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Thomas Hart Academy

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Headmaster's Corner

A special thank you to the PTO and all the Halloween Carnival volunteers! It is always a great deal of work for those who give their time and talent. This year was a great success despite the copious amounts of rain prior to the carnival, as well as, on carnival day.

While moving into a new month, let me remind you of the PTO meeting on November 13 and Grandparents' Day on November 16 from 11 am to 1 pm.

Compliment Corner

- *To PTO and the carnival organizers for doing a fantastic job.*

3rd Grade Happenings

We had to do 100 math problems. We are doing times tables in math. We're studying bones in Science. We are learning French.

By Christopher Moore

Welcome to See What 3rd Grade Does.

We read stories sometimes we do A.R. In 3rd grade we go to the science lab. It is a fun thing to do. We made volcanoes. We do other subjects. My 3rd grade happenings.

By Alex Easterling

THA Fun

Friday night at THA was a blast. Everyone had fun. We did tons of games and we all had fun! I even got to work a booth! I love THA!!!!

By Burland Young

In the third grade right now we are working on our Halloween poems. We have been working on skip counting, measuring in inches and centimeters. Most of the time we will do our Math Board which has a calendar, the morning temperature, the time, money including pennies, dimes nickels and quarters. Since it's close to Halloween we had booths for each grade. I had to run ours and so did everybody else. It was fun!

By Kinsey Evans

3K, 4K and 5K News

Pumpkin time-Yippee!!

Before carving our pumpkin, we estimated the circumference using yarn. The children were hands on when it came to gutting the pumpkin, but could not wait to wash their hands of the pumpkin "goo."

Each class guessed how many seeds were in the pumpkin before carving too. The grand total was 416. Jeremy B. in 5K was the closest with a guess-timate of 400.

3K enjoyed dabbing their feet in white paint to create adorable "ghost footsies." 4K and 5K worked diligently on pumpkin placemats using torn pieces of construction paper.

Our witches brew taught us to sort and graph. Some tasty ingredients included mummy wraps (rice chex cereal) and bones (gummy one!)

5K headed to McCleod Farms for their annual pumpkin farm trip. Each child picked their own pumpkin to bring home.

Library News

Where in the world is our librarian? (Sung to the tune of Carmen Sandiego)

Some of you might have noticed that Mrs. Crouch was "missing in action" a few days last week. Where was she? Well, would you believe she was in Reno? The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) held its 13th annual National Conference in Reno, NV during Oct 24-28. With more than 3800 attendees, the conference featured several school and educational tours, more than 100 educational sessions, author events and more than 200 exhibiting companies. Best selling author Dan Pink served as the keynote speaker and the focus of his presentation stated, "We need to prepare our children for THEIR future... not OUR past!" Mrs. Crouch especially enjoyed the dinner banquet featuring Wendelin Van Draanen, author of the "Sammy Keyes Mysteries."

Where were YOU on October 17th? Members of the AR Hall of Fame were gathering in the cafeteria to enjoy "Make your own ice cream sundae". As a result of joining the Hall of Fame, members are treated to special events at the end of each quarter. Plans for the next party will probably include hot gooey cookies! Keep up the good work of reading and taking AR quizzes!

We're having a Book Fair Blizzard! The Scholastic book fair will open in our library on the evening of November 13 prior to the PTO meeting. Make plans now to come chill out with a good book!

Wish Lists

This issue features "wishes" from Mrs. Crouch. Let's help Mrs. Crouch help our library!

- Paper cutter
- Parent volunteer to supervise the serving table at "Muffins for Mom's" and "Doughnuts for Dads" during bookfair week (7:15-8:00 a.m)
- Parent Volunteer to help during book-fair
- Donations for purchasing AR quizzes
- Donations for purchasing books

Carnival Wrap-Up

The Halloween Carnival was a great success and lots of fun! We raised a record of over \$6600 and had a record number in attendance. The Halloween Committee would like to offer special thanks to the following:

- The 3K, 4K and 5K for all of their beautiful cafeteria decorations
- All students, parents and teachers who participated, attended, assisted and made donations
- All family and friends of students, parents, teachers and THA who participated, attended and assisted
- Murray Norwood for the great chicken bog!
- Piggly Wiggly
- IGA
- Bi-Lo
- Chick-fil-A
- FunDayGo
- Cold Stone Creamery
- Brusters Real Ice Cream
- Sparrow & Kennedy Tractor Company
- Wendy's Pamper Place
- McDonald's
- LuLu's Merle Norman
- Burry's Book Store and
- Everyone else whom we may have forgotten but who contributed time, money and/or support to our 10th Annual Carnival. You are appreciated! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!
- A special note from the Co-Presidents of the PTO-thank you to the Halloween Carnival Committee for all of your patience, support and other contributions that helped make this one of the best THA Carnivals ever!!

PTO Meeting

Be sure to attend our next PTO meeting on
Tuesday, November 13.

Pizza supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

1st and 2nd graders will be our featured classes
during the meeting.

Upcoming PTO Events

Grandparents Day

Time is approaching for a great Thomas Hart tradition...Grandparents Day! Call now to invite your grandparents to join your child for lunch on Friday, November 16. We will be serving Yogi Bear chicken, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, gravy and dessert. Included in your meal is the opportunity to have your picture taken with your whole group. There are always fun door prizes for the grandparents to win and a short program by younger Thomas Hart students. Sign up sheets have already gone home but if you've misplaced yours they are available in the office. Lunch is \$6 per person. Students who don't have family coming will attend the program with their classes. They may bring a lunch order or using the grandparents day form. We look forward to seeing you there!

Help is also needed for Grandparents' Day on Friday, November 16th.

Call the school office if you can help any that week or that day.

Wednesday Work Day is cancelled for the month of November. We will pick up with our "Work and Lunch" days in December.

FCA News

Please join the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of THA as we participate in the giving of gift-filled shoe boxes to children in over 100 countries. Last year more than 7.6 million hurting children experienced the joy of Christmas as Samaritan's Purse distributed these shoe boxes. More are needed this year. We will be collecting these boxes until Nov. 12. See Mrs. Sanderson for more instructions and bring filled boxes to her classroom.



Staff Features

Mrs. Mary Skinner
5K Assistant

Birthday: **November 9**

“Miss Mary” is an essential part of Mrs. Moore’s bustling 5K class this year! She has worked at THA for 6 years. She writes that she loves the children and teachers and that THA has the best parents and grandparents! Her hobbies include dancing, reading and antique shopping. She has also worked as a substitute teacher and an after school care provider at THA.

Our kindergarten program is thriving this year thanks to dedicated teachers and nurturers like “Miss Mary.”

Thanks for all you do for our youngest students!

Calling All Cooks!

Last year Mrs. Jenner’s class put together a cookbook for the Spring Basket Raffle. We’d like to expand the cookbook and sell it for Christmas! Please send in your favorite recipes with your name to Mrs. Jenner at AEJenner@thomashart.org or Lyn Joyce at lynj@bellsouth.net to include in our recipe book. Don’t have e-mail? Just send a copy of your recipe to school and we’ll take care of the rest! Besides the normal recipe book entries, we are also looking for some great kid friendly recipes for birthday parties, holiday parties, class parties, etc. We’ll be having a competition to name the recipe book so put on those thinking caps! Look for more info next week!! If you’d like to help with this project, please contact Mrs. Jenner or Lyn Joyce!

Happy Birthday to You



November 5 Nathan Pignone
November 6 Kinsey Evans
November 17 Jenna Byrd

Staff:
November 9 Mary Skinner

THA Upcoming Events

November 6-Parent mtg for winter sports @ 3 p.m. in the library
November 8-Middle School Basketball practice begins
November 12-Interim Grades to Parents
November 13-Scholastic Book Fair begins
November 13-PTO meeting at 6:30 Supper at 6:00 p.m.
November 15-Junior Beta Club induction 9:30 a.m. in the library
November 16-Grandparents’ Day

Events to Anticipate!
Santa Claus is coming to THA!

Don’t forget!

We participate in all of these programs. They are an easy way for the school to earn money or free supplies. Please support THA!

