gone LIVE** - Ms. Finley's drama students are producing, starring and broadcasting a live news show every morning with news of the weather, daily and weekly happenings, announcements, and current events.
- HCAM staff spent half of the teacher workday on 10/21 in A+ training renewing their commitment to integrating the arts into the classroom.
- Beta Club conducted a school-wide canned food drive through the Castle of Cans Oktoberfest. Students collected **over 700 cans** and formed a partnership with **Mike Johnson's Hickory Toyota to provide a pizza party to the two classes that collected the most cans.**
- In support of World Polio Day on October 24, Ms. Reese is sponsoring a grade level competition where students may drop money into their grade level jar in her classroom. The winning grade level will have bowls of ice cream during AE on Oct 30th.
- Oct 18 **Students and Staff were covered in pink in support of breast cancer research** and students enjoyed the annual Faculty v. Students volleyball game. Faculty won ... again!
  - HCAM's Castle of Cans collection: **Over 700 cans from HCAM! They were awarded pizza from Mike Johnson's Toyota!**





## Jenkins Elementary

- Our sensory room is up and running. The space was created using the funding awarded by the Innovation Grant. This amazing space has opened a world of opportunities for students who are in need of sensory input and self-regulation.



- **National Bullying Prevention Month at Jenkins**
  - Students watched a video, [What You Can Do](#) and answered the question, How can I make Jenkins a safer place? Students wrote responses on orange strips to make a chain across the mall area of the school.
  - Jenkins participated in UNITY DAY on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unity Day is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month, a day to wear and share orange uniting for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

## Northview Middle

- Jr Beta participated in the Castle of Cans. Northview's contribution was just at 100 cans.
- 8th Grade Band and Orchestra students enjoyed a cultural tour of Charlotte. They attended a **Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Concert**, took a tour of the Mint Museum of Art and ended the day with a visit to Amelie's French Bakery to appreciate the culinary arts. (Photo on NV Orchestra FB page with Firebird in front of Bechtler Museum)

## Viewmont Elementary

- Ms. McMurray, 3rd grade teacher, organized our donations. We collected **600 cans** and our goal was 250.



- **Tosha Youngdahl – Viewmont 5th grade teacher from PA** (center, below) received a monetary award from the HPS Education Foundation to help with her relocation costs.



## Southwest Primary

- **Healthy Minds Create Healthy Students / Second Step Curriculum in all Pre-K - 2nd**  
**What is Second Step?**

Second Step is a curriculum for Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) to give students the tools to excel in and out of the classroom. All lessons are organized to address four critical areas necessary for student success including

**Skills for Learning -- Empathy -- Emotion Management -- Problem Solving**

- **Successful Cub Camp - Cub Camp more than doubled the number of students participating** in an after school tutoring program offered weekly on Wednesday from members of First United Methodist Church.
- **87 students earned the distinction of “Perfect Attendance”** for the first quarter.
- **Profitable Fall Book Fair - exceeding profits from last year.** Additionally, books were also purchased by a grandparent to go toward kids who couldn’t afford to shop.

## Upcoming:

- **Northview and Grandview's 6<sup>th</sup> grade** coming to visit Hickory Museum of Art on Wed. 11/13 (Northview) and 11/15 (Grandview). We have been working since the end of last school year with teachers, HMA staff and K-64 to see this exhibit "How Creativity Happens". It is about creativity, the creative process and collaboration. Seven artists are working together to create one work of art that will be given to Corning. The final piece must include glass or properties of glass. HMA has developed lessons that go along with the grade level's second step curriculum that they are incorporating now in the classroom.
- **HCAM: Nursing Fundamentals students - Nov. 7, from 8:30-12:30. Trinity Village in Mountain View.** Trinity Ridge has asked our students to run the Nursing Part of the STEM tour here on November 7th. **Nursing Fundamental students will be responsible for 80-8th graders with four stations:** One with thickened liquids, one with residents helping 8th graders make mini 1st aid kits, one with therapy and one with Environmental (helping clean up a common non-threatening spill using the MSDS).  
**Health Science II** is making posters explaining the job opportunities in each department.

## Update:

**HPS Book Bus** – increase of 7 visitors a week ago; and last week, 5 new faces at the Zahra Baker Park.



(L-R) Tina Connelly, Jordan Caldwell, Emily Teague.