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HBMS NOW HAS NEWSPAPER!

The Start of Something New!

By Ajay Pandey and Sydney Wheeler

Our very own Holcomb Bridge Middle School newspaper is coming to our school starting the 2015-2016 school year. We both feel that a newspaper is a great way for students and teachers to express the way they feel towards certain topics and that students and teachers have something connected to them and they can have their own opinion voiced all around the school. Our very own principal, Mr. Shearer, also thinks it’s a good idea. We asked him what he would like to see come out of the newspaper and he responded, “I think it is a great way to promote all things in the school and getting a student’s perspective of what’s interesting and fun. The students think should be advertised, promoted, or featured. There are a lot of great things going on in the building with Project Based Learning and 1:1, therefore there should be a lot of opportunities to get out there and tell some great stories!”

Holcomb Bridge Middle School

It will be great for you guys, the student body, to be able to voice your opinion and get your voice heard! We, the newspaper staff look forward to taking your suggestions for news, events, and feature stories for the newspaper! Tell us what you think!

Back to School!

By Amina Akosa

As many are not ready for the summer to end, I am at the edge of my seat to start school! Why, you might ask? Well, there are many reasons that I would like to start school. I would like to start school to meet new teachers, start a clean slate, have challenging work that will be in my new grade, and not to mention spend time with my friends! Although you might not feel excited for what I am looking forward to in the new school year, you might be in for a treat. The grade that you will be entering in might give you more of a class decision, new projects, better fieldtrips, new friends, and nicer teachers. Besides the benefits of the beginning of the school year, there are some downsfalls of the beginning of the school year too.

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Why Join a Club?

By Ajay Pandey

As many of you know, Holcomb Bridge has many clubs and activities to offer to its students. Some of them include Academic Bowl, Chess Club, Model United Nations, Newspaper Club, Art Club, Yearbook Club, and many more. You can choose to be in many clubs or choose to focus on just one. Some clubs involve a lot of your time and effort at home and have many practices and competitions. Some are easier and more laid back.

The Academic Bowl is a club were you come and compete with your fellow students on a team against other schools. This club is very important if you are very intellectually and know a lot of information. At Academic Bowl, you need a journal and a pencil to take notes and do some of the math computation questions. Academic Bowl is a lot of fun and has helped many students learn and grow intellectually. The Academic Bowl quote of the year was “We know our stuff about our thing.” As you can tell, Academic Bowl is a lot of fun and helps students learn more information while having fun.
Many are afraid of starting their new grade level, because of the fact that they might not do well in school, whether it’s the challenging work or the challenging teachers.

Do you have a plan for the beginning of the year? Most of the students might not have a plan for the beginning of the year, but that is okay. You can learn to make one. Why do you need a plan for the beginning of the year, you might ask? The plan will allow you to do well in school. If you do not make a plan, you might find yourself frustrated, lost, or even failing classes. While making your plan of action, you should go over it with your parents or guardians, so they can help. After making the plan and using it, your growth potential will be better in school. Therefore, make your plan now and keep using it, and see the good changes that it will bring to your life. Make sure to add expectations of teachers, class schedules, and supplies needed. You should also have a study buddy and a designated study area at home.

Make sure to get all supplies you need for the year, and try to also get supplies for your classroom. Keep your school supplies organized and in a designated area. It is wise to make sure your locker is clean and organized because you only get a little time to go to your locker and then head to class. After school, make sure to finish your homework and put it back in your book bag for the next day. If there is paper work for your parents to read, make sure that they get it, and if the paper needs to be signed, it is your responsibility to get it to them to sign. (I usually go with pen in hand) and then put it back in your book bag. With all of the tips I have given you, you should be prepared and satisfied with your new year.

Therefore, I believe back to school means that you get another chance to become a good student, challenging works, fun prizes, better fieldtrips and projects, and new teachers. Remember to create a plan in order to be ready for the year, and then, all the anxiety will go away. Even though other students might be less with their education, be thankful because many children are not able to go to school, so remember to be prepared.

Move Over Hamilton: America Needs a New $10 Bill

By Ajay Pandey

The American ten dollar bill will soon no longer showcase Alexander Hamilton, but now will have a woman. Per CNN Money, “U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, a woman will be featured on a redesigned $10 bill in 2020, which is the 100th anniversary of the Constitution’s 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.” America has not decided on the woman who will be featured and it will be a few months till America decides, Jack Lew says that he is excited that the ten dollar bill will be the first bill to feature a woman. Lew is asking for recommendations on social media. His requirements are that the female must portray American democracy and must be someone who is no longer alive (by law). He asked people to use #TheNew10 via Twitter to send them their recommendations.

This is very relevant to our Holcomb Bridge community as we are America’s future. We are the people who are soon going to step up and rule this country and replace the current generation. We should have a say in what goes on in our government and they have given our community that ability. The staff writers and I would like the help of the student body to make a recommendation to the Treasury Department for the new face of the $10 bill. The Newspaper Club will be taking a poll from students with their suggestion on who should be showcased on the $10 bill. See the back page for more information on taking the poll. Let your opinion be heard!

Back To School!

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This summer has been filled with amazing performances! Atlanta has had so many talented people come into town. Firstly, Nelly, TLC, and the New Kids on the Block came to perform at the Philips Arena in downtown Atlanta. Nelly started with a very strong performance and really rocked the stadium! He sang songs such as Just a Dream, Shake your Tail feather, and Country Grammar. Next was TLC. As some of you may know, Left Eye is no longer with the band as she passed away. T-Boz and Chili sings songs such as No Scrubs, Creep, and Waterfalls. When they sang Waterfalls, the band put Left Eye’s part on the large screens. Finally, there was the New Kids on the Block. They came out like boxers and sang songs such as Block Party, Step by Step, and You Got It. The next star was Lana Del Rey. Her opening act was Grimes, who came out and played a lot of electronic music. They were very cool. Then there was Lana Del Rey. She was very engaging and had fun with the audience. She sang songs such as Born to Die, Young and Beautiful, and West Coast. They performed at Aaron’s Amphitheater.

Following Lana Del Rey at Aaron’s Amphitheater was Fall Out Boy and Wiz Khalifa. Wiz Khalifa performed first. He sang songs such as See You Again, We Dem Boys, and Black and Yellow. Fall Out Boy sang songs such as Centuries and Light em up. It was a great performance from both bands.

Finally, there was Idina Menzel. She came to Chastain Park. As some of you know, Idina is a Broadway Star. She was very engaging and came to sing with the audience. She came to see my sister and me at our table. She had a conversation with us and it was pretty amazing. She sang songs from Frozen, Rent, and Wicked. She had a lot of fun on the stage!

Upcoming are many, many other great artists!

I for one cannot wait!
L. U. B. W. Page beginning of arts and crafts.

By Marjorie Hsu

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It is a great club to join as it challenges you to do pottery, I would recommend a store that is fabulous for having patience with yourself where they can show you how to make jewelry. At first, it was a little frustrating being unsuccessful. But once I got the gist of it, I was proud of my work. And it’s awesome to see people’s reaction once you give them a present you made yourself. How were the classes? Hmm... I loved you during the classes, I had my magical moments of succeeding and my depressing moments at failing. But despite everything, it was worth it! If you ever think of taking a class, try to have an idea of what you would like to do with the skills. My plans are to enjoy it as a fun hobby and hopefully make my own prom dress! Also, I took my classes at Joann’s and the teachers were fabulous for having patience with me and clearly explaining everything. And don’t forget that depending on the class you take, you have to buy certain items. Last but not least, the type of class you choose depends on where you should learn. For example, if you are going to do pottery, I would recommend a store that specializes in that. I recommend Joann’s and Michaels if you were going to focus on the most common arts and crafts. For both stores you can sign-up online, give them a call, or in the store. If you are going to sign up for any class you might as well go to the place where they will show you more details of how everything works. Here’s a tip: If you are going to sign up at Joann’s, do it on open house day where the classes can be 50% off and avoid waiting in line by going there as early as possible! Also, when you will be taking classes can have a sale and that is when you should buy your supplies. And never be afraid to ask for assistance! Good luck and happy crafting!

What is Arts and Crafts? It’s creating pieces of art with your own hands. Arts and Crafts can include sewing, painting, and crocheting. The results can be bracelets, blankets, clothes, and lots more. These fancy things may seem to be just for girls, but it’s really not. But you will need patience and determination to accomplish these things. If you ever want to give a gift to somebody you could make them a piece of jewelry or if you ripped your jeans you could fix them up. This is only the beginning of arts and crafts.

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Mrs. Mason at five years old.

**Kentucky Derby to Backyard Horses**

By Sydney Wheeler

On Saturday, May 2, 2015, the 141st Kentucky Derby at Belmont Stakes was run, the first race of the Triple Crown. In a very close race, the derby was won by American Pharaoh, the favorite. He will move on to the second race of the Triple Crown. No horse has won the Triple Crown since Affirmed did in 1978. Secretariat won his final race of the Triple Crown in 1973, 31 horse lengths in front of the second place horse!

But inside of Holcomb Bridge, one of our very own teachers has a passion for horses. Mrs. Mason, 8th grade science teacher has 9 horses living in her very own backyard! Mrs. Mason states she’s always had a passion for horses ever since she was a kid. She first got a horse when she was four and started riding when she was five. She rode English and Western pleasure and even did a little jumping until she got older and started being predominately dressage.

Now, Mrs. Mason has her own little farm with currently nine horses living on it. “I don’t plan to get any more horses,” said Mrs. Mason. From the Kentucky Derby to science teachers with horses in their backyards, people sure have a passion for their trusty steeds.

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This is a great club for writers and people who are creative. We give advice to people and help share our school’s excellence.

In conclusion, there are a plethora of clubs that you can join at Holcomb Bridge Middle School. There is a club out there for you and we will help you find it. Remember, you can participate in a lot of clubs or just a few based upon your academic schedules. You will love it!

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**Counselor’s Corner**

By Amina Akosa

As you all might know Mrs. Milligan and Mr. Johnson are both Holcomb Bridge’s school counselors. But what is the meaning of a school counselor, and how does school counselors help students? As I spoke with Mrs. Milligan about her role to the school she answered saying that she works with students during their personal, social, emotional, academic, and career development. She tries to support students and sometimes parents when there is a conflict.

Counselors plan activities for 5th graders and 8th graders. They also plan programs for anti-bullying and red ribbon week. Mrs. Milligan believes that her role stands out because she and others (as a counselor) get to work with students and support them which other adults might not have the chance to do. Mrs. Milligan impacts the school with positivity and an encouraging attitude like her counselor did for her and her fellow classmates in middle and high school. Students should be thankful for their school staff especially the counselors because they want to help students like you to achieve your goals and be able to succeed in school.

Keep in mind from now on that counselors and other teachers expect students to be the best they can be, to achieve goals, and be respectful to themselves and others like many have done for you. In the future, be sure to improve your behavior by being more consistent from the beginning of the year. Always feel free to go to either counselor, Mrs. Milligan or Mr. Johnson, and tell them issues that are happening at home and school about you or someone you know.

**Clubs and Sports**

Academic Bowl
Book Club
Chess Club
Destination Imagination
Extra/Intramural Sports
Girls 2 Men
Jazz Band
Jr. Beta Club
Learn and Serve
Model UN
Newspaper
National Honor Society
Peer Helpers
Robotics
Power over Prejudice (POP)
Reading Bowl
Student Council
Technology Club
Yearbook

Have Fun Join a Club!

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Comic Art Contest!

The Hawk’s Nest is proud to announce our Comic Art Contest!!! Do you love drawing comics? Have you been told you are an artist? If so, here is your opportunity to have your artwork published in the school newspaper!

All students are welcome to submit your artwork for judging. The newspaper staff writers will select the top three comics for next month’s newspaper!

Submit your comic artwork to Ms. Anderson by email at andersonj6@fultonschools.org. Questions, please see any newspaper staff writer. Good luck!

The New $10 Bill Student Poll!

The Hawk’s Nest would like your opinion on who should be the face on the new $10 bill!

All students are welcome to submit your opinion. The polling box will be located in the cafeteria. Please write on a piece of paper your nomination and why you chose that person.

The newspaper staff writers will tally the suggestions and post in next month’s newspaper! Ms. Anderson will then send our selection to the Twitter #TheNew10.

The deadline to give your opinion is Friday, August 28, 2015. Go Holcomb Bridge!!!