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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We answered your questions! Check out what the Guiding Dragons had to say!
- Guess Who? Can you guess the celebrity we are talking about based on the clues we give you?
- Ever wonder about what incredibly unique words there are in the English Language? We've got some crazy ones for you!

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# Dragon Chronicle

## HSA Hoover Activity Night

Last Friday, (2/11/11) our wonderful HSA held the fun-filled Hoover Activity Night. This event included jousting, bungee running, sumo wrestling, karaoke, dancing, and lots of fun with friends! Many memories were created and there is definitely something to look forward to for next year! Teachers, volunteers, and aides helped make this happen so I think they deserve a round of applause!



Beautiful! Almost as beautiful as the décor and smiles you saw throughout the night! Delicious cupcakes (woot!), soda, and pizza were served for just 50 cents each which allowed almost

## Tech Wars

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, students in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be competing in the ECC Tech Wars Competition. Challenges include: Home design, marshmallow launchers, soccer-bots, bridges and more. Those interviewed include Hoover's very own stars, technology teachers, Mr. Hillman and Mr. Moyer. They shared their thoughts on Tech Wars and on technology in general.

**Alexis Troutman:** "What is your favorite part of Tech Wars?"

**Mr. Moyer:** "Helping students achieve their goals, and seeing

everyone to refuel themselves after they've been all danced out. All your favorite tunes were played and sung (as seen in top right) in the cafeteria. Awards were given at the end of the dance to the best singer and the most... expressive dancers. Winners were Maddie Radwan for best singer and the most "expressive" awards went to Chase Moreland and Joey Zimmerman. It was a night to remember! Luckily, behavior was good so there aren't many doubts that we can enjoy more events like this one. So keep up the good behavior! See you next issue,

Sara Breene



Anna Quinlan and Maddie Radwan enjoying karaoke.



Above: Dominic Pennacchio and Brett Wilkinson participate in sumo wrestling.

Below: Bridgit Higgins and Sara Breene having a blast jousting!



their excitement in learning more about technology in the process."

**Mr. Hillman:** "Definitely the competition.... I can't get enough!"

**Troutman:** "Why did you become a technology teacher in the first place?"

**Moyer:** "My English teacher gave us a writing assignment on what we wanted to do when we grew up; I didn't know, but I really liked technology so, I wrote about it and here I am today."

**Hillman:** "My Technology teacher also inspired me."

**Troutman:** "Do you see Tech

Wars as a great opportunity for students?"

**Moyer:** "Yes, Absolutely! It's wonderful to see how many students enjoy tech and want to take it to a higher level."

**Hillman:** "Of course, I definitely think it is a wonderful opportunity. It puts students in real life situations and problem solving."

What do I think? Technology is fun and girls as well as guys should try to continue participating in high school. They have a fantastic program called DDP (Design & Drawing for Production) that I will be taking next year.

By: Alexis Troutman

# NFL Playoffs



The NFL playoffs started with a bang. The Seattle Seahawks upset the defending Super Bowl champions, the New Orleans Saints, in a first round victory. The wildcard New York Jets also defeated the second place Colts. The AFC wildcard Ravens defeated the division winning Kansas City Chiefs. The Green Bay Packers, who were also a wildcard team, beat the Philadelphia Eagles.

The second round started with the Ravens playing their division champions, the Pittsburgh

Steelers. The Steelers won the game with a touchdown pass to finish the comeback. The Chicago Bears played the Seahawks. Chicago easily crushed the 7-9 Seahawks. The division rivals Jets and Patriots game wasn't really a close game. The Jets beat the Patriots who were the number one AFC seed. The NFC number one seed, Falcons, fell to the wildcard team, The Packers, who then went on to play the Bears.

The third round was unsurprising. The Steelers beat the wildcard Jets. The

only odd thing that happened in this round was that the Packers beat the number two seed Bears.

The Super Bowl was played on Sunday, February 6th with the Steelers playing the Packers. An interesting fact about this Super Bowl is that the Steelers have won the most Super Bowls and the Packers won the first Super Bowl. The Packers defeated the Steelers with a score of 31-25. This was not surprising to me because I think that Aaron Rogers was the better of the two quarterbacks this year.

By: Jacob Brill

**“The Hoover  
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court!”**

## Hoover Middle Basketball

This past January, I went to a Hoover Middle School basketball game. It was exciting! The Hoover Dragons were hitting shots from all over the court. Since the team was unbeaten at the time, the crowd was really into it, making it more thrilling.

I previously did an interview with Coach Moyer. During our conversation, he said, “We need to work on our communication skills.”

During the game, I could hear them working on those skills, like the point guards yelling to their forwards and saying things like, “Mushroom,” and “Motion,” both of which are basketball terms. As a result, they won a nail-biter against North Park 35-32!

The highest scorer was EJ Lipford with 12 points, but I must say, the whole team played an awesome game.

Head Coach Moyer, is not

only the basketball and football coach at HMS, but also teaches Technology, which he has been doing for many years. As far as coaching, he has been here for three years.

In all, it was a great experience going to my first HMS basketball game. In my opinion, in that game, the Dragons played better than the New Jersey Nets, which is an NBA team! Great game guys!

By: Brock Kowalski

## The Buffalo Sabres

The Buffalo Sabres are officially bad this season. They stand at 10<sup>th</sup> in the conference. They are out of the playoffs by 2 points, standing at 57 points in 53 games. Thomas Vanek leads the team with a measly 48 points. Reigning Vezina trophy winner goalie, Ryan Miller, is not up to his usual status

either. Last year he led the NHL with a 2.22 GAA. This year, Miller is 26<sup>th</sup> in the league with a 2.68 GAA. Therefore, it makes people ask, “Is it the coach’s fault?”

Now we stand at a point in time where the Sabres are most likely going to be sold and it will be the new owner’s decision to keep or

fire Lindy Ruff. Current owner, Tom Golisano has reigned from 2003-2011 and now is handing over the reigns to Terry Pegula. Terry Pegula is a billionaire from Pennsylvania who is a Sabres fan. The sale is scheduled to be final on February 22nd. Hopefully, Pegula will bring change to the Sabres that will help the team.

By: Colin Lynch



# CMT Top 40 Country Songs of the Decade



CMT (Country Music Television) released its top 40 songs of the decade in early November. People featured in the top ten of the 40 included Alan Jackson (seen above, who topped the charts), Johnny Cash, Brad Paisley & Alison Kraus, Carrie Underwood, Toby Keith, Kenny Chesney, Lady Antebellum,

Tim McGraw, Taylor Swift, and Lee Ann Womack. Of course people have their opinions and these choices have created some controversy among country music fans.

Some people in the forums online say that Carrie Underwood and Taylor Swift didn't deserve to be in the top 40. They say that George Strait, Josh Turner, Martina McBride, and plenty say that Diamond Rio's song, "One More Day," should have been on the list as well. They have also said that Keith Urban, Brooks & Dunn, and Shania Twain should have been higher up on the list.

My Opinion? CMT made this list and they're in that order for a reason! But I do agree that more of the people who have been working in country music should have been recognized. However, Taylor Swift and Carrie Underwood have worked their way up by winning Grammy's, People's Choice Awards and such. Taylor Swift also won the CMA Entertainer of the Year and was the youngest person to receive the honor. Carrie Underwood was chosen by fans on American idol and has been going strong ever since!

By: Rebekah Dunn

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## House of Anubis

House of Anubis is a new adventure show on Nickelodeon. The show follows a group of eight teenagers living in the Anubis house. Nina is the American girl who mysteriously takes Joy's place. Joy was the highly popular girl that mysteriously disappeared. Patricia, Joy's best friend accuses Nina of the disappearance.

Later in the TV series, Nina meets Sarah, a senior citizen who gives her a necklace with the eye of the Horus. The necklace opens to reveal many trap doors and

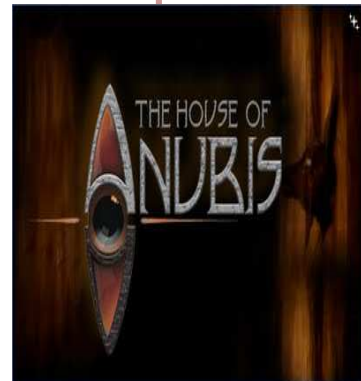
secret messages. Nina is not on this adventure by herself, she is with Fabian, Amber, and Patricia. Sarah tells Nina to not show the necklace to anyone, but Nina shows it to all of them. That's why they form the club, Sibuna.

The four teens search for the hidden treasure and the mystery behind the house. They also find out about the disappearance of Joy. During their time searching, Patricia meets a man named Rufus. Rufus says that he can help Joy. Victor is the homeowner of

Anubis and Sarah says that he wants to tip the scales of life. Some other characters are Alfie, the boy who always lightens things up, Mara is the straight A student who loves Mick, Jerome is the boy who loves to stir up trouble and finally, Mick. Mick is the athlete of the house and he's going out with Mara.

This show is on Monday- Friday at 7 p.m. It's a very mysterious and adventurous TV show!

By: Paige Phillips



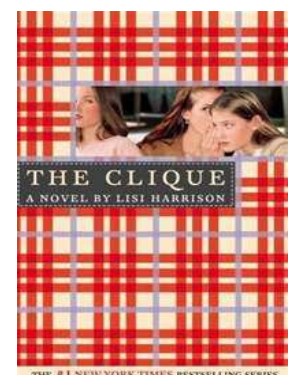
## The Clique

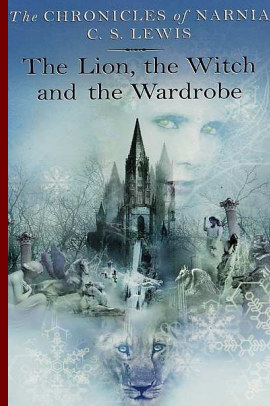
I read The Clique by Lisi Harrison, and I love it! The main characters are Massie Block and her friends Alicia Rivera, Dylan Marvil, and Kristen Gregory. Another main character is Claire Lyons who moves into Massie's guest house.

Massie dislikes Claire right away and tricks her friends into disliking Claire too. Massie has a huge crush on Chris Abely, Layne Abely's older brother. Massie dislikes Layne but decides to pretend to be her friend so her brother would like her more. Claire wants to get

back at Massie for all the mean stuff Massie did to her, and then tricks Massie's friends into disliking Massie. What happens next? You can find out if you check out The Clique, and you can, at our library right now!

By: Alyssa Weber





# The Chronicles of Narnia Science Exhibit

## Welcome to Narnia!

The Buffalo Science Museum is currently showing *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Exhibition*. This exhibit opened on January 24<sup>th</sup> and is ending on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

I went to this exhibit and started my adventure by going through the wardrobe. Inside the wardrobe were the coats from the movies. When you got through the wardrobe, it was like you entered Narnia! There was

the lamppost and a snow covered tree. The White Witch's throne was the next thing I saw. Sitting on it felt really cold, like you were sitting on snow!

Another fun thing was the catapult. You pull a line connected to the catapult and it would fire a boulder. Then, there was the sword lifting activity. They had two swords you could try to lift. They were very heavy, so it had to be hard for the actors to carry them around the movie set. They also had

characters from the movie like the centaurs. There were also real costumes from both of the *Narnia* movies.

I would highly recommend going to this exhibit. There were several different activities and so many things to see. This is a #1 experience and a lot of fun! Also, don't forget about the new movie in the series, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.

By: Cameron Markott

**"I really enjoy singing in front of an audience and the adrenaline I get on the stage."  
-Rebekah Dunn**

## Solo Night Interviews

The 2011 Solo Night is on February 17th at 7:00pm in the Hoover Middle School auditorium. It is a night in which multiple different seventh and eighth graders will be singing solos, duets, and trios. All participants have been working very hard. They practice one or two days a week with Mrs. Welfare and basically everyday on their own!

With all this rehearsing, you have to assume these particular students love to sing. One participant, Rebecca Dunn, said that she signed up because, "I really enjoy

singing in front of an audience and the adrenaline I get on the stage." A lot of students involved are very nervous. Rebecca said, "I'm nervous because this is my first time singing a solo."

Maddie Radwan disagrees. When asked if she was nervous, she simply shrugged and said, "Nope. I know once I get started it will feel as if there is nobody in the audience." Alexis Troutman agrees saying, "I'm nervous now, but I won't be once I start singing."

All three of these students are

involved in the other music activities offered at our school, so they know what makes a good singer. Their collective response when asked what makes a good singer was that it takes hard work, talent, focus, a passion for singing, and determination. Wow! This year's Solo Night sounds like a really fun event! Good luck to all involved!

By: Whitney Spencer

## Hoover Middle Hockey Survey By: Matthew Sternin

1). Who do you want to get into the NHL Playoffs?

- Sabres 62%
- Capitals 9%
- Canadiens 2%
- Penguins 16%
- Red Wings 9%
- Canucks 2%

2). Who do you think is the best player on the Buffalo Sabres?

- Ryan Miller 45%
- Derek Roy 13%
- Tim Connolly 4%
- Jason Pominville 23%
- Patrick Kaleta 11%
- Mike Grier 4%

3). Do you think the Buffalo Sabres are a good team?

- Yes 69%
- No 31%



Ryan Miller

# STRANGE WORDS

By: Jonathan Duchene

Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia: The fear of long words.



Snollygoster: A shrewd, unprincipled person, especially a politician.

Zenzizenzencic: The 8<sup>th</sup> power of a number.

Kerfuffle: A commotion or fuss.

Tyrotoxicism: To be poisoned by cheese.

Dactylonomy: The art of counting on the fingers.

Floccinaucinihilipilification: Estimation that something is

## You're #1 In 2011!

By: Cameron Markott

Here's what to do to play this number game:

Take the last two numbers in the year you were born and add it to the age you will be in 2011. The answer will be the same for everyone, 1-1-1! (Ex. Born in 1995 and turning 16 this year, add 95 plus 16= 111!!!)



We're on the Web-  
Go to the Hoover Middle  
Homepage and click on the  
Dragon Chronicle Tab!



## Advice Column



## GUESS WHO



Dear Guiding Dragons,

I really liked this guy, but then he turned out to be a total jerk. But I still like him! People tell me I am too young. Help!

From,

Crushed by a crush

Dear Crushed by a crush,

We've been in the same situation before... We know it's hard but try to get over him and find a new crush. Just remember, you are still young and there are plenty of guys out there. ;)

Sincerely,

Guiding Dragons

Dear ADVICE,

I need help! My parents are not getting along too well, and they are taking it out on me. What do I do?

From,

Yelled at for nothing

Dear Yelled at for nothing,

You should talk to your parents and have a heart to heart conversation and tell them how you feel about it. They might not realize what they are doing.

Sincerely,

Guiding Dragons

★ I was born on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1986 in London, England.

★ I was in the Harry Potter movies.

★ My trade mark is messy hair.

★ I have two older sisters.

★ I was named Rolling Stone Magazine's hottest actor of 2008.

★ I started modeling when I was 12 years old.

Please submit your answers to the box outside room 243.

By: Taylor Sinclair