

# Dragon Chronicle

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## Hoover Middle Geography Bee

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 31 contestants from sixth, seventh, and eighth grade competed in the National Geographic sponsored Geography Bee at Hoover Middle.

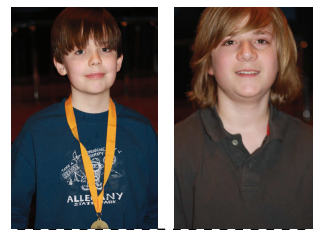
The Geography Bee is a single-elimination competition with questions ranging from geography of the United States and the world, to relationships between places. The format is very similar to a spelling bee.

The winner, Jimmy Dahlke, received a chance to qualify to win a \$25,000 college scholarship and \$500 cash at another bee out of state. Jimmy also received a National Geographic medal, as well as his name (along with the runner up, Terry Cook) engraved on a plaque that will remain in the school showcase for years to come!

The Geography Bee consisted of seven rounds. Round One: United States Geography. The contestants had two choices for each question and three were eliminated from this round. Round Two: United States Quarters. The back of a quarter was described and the contestants had two states to choose from. Four students were eliminated. Round

Three: Cities. A landmark was described and the contestants had two cities to choose from which eliminated six students. Round Four: Continents. The contestants had no choices, but the answer had to be one of the seven continents. This led to nine contestants being eliminated. Round Five: Physical Geography. Land was described, the contestants had a choice of two answers and one contestant was eliminated. Round Six: Fresh Water. A name of a body of water was given, the students had a choice of two countries and one more student was eliminated. Final Round: Cultural Geography. There were no choices in this round and the contestants had to name the correct country from which the culture came. Amazingly, six of the seven contestants were eliminated leaving Jimmy sitting alone as the winner!

This had never happened before in Geography Bee history at Hoover Middle and there had to be a tie breaker for runner up. They brought the last six contestants up to compete in the tie breaker round. In the end, Terry Cook took first place



Winner: Jimmy Dahlke  
Runner Up: Terry Cook



Judges:  
6th: Mr. Strauss/7th: Mrs. Halt  
8th: Mr. Sander/Emcee: Mr. Yemma

in the runner up competition.

The Geography Bee was a wonderful competition. In the words of Mr. Sander, and I quote, "Best Geography Bee EVER."

By: Alexis O. Troutman

## Hoover Middle Gives Back: Jammies For G.I.'s

Thank you Hoover Middle School for collecting items for Jammies for G.I.'s. It is a great charity to donate to. I think that it is great that we are donating to the U.S military Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. It is also great that Mrs. Cheryl Cepsch started this wonderful charity.

These soldiers are fighting for us, and possibly going to lose their lives. Here are some things

you can give to help these soldiers:

- New clothes: pajamas, shorts, t-shirts, sneakers, slippers, flip-flops and socks.
- Personal care items: toothbrushes and paste, shampoo, bath towels and wash cloths.
- Entertainment: CD's, DVD's, games, books, and magazines.
- Cash Donations

-Cards/Letters: write out a letter of support to thank soldiers for their service.

When you come into your homeroom class your teacher should have a box to collect the items.

Thank you again Hoover Middle and let's show what we can do to help!

By: Cameron Markott

## Buffalo Bills Blow the Season



C.J Spiller

Even for the Bills, this season was a bad one. At the end of the season they had only four wins. That is *almost* last in the whole NFL.

The Bills are bad, but they have a few key players. For instance, linebacker Arthur Moats is known to not let anybody cross where he is playing.

Another good player is Fred Jackson. This year he rushed for almost a thousand yards. Though, he is not as good as last year, he is the

best running back on the Bills along with C.J Spiller and Marshawn Lynch, who only played a few games this season.

The Bills also started the year with quarterback Trent Edwards but Coach Chan Gailey was smart and traded him to Jacksonville. Edwards is to blame for losing the first few games this season.

The Bills season was not very good but it was funny to watch. They blew a lot of plays that they shouldn't have.

Their four wins say that the season was not a complete failure though because the team will get a good draft pick.

These four wins were against Cincinnati, Detroit, Miami, and Cleveland. Those teams were probably mad they lost to a team as bad as the Bills.

The Bills need a better season if they don't want to be moved. A move will not happen if they just act smart and make the right plays!

By: Jacob Brill

## IHF World Juniors 2011



U.S. Goalie Jack Campbell

A few years ago, people were asking, "Will the World Juniors come to Buffalo?"

This question was answered last year. The 2011 World Juniors came to Buffalo. The World Juniors play 31 games. After the 20 preliminary round games were over, they moved into the 11 playoff/ medal round games. The two arenas these games were held at were HSBC arena and Dwyer arena. HSBC held the gold medal game. The games included 10 teams from countries around the world. These teams are the United States, Canada, the Czech

Republic, Finland, Germany, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, and Switzerland. The best under-20 players from these 10 countries were picked based on their skill level and ethnicity.

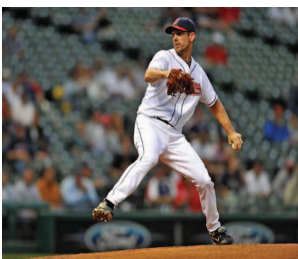
The Canadians have had a grudge against the Americans ever since the U.S. stole the gold medal from Canada in the gold medal game from last year's tournament. Sadly, the Canadians got their revenge on the U.S. on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. After being destroyed by the Canadians in a one-sided game, the U.S. played in the bronze medal game against

Sweden. Canada played against Russia in the gold medal game. One of the outstanding top scorers from this tournament was Canada's Brayden Shcenn who finished at the top of the scoring leaders with 18 points. USA top scorers included Chris Kreider and Charlie Coyle, both with 6 points.

Thankfully, after losing their shot at the gold medal, the U.S. took the bronze medal, while Canada took the silver, and Russia ended up with gold.

By: Colin Lynch

## Cliff Lee Turns Down Yanks/Rangers Contracts



Cliff Lee

Cliff Lee is a left handed starting pitcher, which in baseball is also known as a south paw. He currently pitches for the Philadelphia Phillies and has played on five different MLB teams. Some of his achievements have been the 2008 Cy Young award for best pitcher in the league, as well as 2008 and 2010 all star selections. This past December, Cliff Lee signed a 5

yr./\$120 million deal with a 6 yr. option with the Phillies. He surprisingly turned down a 7 yr./ \$54 million deal with the Yankees, as well as another 7 yr. deal from the Rangers.

The Phillies have some tough teams to compete with in the NL East. The NY Mets have added on to their great talent in the off-season by adding relief pitcher

DJ Carrasco and catcher Ronny Paulino. The Marlins also added a catcher and many other players. The Nationals added Chien Ming Wang, Jayson Wreath, and Bryce Harper, while the Braves added Dan Uggla and Joe Mather. Who do you think will win the NL East?

By: Brock Kowalski

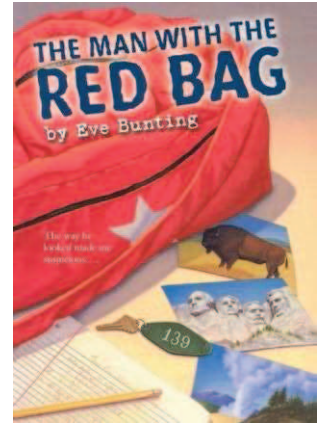
## Book Review: The Man with the Red Bag

The Man with the Red Bag by Eve Bunting tells a story about a kid named Kevin and his grandmother. They go on a tour bus that's travelling to national monuments, museums, and famous national parks. On this trip, Kevin makes a mystery notebook about this man named Charles because he suspects that he is part of the 9/11 bombing. Kevin suspects this because Charles looks like

a man he saw in the newspaper and Charles has a red bag, which Kevin thinks Charles keeps his bombs in. It seems precious to him because he wouldn't even leave the bag on the bus when they go on a river raft. Along the way, Kevin meets Geneva and tells her all about Charles and how he has bombs in the special red bag. They decide to team up to investigate. It turns out that

Kevin and Geneva were wrong and there were no bombs after all in the mysterious bag. Even though they were wrong, they still learned a life lesson not to judge people by their skin color, fluffy mustaches, or how they act. These genre elements make the story entertaining to read, but the book's more serious points don't really get the reader's attention.

By: Christina Dang



## Book Review: Alphas

Alphas, is the first book of Lisi Harrison's series about girls that get to enter a futuristic island where there is something for everybody. For example, there is a rock and roll hall of fame for the musical, a spa and salon for the girls who like to shop, a Zen garden and everything is free- all you have to do is get good grades!

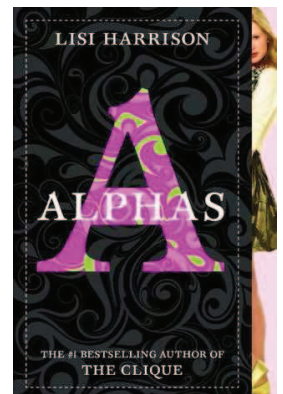
*Not just anyone can go to Alpha academy, you have to be selected by the*

*owner, Shira Brazille. Skye Hamilton, Charlie Deery, and Allie J are the main characters. A couple of other characters are Shira's sons, the teachers, and Triple Threat (Andrea). Skye is the dancer that wants to impress Shira, her idol and role model, Charlie is the inventor, and Allie J is the Singer that everyone loves. These stories tell about girls climbing their way to the top of Shira's favorite girl list so*

*that they can become the top alpha and win the prize that goes with the title.*

*The first book is very funny and if you read it, you'll never guess what will happen next! It can be confusing at points, and you might not understand some of the characters at first. The first book ends as a cliffhanger and keeps you wanting to read on!*

By: Paige Phillips



## Interview with Assistant Principal: Mrs. Cercone

**Sternin: How hard is your job?**

Mrs. Cercone: My job isn't very difficult, but it's busy!

**Sternin: Do you have any hobbies?**

Mrs. Cercone: Some of my hobbies are playing with my kids, running, and reading.

**Sternin: If you could make one change to the school, what would it be?**

Mrs. Cercone: I would have everybody treat each other with more respect and kindness.

**Sternin: Who is your hero?**

Mrs. Cercone: My hero is Mahatma Gandhi.

**Sternin: Have you ever traveled anywhere?**

Mrs. Cercone: I have traveled to India, Guatemala, Colombia, and Europe.

**Sternin: Why did you choose this job?**

Mrs. Cercone: I want to make a difference in kids' lives.

By: Matthew Sternin

*"I want to make a difference in kids' lives."*

*-Mrs. Cercone*

## MEET THE DRAGON CHRONICLE STAFF!



This year, Hoover Middle School students have decided to create their own school newspaper! The hard working reporters are truly a remarkable group and they are looking forward to many fantastic editions of the Dragon Chronicle! Meet our Staff!

- 1st Editor: Whitney Spencer
- 1st Assistant Editor: Taylor Sinclair

- Hoover Happenings: Cameron Markott/ Alexis Troutman
- Sports: Jacob Brill/Colin Lynch/ Brock Kowalski
- Reviews: Christina Dang/ Paige Phillips
- Interviews: Matthew Sternin/ Alyssa Weber
- Survey: Jonathan Duchene
- Hot Topics/ Horoscopes: Sara Breene
- Games/Puzzles/Trivia/ Advice: Rebekah Dunn/ Alexis Sandekian
- Photographer: Maddie Radwan

The entire Dragon Chronicle staff sincerely hope that you take the time to read and enjoy the terrific articles they have put together for this first edition! Thanks to all the loyal readers!

## Interviews with Dragon Chronicle Moderator & Dragon Chronicle Editor

*“The staff are working well together. They are jumping right in and getting started.”  
-Miss Campanella*

I interviewed the head of the newspaper, Miss Campanella, and our first editor, Whitney Spencer. I interviewed Whitney first and asked her what it is like to be our editor. She said that it was an interesting job and she thought it was cool that she got to check other people’s work.

What does Whitney like best about the newspaper?

“That’s easy,” she said. She thought that the idea of a Newspaper was cool because the newspaper informs people about our school.

Miss Campanella had not quite the same answers as our editor, like when I asked Miss Campanella if the newspaper staff was exited she said, “Yes, because they are anxious to get the newspaper out to the students.” Then I asked Miss

Campanella if the newspaper staff was working well with each other and she said, “Yes, the staff are working well together. They are jumping right in and getting started.”

Miss Campanella, the newspaper staff, and I are hoping the newspaper will be amazing throughout this year.

By: Alyssa Weber



*“Q: Dear Guiding Dragons, how do I get the boy I like to notice me?”  
- Hopeless at Hoover*

**Need Advice?**  
**Just write a letter anonymously to:**  
**“Guiding Dragons.”**  
**Drop your letter in the box outside Miss Campanella’s room (243).**  
**Your answer will be published in the newspaper!**

## Games/Puzzles/Trivia

Sudoku 1 - Easy								
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[www.Free-Sudoku-puzzles.com](http://www.Free-Sudoku-puzzles.com)

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### HOT OR NOT STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS


By: Jonathan Duchene


Topic	Hot or Not	% of students
Fruit 66	HOT	60%
KISS 98.5	HOT	88%
P!NK (The Singer)	NOT	69%
Robert Pattinson	NOT	81%
Taylor Lautner	NOT	68%
Kristen Stewart	NOT	81%
Pretty Little Liars	NOT	68%
GLEE	NOT	51%
American Eagle	HOT	83%
Aeropostale	HOT	86%
Abercrombie	HOT	90%
Hollister	HOT	89%


## Check Out Your Horoscope!


**Happy New Year! To kick off our New Year and newspaper, the Hot Topics committee is happy to supply you with your monthly Horoscope for January 2011!**


 **(March 21st-April 19th)** Your natural can-do spirit will help you reach your goals. Friends, teachers, and family believe in you and the fact that it's do-able!


 **(April 20th-May 20th)** You will often wake up with a great idea on the tip of your tongue. Be careful not to lose it!

 **(May 21st-June 20th)** (For the record: I, the writer, am a Gemini) You're good at making friends. You're positive attitude, charm, and smile all draw them in closer, but your "hidden raincloud" makes them love you even more.

 **(June 21st-July 22nd)** You will find yourself in need of a security blanket. This could be anything from close friends, family, or even a teddy bear!


 **(July 23rd-August 22nd)** Oh, you handyman! Whether it be repairing an old knick-knack, to creating a new trend of painted-on jeans, keep those hands working!


 **(August 23rd-September 22nd)** You are definitely described as a big spender, but for a good cause! Be careful to always save some extra cash!


 **(September 23rd-October 22nd)** You are a great speaker- about anything! You always gather facts about whatever you're talking about. Just remember, sometimes less is more!




**(October 23rd-November 21st)** You often persuade others to follow your path, but don't listen to others' opinions. Then, you usually bite back. Scorpios are fierce!

 **(November 22nd-December 21st)** You've always been talkative: On the phone, in person, through letters, anytime, anywhere! Gabbing is critical, you barely stop your chatter!

 **(December 22nd-January 19th)** You're large and in charge and are willing to make big changes in order to stay on top. People often think of you as very confident and independent.

 **(January 20th-February 18th)** This month is going to be pretty relaxing on your part, at least in the beginning. Friends and family will play an important role when your extras and activities take over.

 **(February 19th-March 20th)** Unfortunately, there won't be much time for friends this month, but you will have plenty of work to keep you busy!