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HA STUDENTS WIN HONORS IN STATE WIDE COMPETITION
HA Senior Foster Wiygul Receives Perfect Score on Essay

Several of Mrs. Deb Shelton’s Government students were recently recognized for their participation in a state wide program designed to teach the fundamentals of democracy. PROMOTE THE VOTE, a comprehensive voter education program encourages students in Mississippi to enthusiastically practice their civic responsibilities. During the 1st semester, HA Government students also participated in a Mock Election through the Secretary of State’s office.

An awards ceremony was held at the State Capitol in Jackson to honor winners of various contests held in conjunction with the program. State Senator Chuck Younger helped present the awards to our students along with Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann. Following the ceremony Senator Younger toured the Heritage students through the Senate chambers and they were able to see their entries that were on display for public viewing. Congratulations to the following students:

ESSAY - 1st place - Foster Wiygul (perfect score!); 2nd place - Allie Allsup; 3rd place - Ashley Brooks; and Honorable Mention - Margaret Ann Street.
Political Party Campaign Poster - 1st place - Riecher Denmark
High School Art - 1st place - Kat Kerby; 2nd place - Berry Wang

HA Headmaster Dr. Greg Carlyle and Mrs. Deb Shelton accompanied the students.

(Keep reading below for much more high school, sports and elementary news!)
Great Math Skills are being taught in many different ways in our Elementary classrooms. See “Elementary News” to see more exciting things happening in our classrooms!

Mrs. Lisa Naugher’s 3rd grade class

Mrs. Kerry Henderson’s 1st grade class

Working on math skills on the iPad

Additional technology comes to JrK and SrK Classrooms

New SMART tables have just been added to each of our 2 Jr Kindergarten and 2 Sr Kindergarten Classrooms!
The SMART Table collaborative learning center combines learning and play to inspire center-based learning. They are used in addition to the iPads, iPods and the digital projector/screen in each of the Kindergarten Classrooms.

Jr. Kindergarten Students get a peak at their new SMART Table ®!

Full view of a SMART Table ®!

Sr. Kindergarten students enjoy learning about vowels using one of the Smart Tables ®!

News & Notes:

HA DRIVER’S EDUCATION CLASS

Summer 2015

Form (available in High School Office) and $200 check payable to HA due by June 1

Dates: June 1 - June 5
Classroom Instruction begins at 9:00 a.m. each day
In addition, each student will be scheduled for behind the wheel driving time during June

Instructor Lee Davis
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- Important School Announcements -
To receive important schools emails, be sure to add this email address to your contact list.
Announcement@HeritagePatriots.com

Helpful Links for our Parents

UNIFORMS & ACCESSORIES - order school uniforms on-line (password: hapatriots) here.
IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS/FORMS/ETC. - click here to access and/or print important forms such as the Service Learning Form, sports schedules and much more!
PATRIOT CAFE’ - click here for the current menus.
"QUICK LINKS" TO OTHER HELPFUL SITES are available on our

CALENDAR INFORMATION:

HA Registration for 2015-2016 EXTENDED due to school/weather cancellations (HS Business Office)
Fri., Feb. 27 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
Mon., Mar. 2 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

March 5    District Teacher Meeting
Dismissal EL: 11:15; HS 11:30

March 5    HA Cheer Try Outs (Grades 7-12) for 2015-2016

March 5    Last Day in 3rd Nine Weeks
Mar 6-13    Spring Holidays
Mar 20     HA Dance Team Try Outs (Grades 7-12) for 2015-2016

March 21   Senior Social Club Presentation
Mar 23-27   EL Achievement Tests (K-6th)
April 3     Good Friday Holiday
April 6     Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL DUE TO REACHING OUR TUITION & TRIP RAFFLE GOAL!)
April 18    ACT at Heritage
April 25    Junior-Senior Prom
May 7-11    Senior Exams
May 11     Spring Sports Award Ceremony, 6:00
May 13     High School Awards Day 1:00 p.m.
May 14     Baccalaureate
May 14     Senior Class Day
May 15     Kindergarten End of Year Programs
May 15     6th Grade Graduation, 1:00 p.m.
May 15     HA Class of 2015 Graduation, 7:00
RESERVE YOUR COPY OF THE
HA 2014-2015 YEARBOOK!
Cost: $90 by March 16th Deadline
after March 16th the yearbooks will be $100
(Forms are available in either school office.)

PTA DIRECTORIES
The 2014-2015 HA student directories have been
distributed to families who pre-ordered them. There is a
limited supply of extra directories and copies may be
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ECOLAB MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO ROBOTICS -
Mr. Wayne Denmark, 2nd from right, presents a check for $10,000 to
HA Headmaster Dr. Greg Carlyle to pay for the team’s registration at
the upcoming FIRST Robotics competition and to help pay for their
materials. Pictured (l-r) are: Mr. James Tracy, Robotics Sponsor,
Riecher Denmark (Robotics team leader), Dr. Carlyle, Wayne
Denmark, and Mr. Ken Patrick, Ecolab.

Mr. Denmark and Mr. Patrick were also two of the team’s mentors.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY SERIES CONTINUES
Our High School Assembly & Chapel Series continued with a program
held recently for our 7th - 12th grade students on the serious topic of
Suicide.

HA High School Librarian Tracy Britt shared personal experiences of
how her family and close friends have been effected by suicide. Also,
Janice McGee, Crisis Counselor with Columbus Community
Counseling, talked to our students about what to do if they or their
friends are thinking about suicide. Students were encouraged to talk to a
trusted adult at home, school or church.

High School Guidance Counselor Amanda Shelton coordinates the
Assemblies.
MSU BASEBALL PLAYER SHARES FAITH WITH HA STUDENTS

Ben Bracewell played baseball at Miss. State until he graduated this past spring. His baseball career has led him from Starkville to the 2014 World Series in Omaha and on to the Oakland A’s organization. Last week he stopped to share his testimony with our students in 7th - 12th grades. Ben began by telling students that while everything was going well for him, he didn’t realize he needed God in his life. It was when injuries occurred again and again that he found that he did need God.

Our High School Assembly & Chapel programs will continue throughout the spring.

Wang’s Art Work Recognized

Congratulations to HA Senior Berry Wang for her recognition as the Mississippi Museum of Art Scholastic Art Award - SILVER KEY winner!

Berry is one of three students attending Heritage as part of our international student program.

Middle School Quiz Bowl

The 7th & 8th grade students pictured above participated in a middle school science quiz bowl held recently at MSMS. They were accompanied by teachers Mrs. Katherine Cunningham and Mrs. Sheri Robertson.

Science Fair

Our 8th and 10th grade students presented their science fair projects for judging. The science fair was postponed until today due to 2 days of snow. Winners will be announced on the school web site at www.HeritagePatriots.com.

Top Notch Spellers Compete in Spelling Bees

Winners of HA’s grade level spelling bees recently competed in the Lowndes County Spelling Bee where they did a super job of representing our school!

Pictured (l-r) are: Drew Knittig (5th grade); Jackson DiCicco (8th grade); Abby Amos (7th grade); Anna Studdard (6th grade); and Sid Stegall (4th grade); Spelling Bee Sponsor is 4th grade teacher Mrs. Katie
Dofelmier.

The students are now preparing for the MAIS Spelling Bee to be held on March 31st.

**High School Sports**

**Sesser Signs to Play Volleyball**

**at Millsaps**

HA Senior Harli Sesser signs a letter of intent to play volleyball at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS. Teammates, classmates, friends and family were there to share the special moment with her. Congrats, Harli!

**Bailey & Whittle Named**

**MAIS Soccer All-Stars**

Congratulations to HA Seniors Spencer Bailey and Cam Whittle who have been selected to play in the MAIS All-Star Game to be held on Thursday, March 5th at Madison-Ridgeland Academy. We are proud of you!

**Chain Sets New State Swim Record!**

**Beats Record Held by Mentor**

At the MSI Short Course Championships in Tupelo, Ladd Chain broke the 17-19 Boys state record in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 46:10. The old record was held by the late Shockwave and University of Alabama swimmer John Servati with a time of 46:49. This was a special moment for Ladd as John was a good friend and mentor who guided him in past years. (John was tragically killed in a Tuscaloosa tornado on April 27, 2014. He was a wonderful person and great leader. It was extra special for Ladd to have Mrs. Servati as one of the timers in lane four that recorded the state mark.) Coach Lucas Smith met Ladd at the block after the race in congratulations and to hug both Ladd and Mrs. Servati. The meet stopped briefly as this occurred. (Lucas coached John for many years as an age group swimmer.) Ladd also won the high point award in the 17-19 boys by winning all 7 events he swam!

**CPR Training**

CPR training for HA's Crisis Management first aid team was held recently. Our Administration is currently updating HA's Emergency Operations Procedure.

**ELEMENTARY NEWS - ELEMENTARY NEWS - ELEMENTARY NEWS**

Sara Kate Thompson wins 1st Place in the

**HA Elementary School Geography Bee**

Heritage Academy 6th Grade Student Sara Kate Thompson recently won 1st place in the Heritage Elementary School Geographic Bee. She was one of ten students
from the classroom geography bee who earned a spot on stage. These school level finalists competed in front of an audience of 4th - 6th grade students, parents and school administrators. The school bee is a preliminary event to the National Geographic Bee and Sara Kate will advance to the next level of competition, a written examination.

Deb Waz from the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson, MS spoke to our 6th grade classes about wildlife in Mississippi.

4th grade Egg Drop Project - Students in 4th grade science classes were assigned to develop a container that would safely cushion an egg as it was dropped from the top of the football stadium. The project was part of their unit on “Energy”.

Our 3rd Grade students learned about conservation and about arbor day from Smoky the Bear and Mr. David Hester. Each student received a pine sapling to take home to plant!

We appreciate Mr. Hester and other guest speakers who make the time to help educate our students on important topics.

3rd Grade Learns About Arbor Day

Mrs. Belinda Spann’s 5th grade science students recently presented individual science projects to their class.

When our 3rd grade classes came to the story “Suki’s Kimono” in their reading book, classmate Ai Setoyanagi modeled her own kimono and she also brought a flag like the one in the story to show the class!

Plickers Used to Check Math Skills

Mrs. Pam Pugh's 3rd Grade class recently utilized “Plickers” during a Math lesson. Mrs. Janet Lewis (above), HA's Director of Instructional Technology, demonstrated how it works. Plickers is a new student response system that allows teachers to ask questions and to scan student answer cards to receive instant feedback on their answers. This also gives the teacher information on the students' level of understanding of the key concepts & skills.

2nd Grade Learns about Japanese Culture

Our 2nd grade classes enjoyed an informative (and fun!) lesson about Japanese culture! Chicko Iwata, MSU's Japan Outreach
Coordinator introduced the students to various aspects of life in Japan. The children especially enjoyed learning about the kimonos and getting to make origami hats in two different sizes. Naoko Yamamoto (Junn's Mother) assisted Iwata in showing the students how to make the origami designs and in trying on the Japanese attire.

Mrs. Cherell Beckett's Class

Mrs. Karen Bower's Class

First Grade Classes Learn about Mardi Gras

Students in our 1st grade classes thoroughly enjoyed listening to the book "Mimi's First Mardi Gras" shared with them by Garrett's grandmother, Mrs. Willie Bell! Mrs. Willie was dressed in character and brought the children Mardi Gras treats and a King Cake, too! A pre-school director for many years, Mrs. Willie has read many books to many children over the years!

W is for Wacky Wednesday!! On a recent Wednesday, our Junior Kindergarten students listened to the Dr. Seuss book Wacky Wednesday. "It all began with the shoe on the wall ...the shoe on the wall shouldn't be there at all!" Then the class had tons of fun looking for wacky things in their room!

JrK Teacher Mrs. Kelly McKellar uses one of the five new microwaves to heat Reese's lunch. The microwaves were purchased with money from a recent elementary “jean” day.

P E A N U T    B U T T E R   A L L E R G Y   A L E R T

We have elementary students with severe peanut butter allergies. As you plan for snack and lunch items, kindly avoid sending items to school containing peanut butter and/or peanut butter oil. Thanks for your help in safeguarding our precious children!

Support HA! Easy Ways to Help our School!

2015 Tuition & Trips Raffle Winners!

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Tuition & Trips Raffle! We surpassed our $35,000 goal with a total of $40,925!! Easter Monday, April 6, will be a school holiday!

Prize: 2015-2016 Tuition for One Student
Winner: Diane Earwood
Prize: 3 Night Vacation at Smith Lake
Winner: Madelynn Sasser
Prize: Weekend in Oxford
Winner: Preston Ezell
Prize: One Night at the Alluvian & Giardina's

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We have raised $40,010 towards our goal of $50,000! We need your support. Please join the members of our faculty, staff, board of directors, parents, grandparents, and alumni who have already made a donation! If every HA family would make a $100 donation, we could quickly add over $35,000 to our earnings. As donations are made, improvements at our elementary and high school are being made. Please consider making a tax deductible donation today!

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