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Special points of interest:

- Check out the “What Would You Rather Do?” survey results!
- Summer time Hidden Pictures!
- See you in the fall Hoover! Have a great summer!

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TECH WARS



Lexi Troutman at Tech Wars!



On Thursday May 19th, 2011, 7th through 12th graders competed in ECC’s annual Tech Wars. It was a fun, competitive, overall amazing experience. The competition was fierce!

Our very own Hooverees took home most of the top awards! Wahoo! In the Mousetrap car competition the team of 8th grader Kaylin Burke and 7th graders Jacinda McGilveary and Emily Laufer finished in 4th with a total distance of 185 feet.

There was a very intense Soccer-bot competition if I do say so myself! We took home top awards. A team of 8th graders Don Beasley (beasers), Doug Hahn, David Territo, and John Miranda came in 6th place. A second team of 8th graders Kyle Hawk and Justin Moser took home 5th with their bot “The

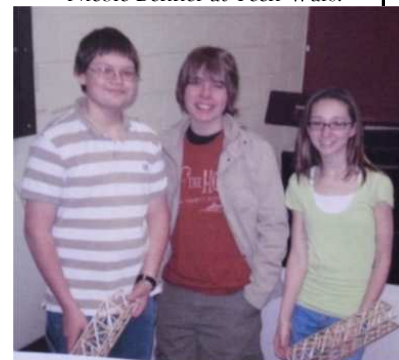
Tank”. 7th graders Tim Scott and Julian Drake placed 4th. 8th graders Shannon Munley and Sara Taylor received 3rd place. Finally, the 8th grade team of John Boughton, Terry Cook, Ryan Karaszewski and Max Kalnitz came in 2nd place.

There are architects among us! In the Habitat for Humanity competition we swept all prizes of the board! 7th grader Erin Lexner placed 6th. An 8th grade design team of Jenna Patterson, Jesse Warren and Erin Kiehl took 5th. I, Lexi Troutman, took 4th. 7th grader Jon Duchene placed 3rd. Sara Taylor took a second prize home placing 2nd. Last, but certainly not least, Taking home the big one was the 8th grade team of Chrissy Hickey and Mel Stogsdill in 1st.

Great work Hoover techies! I congratulate you on all your hard work. I give a special thank you to Mr. Hillman and Mr. Moyer. Thank you for helping us with our projects, giving us your time and attention, but most importantly, being awesome teachers of course! Again, wonderful job Hoover.

By: Lexi Troutman

Alex Schultz, Mark Begovich, and Nicole Benner at Tech Wars!



Hoover Choral Concert- May 19th and May 27th

Bonjour, my fine readers. Today is the magnificent day you lucky people get to read about the previous choral concert that our wonderful choral groups presented to us. The groups performing were the 6th grade chorus, 7th and 8th grade chorus, and select choir (with their spiffy new

shirts!)

Selections included Queen’s ‘Somebody to Love’, a variety of songs by ABBA, and Celtic songs by the 6th grade chorus. The 7th and 8th grade chorus also preformed Jason Mraz’s ‘I’m Yours’, ‘Let it Be’, and much more! Also, an extremely special song was dedicated

to Mrs. Christie. She will be leaving for retirement this year (WE’LL MISS YOU!!!). Soloists in the eighth grade also preformed. In conclusion, it was a fun night and morning and I hope you all enjoyed the show!

Peace, Love, and Pasta!

-Sara Breene



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Nick Fairly in the 2011 NFL Draft

NFL DRAFT 2011

The 2011 NFL Draft is over. The draft had many surprises with the most surprising pick being Nick Fairly, who was the 13th pick overall, after he was possibly going to be the number one pick. We

thought the Bills had the best draft out of all the other teams (and no, not because they are the hometown team) and the Tennessee Titans had the worst draft in all. These are our grades

based on the picks from each team from round 1 to 7 (the best possible grade is an A+ and the worst is an F-). Please enjoy!

By: Jacob Brill & Colin Lynch

NFL Draft		
Colin Lynch		Jacob Brill
B	Carolina Panthers	B+
B-	Denver Broncos	B-
A	Buffalo Bills	A
B	Cincinnati Bengals	B+
C+	Arizona Cardinals	B-
B+	Atlanta Falcons	A-
B-	San Francisco 49ers	C+
C-	Tennessee Titans	C-
B-	Dallas Cowboys	B
B	Jacksonville Jaguars	A-
B-	Houston Texans	B
B+	Minnesota Vikings	B-
A-	Detroit Lions	B+
B-	St. Louis Rams	B
B+	Miami Dolphins	B-
B	Washington Redskins	B-
B-	New England Patriots	B+
B-	San Diego Chargers	B+
A-	NY Giants	A-
B	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	B
C+	Cleveland Browns	B+
B-	Indianapolis Colts	B
B-	Philadelphia Eagles	B
B	New Orleans Saints	B
B-	Seattle Seahawks	B+
B+	Kansas City Chiefs	B-
B+	Baltimore Ravens	B+
B	Chicago Bears	C+
B	NY Jets	B+
B-	Pittsburgh Steelers	B
B	Green Bay Packers	B-

Interview with Mr. Strauss

1. Is it true that Mrs. Cercone taught you in your schooling? If so, what did you think of her as a teacher?

Yes this is true. She taught me in 11th grade history and 12th grade psychology. She was an excellent teacher who did things that made learning fun like debates and fun activities.

2. Have you read my articles for the newspaper, and do you like them?

I have read all news articles and I like all of them unless they were about the Yankees!

3. What do you think about Terry Pegula and Ted Black as owners of the Sabres?

Ever since they took over, the atmosphere in Buffalo has been amazing. I can't wait until the offseason.

4. What do you like about teaching on team 6-1 the most?

My favorite part of teaching on 6-1 is the wonderful teachers I get to work with and our great group of students.

5. Name the rooms you have taught in and the teachers you have worked with.

I taught ELA on team 6-2 one year. I taught ELA with Mrs. Freda on team 6-

1. I taught science with Mrs. Ventrice on 6-1, S.S. with Miss Falkowski, Reading with Mr. Pray, Reading with Mrs. Freda, Reading with Mrs. DePasquale, and a retired teacher name Mrs. Jack.

7. What is your current favorite player on the Oakland A's?

My favorite pitcher is Trevor Chahill and my favorite batter is Coco Crisp.

8. What do your parents do for a living?

Mom is a waitress at Squire's in the Town of Tonawanda and my dad is the Quality service manager of Sigma Pumps in Medina.

9. What were your favorite subjects when you were in middle school?

In middle school my favorite subjects were English and Technology.

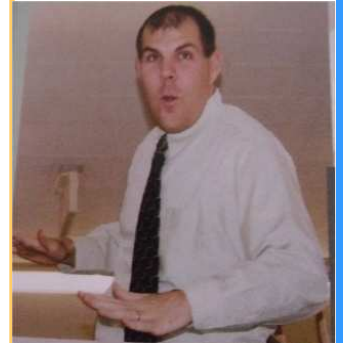
10. What do you think about Brock (me) and your homeroom this year?

This year is one of the best homerooms I have ever had, and Brock is cream of the crop!

11. What is your favorite book to read and why do you like it?

My favorite book is The Giver. It is a book that keeps you guessing and really makes you think.

By: Brock Kowalski



This issue is dedicated to Mr. Strauss!

“Ever since they took over, the atmosphere in Buffalo has been amazing!”

-Mr. Strauss’ thoughts on Terry Pegula and Ted Black taking over as owners of the Sabres.

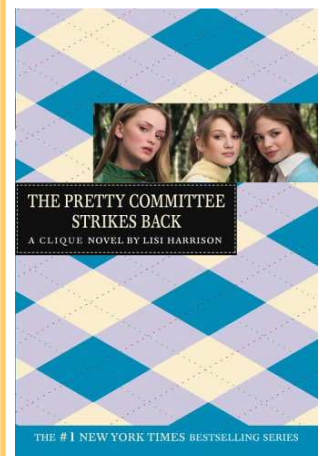
The Pretty Committee Strikes Back– Clique

This is the fifth book of the clique series. In this book, the girls are off to lake Placid. The Briarwood boys are staying a few cabins away and the MUCK girls might have to put their money where their well-glossed mouths are. Just as things are going good for Claire, Cam starts ignoring her because she got caught

kissing Josh Hotz at the end of “Invasions of the Boy Snatchers”. Massie finally has to kiss Derrick Herrington (a.k.a Derrington) and it ends up in a very different way than any one could have expected. Meanwhile Kristen gets stuck staying back in Westchester with nothing to do but plan her escape. When the girls

walk in on Mr. Myner and Dylan’s famous mother, the girls, including Kristen get in to a lot of trouble for having been running into the woods. After finally finding their way out of the woods their fate at OCD just might take a turn for the worse. In this book things will turn out with a major BANG!!!!

By: Paige Phillips





History of Chocolate

Chocolate is a very delicious sweet, but it is very different from maple syrup, bubble gum and caramel. There are many different kinds of chocolate such as milk chocolate, dark chocolate, orange chocolate, and many more. The foundation of the word chocolate is thought to be from the word "xocoatl" which means a bitter drink brewed out of cacao beans. But it entered the English language

as a Spanish word.

The scrumptious chocolate we know today was an "American" invention. It was discovered 2,000 years ago, someplace in the tropical rainforest of Americas. The earliest people that were ever known to have made chocolate lived in Mexico and Central America. They include the Maya and the Aztecs. They mixed cacao seeds that they ground up with different

seasonings and made a foamy drink.

It was then brought back to Spain. It was there that new recipes were created with it and it spread all over Europe. Since that time, new technology was created and it changed the texture and how it tastes closer to what we know today. :-)

By: Christina Dang

"I love my job! I enjoy working with the best singers and watching them grow over their three years at Hoover."

-Mrs. Welfare

Interview with Mrs. Welfare

WHY DID YOU BECOME A MUSIC TEACHER?

"I studied piano since age 7 and my father was a 6th grade teacher. I always knew that I wanted to work with children like he did, so I chose to go to college to become a vocal music teacher."

DO YOU ENJOY YOUR JOB?

"I love my job! I enjoy working with the best singers and watching them grow over their three years at Hoover. One thing I don't enjoy, even though it is a part of helping a stu-

dent mature, is when one student is mean to another."

DO YOU ENJOY TEACHING MUSIC CLASSES OR TEACHING CHORUS?

"I enjoy all my student and am able to complete projects in general music class that I can't do with Chorus students."

IF YOU WERE NOT A MUSIC TEACHER ANYMORE, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING NOW?

"I would be an English teacher

because I love to write. Or, I would be a music therapist where music is used in a medical environment to help people get through illnesses."

WHAT WOULD THE BUDGET CUTS MEAN FOR OUR STUDENTS IN THE MUSIC DEPT?

"Luckily, the citizens of Ken-Ton think highly of the music program. Although we did have several teachers moved around, none of us lost our positions."

By: Cameron Markott

Thank You Dragon Chronicle Staff!

I would just like to express my gratitude to each and every one of the newspaper staff who contributed to every issue. What a fantastic year it has been and I look forward to working with you all again next year! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication

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Troutman, and Alyssa Weber.

Thank you also to our devoted readers. We can't wait to see you again next year! Have a great summer and see you in the fall!

Miss Campanella



WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER DO?

By: Jonathan Duchene

We came up with several questions for the students of Hoover to answer. They had to choose which of the two choices given would they rather do...

1). Would you rather watch soap operas for 48 hours straight or... be stuck in a soap opera?

Watch a Soap Opera- 46%

Stuck in a Soap Opera- 54%

2). Would you rather be stuck on the moon with no one else or... stuck on an alien planet?

Stuck on the Moon- 45%

Stuck on Alien Planet- 55%

3). Would you rather be stuck in an elevator for two days or... be locked in the school for four weeks?

Stuck in Elevator- 32%

Locked in School- 68%

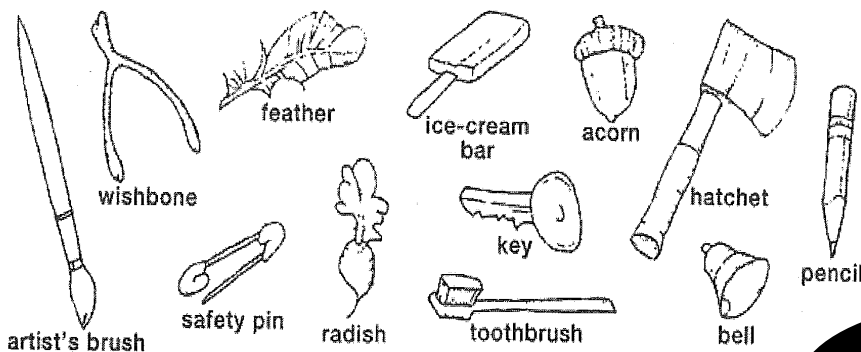
4). Would you rather eat McDonald's for the rest of your life or... spend your life as a vegan (meaning you would not eat anything that comes from an animal)?

Eat McDonald's- 32%

Life as a Vegan- 68%



Can you find these Hidden Pictures?



We're on the Web! Just go to the Hoover Middle Website and click on the Dragon Chronicle Tab!