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DUTCH BUZZ OFF TO A BUZZING START IN 2010



DUTCH BUZZ BULLPEN IN ACTION photo by Shianne Taylor

Meteorologist Visits Holland Hall

KJRH Weather Reporter Julie Chin Interview

By Punit Bhakta & Cooper Williamson

Julie Chin came to Holland Hall. We invited her to read her favorite story to the 5th grade because we had a Reader Celebration.

Julie Chin loves her job. She has been a meteorologist for 10 years! She got the idea of being a meteorologist from the movie "The Wizard of Oz." She got inspired by the tornado in the movie! She says that her job is hard sometimes. She is originally from New York. She has visited hundreds of schools! She recommends this job, but the hours are long. She gets mad at her job because she has to tell people when there is bad weather coming and they get mad at her. She has to wear a suit, but it can't be green because of the green screen. She went to Mississippi State University. Channel 2 is not the only channel she has been on, she has been on channels around the country! She has not always been a meteorologist; she has also been a producer, counselor, babysitter, and a restaurant hostess.

HH SPOTLIGHT

Breakfast Bar

Story by Asha Richardson

Out of all the new things in the school I chose the BREAKFAST BAR. So, the first thing I did was ask students WAS IT GOOD OR WAS IT BAD? A lot of kids said it was great. One student said, "I wish they did it every day!"



Next, I went over to the Holland Hall Middle School Refectory and talked to the head lunch lady, Ms. Freyre. I asked her, "How did you get the idea for Breakfast Bar?" "Well, I love breakfast, and during summer camp, I asked students: 'What would they think of having breakfast for lunch?' One girl loved the idea, so now we have breakfast bar every four weeks. So enjoy breakfast next time!" answered Ms. Freyre. So that's information for breakfast bar. Maybe try the breakfast bar! I plan on trying it too!

SCIENCE NEWS

HHMS 5th Graders visit Oxley Nature Center

Story by Cooper Williamson

The fifth grade went on a field trip to the Oxley Nature Center! The center is right next to the Tulsa zoo.

It was a lot of fun! They saw lots of wildlife. One of the workers at Oxley came to the fifth grade. We learned lots of things from her. One favorite fact was that the myth of daddy longlegs spiders being the most venomous spider is not true! Actually, the daddy longlegs spider has no venom! And it isn't even a spider! It's a spider relative.

We learned lots of other things on this field trip.



ART WORKS 2009 VISITING ARTIST

LARUEL LUKASZEWSKI



ARTS

Ceramic Artist Laurel Lukaszewski

By Lucy Johnson & Asha Richardson

Laurel Lukaszewski has been a full time artist for five years. Her artwork goes into ten to twelve exhibits a year.

She is a ceramic sculptor. She constructs two to three sculptures a month. Her sculptures are of things that she sees in nature or comforts her. She will draw a sketch of what she pictures when she thinks or sees that. Then she will use parts of the sketch and create her own elements to create a sculpture constructed out of clay.

Sometimes someone will ask to buy her art. When this happens, she has to completely take apart the sculpture and rebuild it in the new place where it is wanted. Half of her sculptures are black and half are white. She says her favorite piece of art of her own is her white ribbon art. It hangs from the ceiling and almost touches the floor.

As the 2009 ART WORKS visiting artist, her work was recently in the Holland Hall gallery. She had thirty-five art pieces in the Walter Arts Center gallery.



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n - the study of the relationship between culture and food

THE SALT LICK, Austin, TX. - Restaurant review by Eli Desjardins - If you go to Austin, Texas you will find a great BB-Q restaurant in Texas, The Salt Lick. It provides amazing sausage, cole slaw, beans, potato salad chicken, ribs, and the granddaddy of them all, the Brisket with BB-Q. Don't forget dessert! Pecan pie and peach cobbler will fill you up. Colt McCoy and Jordan Shipley, both former Texas football players say, "You have to eat the dessert first!" Adam Richman said, "This is the best thing I've ever tasted." after sampling the freshmade brisket. The Salt Lick is a great place to go before sporting events, also. So if you're headed south and near Austin, Texas, make sure to drop by at the Lick!

STORY CORNER

THE ADVENTURE OF THE SPHINXES

By Jack Crawford

Prologue

"Hurry men, Hurry!" the foreman yelled hoarsely. "If this isn't done before morning, the whole country is doomed! The carvers had been carving out the gigantic slab of rock all night. They were attempting to complete in one night what scholars thought had taken centuries. There was a war coming, the likes of which the world had never seen and would never see again.

It was the war of the millennia, and the one that shaped the face of the earth. It carved Mount Everest and hollowed out the deepest ocean.

It was the war of the sphinxes.

Chapter One

Seth was furious. First, every member of his family had mysteriously vanished off the face of the Earth, considered dead by the authorities. Then he learned that every single one of them had left him the same thing, a statue. Not only that, but each family member had left the same statue - replicas of the sphinx, but in different poses. Some were in the classic crouch, others in an upright position. All of them were made of different materials, some gold or silver, others included iron, pewter, pyrite, and Seth's favorite, a jade sphinx. His only other inheritance? A case that all of them fit into, mysteriously.

Seth was pacing his room when suddenly a rattle erupted from the case. Seth cautiously approached and opened it. Silence was all he heard. He cautiously approached and flung it open. Silence was all he heard. For the next five minutes this continued until he ran over, opened the case, pulled out the jade sphinx, and threw it to the floor of his bedroom. Breathing hard, he poked his head out of the room

and looked up and down the hall of the house where he lived with his distant "relative" Caroline Morgan, a batty old lady who everyone was scared of.

Suddenly, he heard a crash and he turned around to see the little jade sphinx running around his room. When it caught sight of him it jumped up and landed on Seth's shoulder.

"Greetings, young master," The sphinx's voice came from no visible mouth. Unexpectedly, every single one of the sphinxes jumped out of the box and landed in front of Seth. Then, after a shouted order by the jade sphinx in some unknown language, all of them bowed, 50 sphinx statues bowed to Seth. Before he could react, the jade sphinx said, "My liege, your sphinxes."

Seth stammered. "Wh...wh...what are you?"

The sphinx replied. "Why, I am Qeb, lieutenant in charge of the Eternal ones." "Could I get some background on you?" Seth requested. "Certainly," Qeb said. "Brace yourself."

Suddenly Seth was in a desert. All he could see was the moon. On the moon were fifty miniscule dots getting bigger by the second until...

"Smash!" Fifty huge sphinxes landed on the ground in front of Seth. One looked down at him and said in a booming voice, "Had enough?"

"Yes, Yes!" Seth yelled, terrified for his life. Then he was back, and the last thing Seth saw before falling to the ground, was Qeb.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

Drama News

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAYS

By Gwyneth Robins

Since Holland Hall moved to our current campus, the Middle School has been doing plays, such as Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland, Cinderella, Bye Bye Birdie, Oklahoma, and others. This year they are doing something different. They are doing Story Theater which is made up of little short plays, based on the stories from the Brothers Grimm and Aesop's Fables. They include The Little Peasant, The Robber Bridegroom, and The Master Thief. This is put on by sixth through eighth student.

**HHMS!
ROCKS!**

Faculty

About Mrs. Green

By Laura Marshall & Sarah Stinnett

Earlier this year, we interviewed Mrs. Green in the library. We chose to interview Mrs. Green because she seemed like an interesting person when we had been to the library in the past. We asked her a few questions about her life and her experience at Holland Hall. Mrs. Green has been at Holland Hall for over thirty-five years. She was born in Elk City, Oklahoma. We also asked where her favorite place to travel and it was India. Her favorite color is green and her favorite book is Once Upon a Marigold. Did you know that she has 15,000 books in the library? Wow!

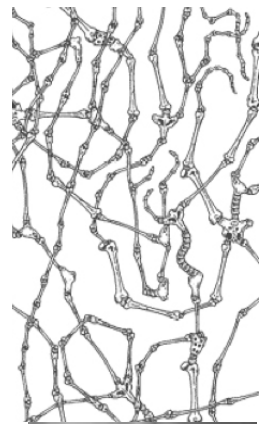
About Art

Printmaking

By Punit Bhakta

During the 5th grade period of art, groups Y and Z made prints. Prints are pieces of paper

that you press ink onto by carving out soft-cut (rubber), wood, and a certain kind of rock. Then you pour in ink in a small tray. Next, get a roller and get the color ink you want to put all over it. Roll the ink on the soft cut so there is no space



left but the stuff you carved, then press it on to a piece of paper really well. If you want to carve out words, you better get help from an adult.

JOKES!
By: KATIE DARDEN

How does a penguin make pancakes?

With its flippers!

Why do seagulls live by the sea?

If they live by the bay they would be called bagels!

What did the frog order at the fast food restaurant?

French flies and a diet croak!

What kind of music are balloons scared of?

Pop music!

How many apples can you fit into an empty box?

One-after that it's not empty anymore!

What can you see in the water but never gets wet?

Your reflection!

What goes on and on and has an I in the middle?

An onion!

What goes up stairs but never moves?

A carpet!

GO DUTCH! ATHLETICS

Now that winter is here, Middle School Winter Sports are in full swing. In the realm of competitive sports, we have Boys & Girls Soccer, Boys & Girls Basketball, and non-competitive Fitness. These activities will continue through mid-February.

Tech News

By John Connor & Bobby Hughes

Recently, Apple Co. came out with new Iphone 3GS. The colors are white and black. The new Nano can shoot video and colors they come in are gray, black, purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, red, and pink.

The eight GB costs around \$149.00 with two thousand songs and eight hours of video. New apps like Ebay, Google mobile and lots more. Everyone is buzzing about the new Itunes version 9. You can get it free if you have a Mac or PC. It has lots of new songs plus video and a lot more. Ipod shuffles are only \$59.00. The new ipod touch starting at prices 8 GB \$199.00, 32 GB \$299.00, 64 GB \$399.00. They are great portable game players. They also have really fun games and the colors are white and black. There is also the really cool ipod classic and its only \$149.00. With a big screen, the colors are white and black.

4th Grade Music Report

Story by Jack Grossman

In Fourth Grade Music, we are just starting to use our recorders. We recently did a lot of hard work on songs for the Christmas Recital, which was held on December 11th.

We're still singing, but we've been assigned to our instruments. Fourth Grade Music class is getting better and better. Music will always be fun, no matter what we are doing.



Holiday Happenings

By Lucy Johnson & Asha Richardson

Jack Crawford had a Christmas Eve mishap. He was driven to his grandparents house. After staying for awhile, he and his family started to drive home but they got stuck in the snow. They got out of the car and had to walk back home! Despite this, he and his family had a good Christmas!

Mrs. Cambern says that on Christmas her three year old daughter was very excited when she opened her presents and very happy. After breakfast, they left in their car, but soon, they got stuck in the snow. A member of their family came for them in their truck. They had to stay two nights in Owasso. What a Christmas! Do you have a special Christmas story?