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# Thomas Hart Academy

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*THA Family Newsletter*

# The Hive

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## Headmaster's Corner

Even though it is only February and even though it is easy at a school to focus only on the present, a great deal of thought is being given to the future. We have three faculty vacancies to fill—two retirements and one announced departure. Mrs. Linda Edwards and Mrs. Linda Ann Moore are hanging up their apples after many years of teaching and Mr. Lee Waldron is moving on to other opportunities. After a year's leave of absence, Mrs. Kerri Pennington is returning to teach middle school literature and creative writing. If you know of a suitable candidate for our vacancies please give the name and phone number to me or ask the person to send a resume to me. Also, we are close to finalizing the calendar for next year and will present it to the Board at the February meeting.

Our fourth through eighth grade students are gearing up for a new event at Thomas Hart—an invention fair. It was necessary to modify our normal process due to a scheduling conflict with the SCISA schedule and we thought the invention fair would be a good substitute. We have been interested for sometime in exploring this concept. Since it was a change and something new, we decide to make it a requirement and an opportunity for all students in fifth grades and above. Change is not always easy and we are addressing questions and concerns as they arise. In the next several weeks, we plan to host a panel discussion with several Sonoco employees to discuss the process of creative thinking and brainstorming. We believe this is a wonderful opportunity for our students to think “outside the box.” If you have questions, Mr. Lee Waldron will be happy to answer them.

Speaking of something new, we are trying a new format for a Valentine's Day Dance. This will involve the entire student body and it should prove interesting. We are asking our children to dress up for the entire day! More information should be contained in Monday folders!

A reminder: THA will be closed on Friday, February 15th for a teacher workday. After-school care will be open.

John Horlbeck  
Headmaster

## *Compliment Corner*

To the teachers and parents who accompany students on field trips!  
Thank you!

## **THA Upcoming Events**

February 12-PTO meeting 6:30  
Supper at 6 pm  
February 13-SCISA Literary Meet  
February 14-William Daniel's 7th birthday  
Valentine's Day Dance 1-2;30  
February 15-NO SCHOOL  
February 20-SCISA State Spelling Bee  
February 22-Basketball Blow-Out-4pm  
February 28-Assembly-9:40 am  
Wonderland Circus-1:30 pm

## **Auction Updates**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 7!**

The Auction Committee is meeting weekly planning another great event for March 7! Some great Luau- themed food and decorations are in the works!

Donations are still being accepted. Please invite friends and those who are interested in Thomas Hart. Individual tickets are \$25 and a table of 8 is \$175.

We are gathering some great auction items, but you have to come to see them or win them!

All classes are making artistic creations to be auctioned off also. Last year's class items were quite a hit and some went for "big money!"

All donations and reservations are needed by **February 27th.**

If you have any questions about making donations, please contact Barbara Lee (857-9310) or Jonellyn Dittenhauser (383-4964).

## **Happy Birthday to You**



February 11	Jordan Bramlett
February 11	Eliza Fort
February 13	Julia Crabtree
February 14	William Daniel
February 17	Ashley Stokes
February 19	Anna Crickman
February 19	Jacob Caldwell
February 19	Jay Kelley
February 22	Hayden Snyder
February 24	David Williams
February 25	Alex Easterling
Staff:	
February 18	Chure Galloway
February 20	Anitra Caldwell

## **Library News**

What a busy place the library has been since Christmas! All of the students in Grades 2-8 have retaken the STAR test to receive their new and improved reading levels. Those who have practiced reading during the first semester are excited to be reading at a higher level.

The first graders have now taken their first STAR test and are enthusiastic about beginning the AR program. What a big step to reading "blue dot" books!

We are proud of the many students who have joined the AR Hall of Fame. We have lots of new Students who have qualified: Aarushi Pendharkar, Erin Kelley, Krista Eubanks, Drew Easterling, Brandon Munoz, Gillian Munoz, and Mina Perez. Congratulations to you all! Look for their photos on the wall in the library.

Looking for a good suggestion for your Valentine's gift? How about a good book?

Happy reading!

Mrs. Crouch

## **Celebrate Spirit Week!**

**Tuesday-Heart Day (wear clothes that have hearts on them-cover yourself with hearts)**

**Wednesday-Pajama Day**

**Thursday-Formal Dance**

**Wear NICE clothes!!!!**

## **Staff Features**

**Mrs. Chure Galloway-4K teacher-birthday Feb. 18th**

**Mrs. Anitra Caldwell-4th-8th grade math teacher birthday Feb. 20th**

These two teachers have an abundance of energy and talents which they give to their students and to THA. "Miss Chure" has worked as a teacher's aide in 1st and 2nd grades and is now in her second year of teaching 4K at THA. Her 4 year olds love her and we do too!

Mrs. Caldwell is in her 6th year of teaching at THA. She says she loves preparing children for the "fun" world of high school math! She was captain of her soccer team in college, a skill which she passes on to the fall soccer team which both her boys play on!

Thank you, Miss Chure and Mrs. Caldwell for cheering us on from kindergarten through middle school! We very much appreciate you!