

# HPS "GOOD NEWS"

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## COMMUNITY CARES



Above: First Presbyterian Church of Hickory (with HPS Student Services) donates a huge assortment of needs for our students in addition to a monetary gift!

Thank you so much!

## CTE Expands with Speaker Series

### To High School and Beyond!

The goal is to continue connecting with guest speakers and career fair guests who have routinely visited our schools in the past, making sure our students can still draw upon their insight and knowledge even in a time when no guests are allowed to be on campus. (L-R) CTE Team:: Janet Derr-Littman, Joshua Cornwell, Jeanne Turner & Trina Williams.





## HHS HITS THE TOP SPOT FOR GIVING!

The entire HPS district exceeded goals and met growth with the annual United Way Campaign! Congrats to Hickory High rep, Coach Jody Weatherman, who led the largest total donation and growth from one school. HHS jumped in giving this year from **\$425.44** last year to **\$2,056.84** this year.

**District total: \$12, 497.82**



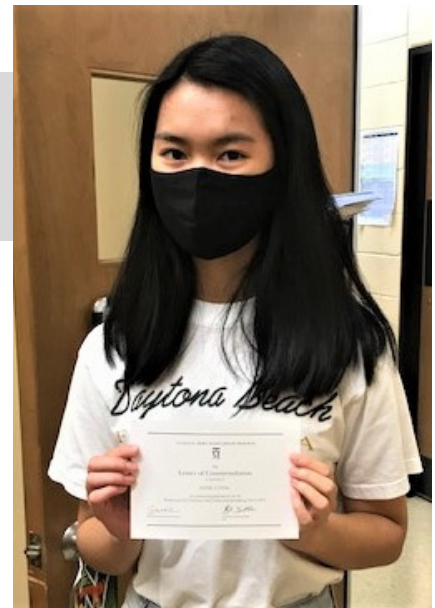
## FACULTY RECOGNITION

Mrs. Heidi Rice, French teacher, French club advisor, and World Language Department chair, was named the Luz M. Frye Honored Educator Scholar for 2020-2021 by the Development Foundation of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT), Inc.

**Congratulations!**

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Annie Luong was recognized as a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program!  
**Congratulations!**



## NVW Team Covered!



The Northview Team -- from wearing masks, working on landscaping, to taking a popcorn break (courtesy of the PTA)--is staying focused on the students!



## HCAM:

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB MEMBERS PLANTED FLOWER BULBS, PAINTED ROCKS & PLACED PRETTY PUMPKINS TO DECORATE THE FRONT GARDEN AT HCAM'S ENTRANCE. THE CLUB IS GRATEFUL FOR THE DONATIONS FROM MS. METCALF & FAMILY, MRS. ISENHOUR & FAMILY, MS. KATO AND MRS. STARRING. THANKS TO ALL FOR THIS WONDERFUL SUPPORT. WE WILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL FLOWERING GARDEN FROM FEBRUARY TO JUNE. (ESTIMATED COST OF DONATED FLOWERS, BULBS, PUMPKINS, AND ART SUPPLIES: \$180)



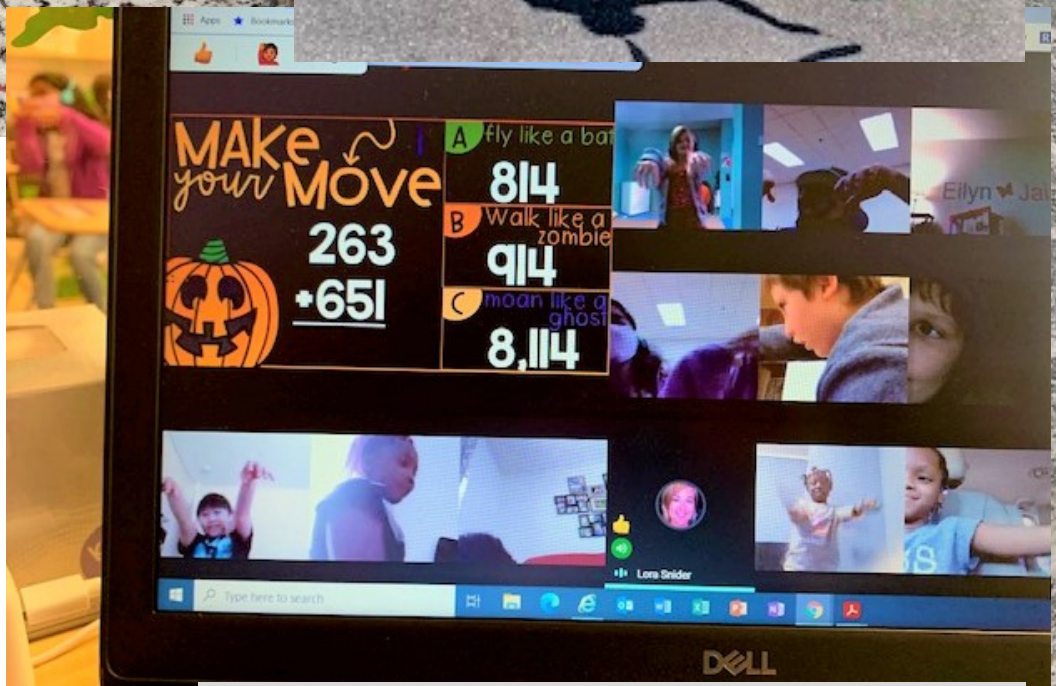
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## LGV receives grants-- thanks Ms. Snider!



3rd grade teacher Lora Snider received a \$500 Clear the List grant for school supplies funded by Clear the List and Clorox. She also received supplies from Donors Choose to support face-to-face and virtual learning, including a rolling easel, an air purifier, \$500 for individual recess supplies for students, and \$500 for robotics and take home STEM activities.



## FALL BACK!

REMEMBER!

Daylight Saving Time ends in 2020 at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, marking the time when clocks "fall back" and we gain an extra hour of sleep.



# Additional Good News!

**Grandview:** Art students have been treated to many virtual field trips and art interviews. Mrs. Willard is on-site at the art museum and other locations on Wednesdays for interactive lessons. ShurTape donated supplies for art projects. Coffee truck came as a reward for 100% participation donating to the United Way.

**HHS:** The Twisted Beans crew (an EC student-run coffee cart) safely provided coffee, hot chocolate, and donut holes from Donut Life for teachers and staff to say thanks for all their hard work during these difficult times! The upperclassmen students helped our lower classmen students get accustomed to how the coffee cart works.

Tornado Babies! We love that our Tornado family is growing!--Mrs. Osborne (Science) gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on October 1st. Mrs. Yount (English) gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on September 6th.

The Hospitality Crew at HHS enacted a game of “BOO” in which all faculty and staff were encouraged to participate by anonymously “BOOing” coworkers with fall/Halloween-themed favors. The game continued all month long and every participating member received a gift from their respective anonymous friendly ghost. One of Ms. C Edwards’ Biology classes collaborated with a Foundations in Math class during a photosynthesis lab where biology students carried out an experiment and math students collected numerical data to work. Mrs. Schronce’s Donors Choose program was 100% funded. The petition was for a washer and dryer to help her EC self-contained classroom develop self-sufficient life skills. Half of the entire fund was anonymously given by a single donor! St. Luke’s United Methodist Church provided lunch for all of HHS on Wednesday, October 21st! St. Luke’s also provided cards of encouragement for all of our staff and faculty. It was a great day!

**Jenkins:** Our first blended (virtual and curbside) book fair will be held November 9th - 20th. Fall pictures will be spread over 3 days (November 3rd - 5th) to accommodate remote and A/B students. Four of our teachers presented at the curriculum fair. We have had great participation in Unity Day, and our guidance counselor created a Google Classroom site with lessons that were pushed out to each grade level.

**Longview:** Received a donation of cleaning supplies, sanitizer, and headphones from community partner Beacon Church. We're so thankful for their help and support in keeping students and staff safe! 4th grade teacher and Battle of the Books co-chair Peter Rothenberger received full sets of this year's North Carolina Battle Books for every student on the team, thanks to a fully-funded Donors Choose project.

**Northview:** Northview is making it work! Teachers are going above and beyond to connect with students and make hybrid learning meaningful. Asynchronous learning is proving to be a blessing in having time to make those one on one conversations happen. Student engagement with assignments and the mastering the freedom to work at their own pace is growing. Wednesdays allow time for parent/teacher/student interaction through the zoom platform like never before. Parents are reaching out to teachers and the partnership is building. The guidance team is traveling outside our walls, reaching students and families at their most basic need. New leaders are emerging as our community strives to make our learning environment the best it can be. Our PTA shows up at just the right time to provide a surprise popcorn bar that made every staff member smile. Though many of our team members are dealing with personal hardships, the commitment to "students first" remains the core of our WHY.

**Oakwood:** We will host our first ever Curbside Book Fair. We had four teachers present at the curriculum conference in which they discussed variety of digital tools needed for a successful school year. Ms. Lingerfelt and Mrs. Rohr have welcomed two new additions to their families. Congratulations to our new Blue Jays! Our Oakwood News Crew have hit the ground running and students are excited to watch the morning announcements everyday! Oakwood students are participating in Unity Day all week long by wearing orange on A days, B days, and remote days. We celebrated our school's commitment to stand up against bullying and stand united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

**Southwest:** Kim Holt (Kindergarten Remote Learning Teacher) received another Donors Choose for online learning. 6 teachers from Southwest Primary presented in the HPS Curriculum Conference on topics ranging from Bitmoji Classrooms to Creating Cultural Awareness in the classroom. Mrs. Anderson's class received an Amazon Gift Card for \$200 to use towards classroom instruction and supplies. Southwest Primary students have participated in spirit days throughout October for Bully Prevention Month. Southwest students and families were invited to participate in a virtual Zumba class for National Hispanic Heritage Month!

**Viewmont:** Viewmont participated in the Castle of Cans drive for the 2nd year in a row. This was a virtual can drive and we collected money to help assist with food assistance. For every \$1 collected, that amount equaled 7 pounds of food. Last year we collected 567 pounds of food, but this year we are on track to have over 2000 lbs of food. Staff participated in the World Polio Day (week) for Rotary International and raised over \$300. We have our first Virtual Book Fair on Nov 9 - 22. We have Picture Day coming up with A Group on Nov 3, Virtual on Nov 4, and B Group on Nov 5.

## **November 11, 2020**



Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.