

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Holland Hall Students Work with African Orphanage

Story by Austin Hubbard

Holland Hall alumni Chris Gates (class of 2005) has been interested in African wildlife ever since he was five years old. After his grandmother, Jandada L. Betchelor, took Chris on a trip to Africa, he founded the Jandada L Betchelor Foundation. This foundation helps with the education, medical care, nutrition, and safety of young abandoned girls in Tanzania, Africa.

After graduating Holland Hall, he went to college at NYU. Even when he was in school he raised money for the foundation. When he graduated he moved to Africa. In a few weeks, the school grew from 7 to 60 students. He is proud about his work.

Two Holland Hall Upper School students, Ryane Williamson and Jake Nonweiler, traveled to the orphanage last summer in Africa to volunteer. I had an opportunity to interview them about their experience:

Why did you volunteer last summer?

We saw a presentation at the Upper School that was cool, it made us want to go.

Is it different than our school?

Yes, it is an orphanage.

How did they learn?

They had a new school in English like at any school.

Was it warm?

There was no A/C, but was cooler.

What did they eat?

They don't have a cafeteria, but they cook.

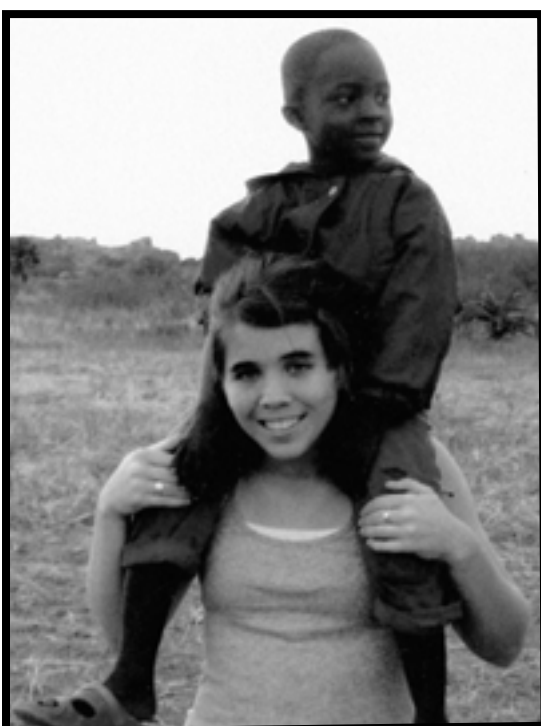
Did the school have walls?

Yes, the school had walls.

What was the best part of the trip?

Learning about their culture and going on a safari.

If you want to know more about the foundation, look online at: <http://jbfc-online.org/>



COACH OWENS INTERVIEW

HOLLAND HALL COACH HELPS WITH THE 2010 WINTER OLYMPICS

by Gwyneth Robins and Lucy Johnson.

Coach Owens, one of the middle school gym coaches, spent a month in Vancouver, Canada. What was he doing? He was helping the American Olympic bobsledding team! He has lots of great things to remember.

We decided it would be good to interview him so he could share his experience with us. For example, did you know he spent all day at the bobsledding tracks from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm? You may have seen a different article about him in the Tulsa World, But we're gonna give more than just the basics, we're gonna give the whole story.

Coach Owens met interesting people at the Olympics, including Queen Latifa, a woman's olympic gold medalist, and some men gold medalists.

He had tickets to the opening ceremony and closing ceremony, but he didn't go to either.

A cool thing he did at the Olympics was designing a system for the bobsleds to get back up to the start of the track. That's very interesting!

Coach Owens got a coat as a gift from the American bobsledding coach. it used to be his, but then he gave it to coach Owens.

Coach Owens best memory was when they revised the bobsled/luge track and they needed someone to test it out to be sure it was safe. They chose an old bobsledding friend of his, but he hadn't done it in awhile everyone got nervous for him, But he didn't complain once. He did it all with a smile on his face and did great. This was coach Owens best memory.

Thanks, Coach Owens!



POETRY CORNER

"DUTCH BUZZ"

by Lucy Johnson

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HOLLAND HALL SCENE

Children's National Honor Choir

By Jack Grossman, 4th Grade

Over the past year, about 170 kids across America were chosen to sing in the Children's National Honor choir in Dallas, Texas. This isn't just any choir, this is a choir filled with soloists.

This year, five Holland Hall students made it. Their names are fourth graders, Jack Grossman, John Conner, Claire Harbaugh, and fifth graders, Annie Wise, and Anna Lind. Their sponsor was Primary School teacher Lori Swisher.

Before the concert, the choir members practiced for several hours over two days. During the concert, which was a sellout, the choir sang several songs. They sang in front of over 1000 people. When the concert was over, the choir got a ton of applause and a standing ovation!!!!!!

All in all, the National Honor Choir was a great experience for these Middle School students.



Holland Hall History

by Asha Richardson & Shiane Taylor

When Holland Hall first opened on September 21, 1922, it was an all girl school. The first headmistress was Mrs. Winnifred Schureman. She was Dutch and came from Holland. That is where Holland Hall got its name.

In 1936, the school's campus was at 2640 Birmingham Place, which is by Utica Square. The first campus was eight acres and that's why our yearbook is called Eight Acres. In 1959, boys were allowed to attend Holland Hall.

The reason the school opened was because of the Tulsa Oil Boom. Mrs. Winifred was a counselor at a camp called Kawajiwin. Some girls at the camp had fathers that invested in the Tulsa Oil Boom and the girls thought Mrs. Winifred was perfect to run a school. After the camp, they told their fathers and they agreed.



Mrs. Winifred was given money to build a school. That's how the school started.

Holland Hall replaced Brock Elliot School after World War I. When Mrs. Winifred left for Europe to assist in the post war recovery, there were sixty kids in each grade at Holland Hall.

Here are some interesting facts about Holland Hall:

You would have to use paper cards to look up books in the library instead of computers. When you checked out a book, you would have to use a card and then sign it. The first library had 10,000 books. We now have over 16,000 books in the Middle School Library. The whole school's libraries have a total of 60,000 books. The Kistler family donated money to help the libraries.

Let's look at some facts about the early years of our school:

Tuition costs have changed throughout the years. From 1940-1943 tuitions for kindergarten was \$100, for Upper School, \$385. In 1961, kindergarten tuition was \$350 and upper school was \$700.

February 22nd, 1923 - Pearl F. Bemis was the first director and Latin teacher, until her death on September 11th, 1924.

Long time Faculty members:

Our Middle School librarian, Mrs. Janice Green, has been here for 38 years. She began as a faculty member in 1972 and is retiring this year. She will be missed.

Mrs. Sandra Brown, a first grade teacher, has been here since 1973. Some of you remember Mrs. Brown.

Now *that* is some Holland Hall History!

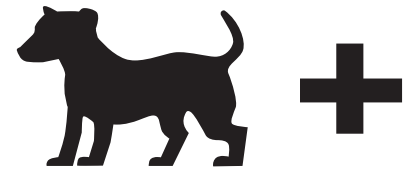
Living Museum

by Jack Tulloch & Jack Grossman, 4th Grade

This semester, the fourth grade presented the "Living Museum". Each student dressed up as the person they picked to learn about and presented their speech in front of the parents in the library.

STUDENTS WORKED very hard for this presentation. To get ready, they learned about their person, such as the date they were born, when they die, and so on. All students agreed that it felt very weird "being" their famous person. They brought props if they wanted to.

THE LIVING Museum should be back next year, with different stories, characters, posters, notes, and everything.



ANIMAL RESCUE FOUNDATION

by Lucy Johnson, 4th Grade

Animal rescue dogs are the best type of dog to buy. They are sweet and playful.

First of all, animal rescue dogs need you more than dogs that have been bred and sold to pet stores. Animal rescue dogs have gone through sad times and are ready to have a nice, loving home, plus, they are so cute!

Also, you have to pay so much to buy pet store dogs that are just as cute and adorable as rescue dogs. They have whatever they need at the pet store unlike rescue dogs. You shouldn't have to pay more for less.

I have an animal rescue dog! She is so playful, sweet, and adorable. She needs our family. She has heart and stomach problems, and has to take a pill every day! Even with all these health problems, she is probably the sweetest dog ever!

Animal Rescue dogs are the best type of dogs there are. Think about this next time you are planning to get a new dog.

50th Annual Holland Hall Book Fair

by Austen Hubbard, 5th Grade

THE BOOK Fair of Holland Hall happened again on February 27th. This year was the 50th anniversary of the book fair. Holland Hall Upper, Middle, and Primary School families donated books during the month of November. Then, parent volunteers helped organize all the books in order throughout the year to get ready for the one day.

THE DAY of the Book Fair, many Holland Hall parents, teachers, and students volunteer. Hundreds of people from all over the state come to buy books of all types. There are toys, DVD's, tapes, and video games too. It is held in the Refectory Lecture Center and the gym.

THIS YEAR was another successful Holland Hall Book Fair! Maybe next year, you can volunteer to help!



3D

By Tommy LoVoi, 5th Grade

Lots of people get excited when they hear that a movie is in 3-D. But does it really make the movie any better? I've decided to find out people's thoughts on the subject.

I asked people, is 3-D better?

Jack Crawford said: Movies can be better in 3-D, but it depends on the movie.

Austen Hubbard said: If it uses 3-D just to make a few more bucks, than forget it.

Punit Bhakta said: 3-D better. (His final word on the subject)

Mr. Marshall said: Not always, although Avatar was very good in 3-D.

Ms. Hobbs said: Depends on which movie it is.

I said: Action movies, totally. Non-action, NO!

What do you think?

STORY CORNER

THE ADVENTURE OF THE SPHINXES

By Jack Crawford, 5th Grade

CHAPTER 2

When he woke up and looked around, he saw that the sphinxes surrounded him. Oddly, they were his size. One of them, a weathered old looking one with more wisdom than his many years, handed Seth a goblet full of a hot stinky concoction. A fly flew over it and fell in, disintegrating instantly, disintegrating into the brew.

"Pugh," Seth retched. "I am NOT drinking that!"

"If you do not, you won't get your magic powers that come with commanding the sphinx army." The old one whispered, so quiet that Seth barely heard him.

"Magic powers? I like the sound of that," Seth said. "Alright. I'll do it." He picked up the goblet and guzzled it down. "Leah!" He said. "Gross! Hold on, I feel different, I mean, other than the fact that I just drank something disgusting."

"Good, good," The old one croaked. "It is working"

"What can I do?" Seth asked.

"Anything you put your mind to." The old one croaked. "Try imagining a little cloud in this room."

Seth concentrated very hard, and when he opened his eyes, a plate of cookies floated. He pictured some flame on his fingers, and it appeared, not burning him, in ten different colors on his fingertips.

"Cool," Seth whispered.

"That's only the beginning of your power." A new voice since he had woken said. Qeb walked in on all four legs to check on him.

"Hello, who are you again?" Seth asked politely, as his now vanished parents had taught him.

"I am Qeb, the first lieutenant of the ancient ones, now at your command." The soldier said.

"So, now that I have special powers, what do we do?" Seth asked, he somehow whispered, in a language that seemed to be beyond words, "Sas-

kara diomed solokim" and a small cloud drifted toward him.

"Whoa, what'd I just say?" he murmured dazedly.

"Those were the ancient words of power," Qeb said beaming literally with light, as he saw what Seth could already do.

"Well good for them, but I do what with them again?" Seth was back to his usual rude personality.

"Well, first you get your parents back." General Lardieth said.

"And you are?" Seth asked rudely.

"General Lardieth. In charge of magic, Sir," he said.

"Good to know," Seth smirked. "So tell me, General, how do we get them back?"

He said, "By going to Egypt."

CHAPTER 3

Seth opened his eyes. He didn't remember closing his eyes, but then, who does? He looked around to see several crates and a table. He walked over to the table and opened the case. Inside he saw exactly nothing like what he expected. A battered old book. A voice, Lardieth's, to be exact, said, "This is your grimoire, it will fill up with spells, as you learn them, of course."

Seth picked up the book. He opened it to the first page. Inside in a very fancy script, it said, Welcome Chosen One, please sign your name.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

By Asha Richardson and Lucy Johnson, 4th Grade

Summer's almost here, but if you don't know what to do, here are some awesome suggestions!

An awesome ice cream shop that has a different way of doing things is called Peach Wave. When you go to Peach Wave, you can prepare your own frozen yogurt by choosing flavor or two, swirl it yourself, and put whatever toppings you want on it, weigh it, and buy it! It's in Tulsa Hills shopping center.

Josh's Snow Shack is a great place to get shaved ice! The people that work there are really nice too, and you can get a great selection of shaved ice like, kiwi strawberry mixed together. Josh's Snow Shack is by Back Yard Burger and the Old Fashioned McDonalds at 91st and Memorial.

Dave and Buster's is an awesome place to eat dinner and win prizes in their awesome arcade. Dave and Buster's is probably the best arcade/restaurant in Tulsa. We know you'll have fun.

Andy B's is also a great place to have fun. Their new arcade games have never been more fun! But their main event is bowling where they have a special party area that is! There are couches and screens above the alleys showing music videos of our favorite tunes!

Those are the great ideas for your summer. Have fun!!!

SPOTLIGHT

MRS. WALKINGSTICK

Mrs. Cambern, the fourth grade reading teacher, left in February to have a baby. She is staying home this semester with her new daughter, Lily. Ms. Walkingstick is teaching her reading class. Here are some things to help you get to know Ms. Walkingstick!

She graduated from the University of Tulsa. where she was on the softball team. Before TU, she went to two schools, Oologah and Catoosa. She taught school in New Jersey, where she taught first and second grade.

She came to HH because she had a friend who had a friend who was a teacher at HH. She told her about the job opening. She says reading class has been much the same, but with some different projects.

She thinks HH is a great place and the kids are eager to learn.

We hope she has a great time at Holland Hall!



GO DUTCH! ATHLETICS

Both the 7th and 8th grade girls teams have won just about every meet this season. The 8th grade team has won 12 straight meets dating back to last year. Not only are they beating the biggest schools in the state, they winning by a big margin. A lot of their marks would be good enough to win high school track meets. Along with the winning, the team has broken 11 of 17 school records.

HH STUDENTS VISIT FRANCE

By Madalyn Davidson, 4th Grade

Holland Hall Middle School eighth graders had the opportunity to visit Amiens, France for two weeks this year for an exchange program. The students who participated in the program were Emily Barton, Johnny Crater, Madison Gilbert, Julia Hart, Chris Hauger, Audrey Kurtz, Rosie LoVoi, Emily Rao, Morgan Salisbury, and Rodrigo Sanchez.

I had the opportunity to meet with Rosie LoVoi and Johnny Crater to find out about the trip. They wanted to go to France because either older friends shared how great and fun it was. Also, it would be a cool experience.

They said the school was very different from Holland Hall because the school was all in one building. Johnny felt like the school was much bigger. Everyone ate lunch at the same time. Their classes were similar to our school, except it was way more advanced. Everyone was immersed in speaking French because many did not know English. They felt it was really good practice.



They recommend other students to not only take French, but to go on the exchange. Rosie and Johnny both want to go back to France!

Why did you want to go to France for the student exchange?

Rosie: I wanted to go to France mostly because I have friends whose are older that went and told me how great and fun it was.

Johnny: It was going to be a cool experience.

How different from HH was the school you went to?

Rosie: The school was very different from

Holland Hall. For one thing, the school was all in one building. Everyone at lunch at the same time and the school was four stories tall.

Johnny: The school was much bigger and was like a public school.

How were the classes?

Rosie: The classes weren't very different, but they were way more advanced.

Johnny: The classes were similar to here

Did you use your French a lot?

Rosie: Yes, everyday. I was immersed in French because mostly no one knew English.

Johnny: Yes and you would have to use it

a lot. It was really good practice.

Was everyone friendly?

Rosie: Yes, everyone was very friendly.

Johnny: Yes, everyone was very nice.

Was the food really different? What was your favorite?

Rosie: My favorite food were the pastries. The food was not really different, just the way it were cooked.

Johnny: The food wasn't really that different

What was the best memory about going?

Rosie: going to Paris and seeing the beautiful sights and monuments.

Johnny: climbing the Eiffel Tower

Johnny and Rosie would highly recommend this experience and would love to go again!



THE GREAT BALLOON LAUNCH



Launching the hand-made balloons. Photo by John Marshall

Students Take Part In Annual Event

Mrs. Armstrong's 6th Grade Class
By Pete Kelly, 6th Grade

The 6th grade balloon launch will be something I will remember for a long time. We had to arrive at school very early, but it was worth it. When all the students had arrived at the practice field, we started launching our balloons right away. First we put them on a burner, then waited until the balloon was completely filled with hot air, and then let go! It was a fairly simple process, compared to how complicated the processes were to put it together. After we launched our balloons, we had to chase them down and catch them. Sometimes the balloons went very high and very far away. In 40 minutes, my team got 6 launches in, which seemed like a lot, but some of the other teams got in up to 11 flights! If you haven't gotten to do the balloon launch yet, it's something you should definitely look forward to.

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THE PALACE CAFE, Tulsa, OK. - Restaurant review by Mr. McPherson - Nestled in a corner at 1301 East 15th Street in Tulsa lies an incredible restaurant. The Palace Cafe, operated by Chef James Shrader, is a gourmet restaurant specializing in "Nouveau American Cuisine". Generally, the menu is inspired by classic American fare, but is prepared with the highest quality ingredients and great skill. At the Palace Cafe, a simple catfish dish can be elevated with a bacon and tomato chutney, served over a spicy shrimp risotto along with wilted greens. The ever-changing menu includes "Bento" items, which are small appetizers that can be eaten in one or two bites. Once I had a bento item which consisted of a delicate hand-woven potato chip with smoked salmon, creme fraiche, and caviar. It tasted like a ruffles chip with french onion dip times 1,000,000! Chef Shrader acquires most of his ingredients from the local farmers market, and his menu changes with each season. The Palace Cafe is a very exciting place to eat. I highly recommend it!

JOKE OF THE DAY by Jack Crawford

Slavemaster to Roman galley slaves who have been rowing for hours non-stop: "I have some good news for you and some bad news. The good news is that you get a 15 minute break, the bad news is that after the break, the captain is going water-skiing."

Salt Plains Trip

4th Grade Science Club
by Liam Shingleton

During the 1st and 2nd of May, the 4th Grade Science Club had a really cool trip. Ms. Vrooman, Ms. Hobbs, and Ms. Durling organized the trip. We met at Alabaster Caverns in Northwest Oklahoma. We toured the cave where we saw Black Alabaster. There are only three places in the world to naturally find Black Alabaster. After lunch I went in the canyon with Jared Isaacson. He heard a rattlesnake there.

We then went to the Great Salt Plains State Park and National Wildlife Refuge. I saw a green heron swoop down and catch a fish in its beak. We set up camp at the State Park. After we had dinner at Pizza Hut, we roasted s'mores over a campfire and went to bed.

The next morning, we ate breakfast. At breakfast, Ms. Durling was tracking a bird and it was a Baltimore Oriole. Next, we went to dig for selenite crystals. From a distance the Salt Plains looked like water, so it felt like we were about to drive on water. I saw two baby killdeer and their mother. I found about 200 selenite crystals.



The majestic Great Salt Plains in North Central Oklahoma

BOOK REVIEW

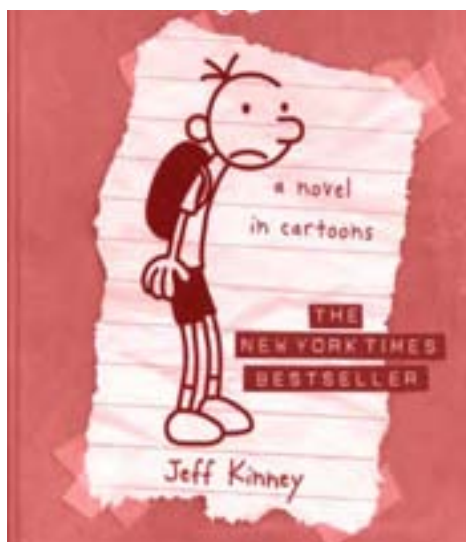
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series
by Jeff Kinney
Review by Austen Hubbard, 5th Grade

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid is a book series about a kid who has a diary, well, more like a journal. A kid named Greg in middle school is trying to become popular. In the future, he believes he'll become famous, but now he is stuck as the most unpopular kid in school.

His mom buys him a diary. He has one friend named Rowley, a less cool kid. Then, there's his crazy friend named Fregley. He

has two brothers, Rodrick, who reminds me of my brother, but a lot less cooler, and Maney, who is a three year old that is protected by his parents..

Everything Greg does is unpopular, like still going on Halloween trick or treating. The book carries on and on about how he wishes everything would just go as everything should. You need to read this book, not only because it is good, but it is a novel in cartoons. It is funny and creative. When the movie comes out I will review that. Let's just hope it is as good as the book. ●



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