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MRS. TEETS' JOURNALISM CLASS

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UNC AIRCARE GIVES STUDENTS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Submitted by Captain D. Schroer of the Sandhills Community College Firefighter Academy

Recently, the Sandhills Firefighter Academy at HCHS teamed up with Health Sciences during a visit from UNC AirCare. Since its inception, Fire Academy students have received a landing zone safety class and helicopter visit annually. Students worked on patient assessment, carries, and loading into the helicopter. Afterwards, students were able to speak with the pilot and medical professionals of the flight crew (see *Academic Accolades* for more photos, page 2).



Academic Accolades



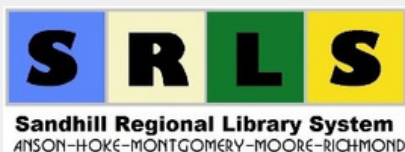
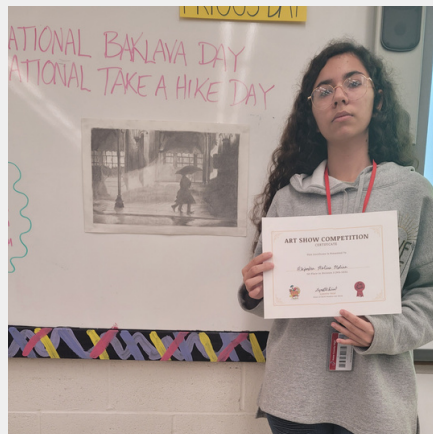
STUDENTS WIN LOCAL ART AWARDS

Submitted by Allison Pope, Visual Arts Instructor

The following students won Art awards for their artwork during Raeford's Fall Festival Art event:

Alejandra Molina-Molina
Harriet Butler
Reajnee McNair

The event was sponsored by Hoke County Public Library!



Academic Accolades



ALBINO CHOSEN FOR ALL-CAROLINA SELECT CHOIR

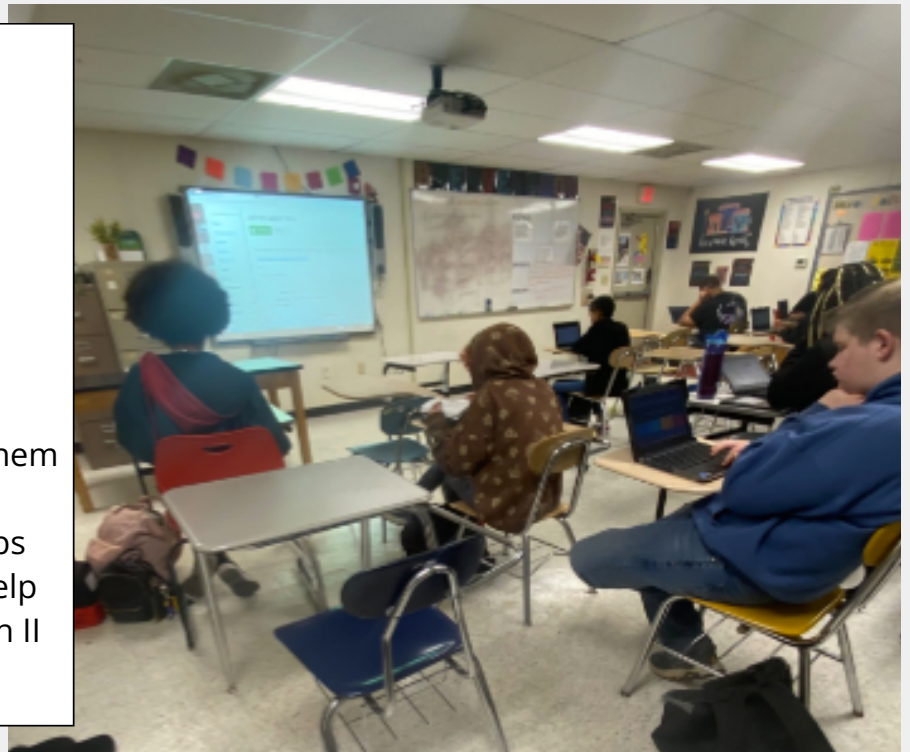
Submitted by Tralicia Turner, HCHS Chorus Director

August Albino has been selected to participate in the 2024 Wingate All-Carolina Select Choir. Albino will represent Hoke county and will participate with other North Carolina high school students whom were also selected for the All-Carolina Select Choir. Their first concert will be in January 2024.

SOLTREN'S SPANISH CLASS

Written by Ja'Breeia Wilson

Ms Soltren's Spanish I class is currently still practicing how to write a complete sentence in Spanish. They are also learning places and school objects in Spanish . Ms Soltren is testing them on how well they know their Spanish alphabet as well as verbs and adverbs. These skills will help them to be successful in Spanish II next semester.



Sports



**NEXT UP
RED SPRINGS
FRIDAY - 12/1**

**RECORD
2-1**

BUCK UPDATES

#2 SALAH 18 SUTTON POINTS	#3 JAYLEN 19 STURDIVANT POINTS	#4 TYLER 6 HINES POINTS
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THE BUCKS PUT ON A GREAT SHOW THURSDAY NIGHT WINNING 59-52 AGAINST THE FIGHTERS. THE BUCKS MATCHED UP WELL WITH A GREAT DEFENSIVE STRATEGY BY COACH DAN UTILIZING #1 GRAHAM AND #25 KINSTON IN THE PAINT WITH GREAT REBOUNDING AND BLOCKED SHOTS. KINSTON SUFFERED AN ANKLE INJURY THAT WILL SIT HIM OUT VERSUS RED SPRINGS. SEE YOU AT 4PM FOR ALL BUCKS GAMES IN MACDONALD GYM.

**NEXT UP
SOUTH VIEW
TUESDAY - 12/5**

**RECORD
3-1**

BUCK UPDATES

#2 SALAH 27 SUTTON POINTS	#3 JAYLEN 13 STURDIVANT POINTS	#10 DAKEITH 10 HORNE POINTS
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THREE GAME WINNING STREAK AT HOME!!! HOKE BUCKS CONTINUE TO BE ON FIRE AND DEFEATED AT HOME WITH THEIR LATEST VICTORY AGAINST RED SPRINGS. CONTRIBUTING FROM ALL OVER BUT A HUGE PERFORMANCE CAME FROM THE BENCH WITH #13 HORNE TAPPING 10 POINTS AND #11 MCKOY WITH 7 POINTS LATE IN THE GAME. THE BUCKS TAKE THE ROAD FOR THE NEXT TWO GAMES STARTING AT SOUTH VIEW ON DECEMBER 7TH AND WILL BE BACK AT HOME DECEMBER 7TH VERSUS 71ST.



Sports

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**NEXT UP
RED SPRINGS
WEDNESDAY - 12/6**

**RECORD
4-1**

BUCK

UPDATES

#11 BRAYDON 21 MCKOY POINTS	#2 SALAH 17 SUTTON POINTS	#13 JAYLEN 13 STURDIVANT POINTS
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ALL HEART!!! THE BUCKS DISPLAYED CHAMPIONSHIP CHARACTERISTICS BY OVERCOMING A BAD START IN THE FIRST QUARTER AGAINST SOUTH VIEW. FALLING BEHIND DOUBLE DIGITS, HOKE CAME BACK TO WIN 70-59 TO UPHOLD A 4-1 RECORD. #21 RANSOM AND #1 GRAHAM SHOWED TRUE GRIT BY HOLDING THE SOUTH VIEW 7 FOOTER TO SINGLE DIGIT SCORING, WHILE #11 MCKOY CAME OFF THE BENCH HOT WITH 21 POINTS. WITH EVERYONE BACK HEALTHY, LET'S KEEP "BUCKING" ON THE ROAD AS WE TRAVEL TO RED SPRINGS FOR A REMATCH.

Sports



LADY BUCKS LED BY LATOYA RAY

Written by Taylor Hollingsworth

Ms. LaToya Ray is the head girl's Varsity Basketball coach at Hoke County High school. Her team has recently accomplished bonding, learning about each other, and becoming a stronger team on the court and outside the court. Ray explained, "We are focused on improving every day by working on the fundamentals such as passing, shots, boxing out, and rebounding. We are working hard and ready to make our mark. Keep an eye out for the Lady Bucks, we are on the move!"



Around Bucktown



**FAA: Federal
Aviation
Administration**

READY TO FLY

Written by Erin Davis

FAA exams take place the 2nd week in December at the airport for students in Mr. Malabunga's Drone Technology class!

SGA SUPPORTS THE TROOPS

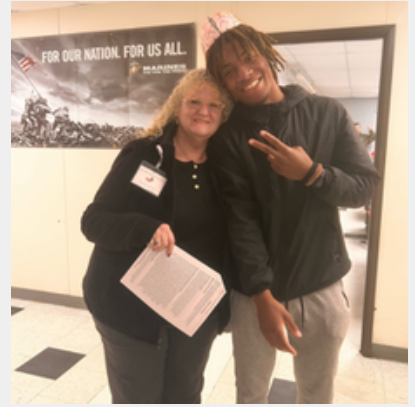
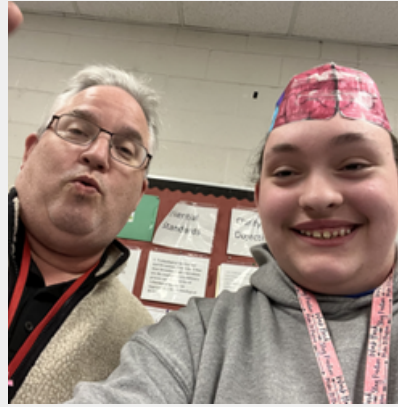
Written by Mrs. Teets, Editor

Student Government Association recently encouraged students and staff to participate in "Operation Gratitude", which is an initiative that collects Christmas cards for deployed soldiers and Veterans. Many students and staff members participated. SGA collected 232 cards for deployed soldiers and Veterans!

(See page 14 for more information on "Operation Gratitude")



Around Bucktown



BUILDING KNOWLEDGE WITH BRAIN HATS

Written by Mrs. Teets, Editor

Students in Ms. Syretta Daguilh's Health Science class created "brain hats" that showcased the different parts of the brain (for example, the frontal lobe). Students walked around campus with their hats and were instructed to take a picture with each of their teachers. Students were able to answer questions about the brain to expand others' knowledge of the brain through this interactive activity.



Around Bucktown

JROTC BATTALIONS ADVOCATE FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

*Submitted by Daniel Simmons
JROTC Press Release*

On Oct. 31 Hoke County High School's JROTC completed an Honor Run dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness. The skills focus of the Service project were participation (to bring awareness) and motivation (to take action). "We have had a lot of people in our country and many other countries die of this cancer. Some of us know people that have died from it, and so that's why we did this project, to show and bring awareness to the kinds of cancers people around us are suffering from."



Alpha Co.



Bravo Co.



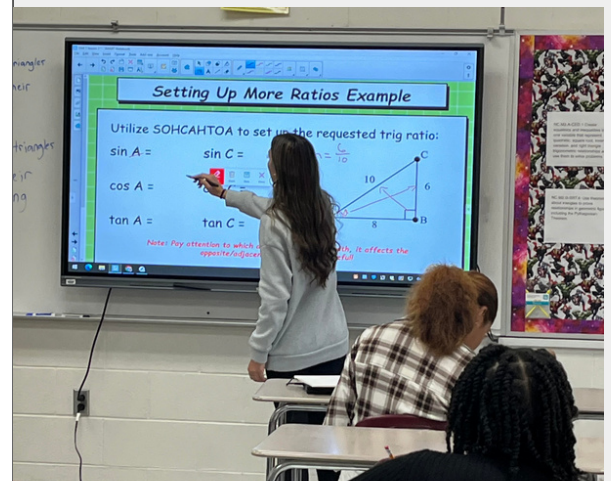
Charlie Co.



FUTURE TEACHERS LEAD PEERS

Written by Ashley Teets, HFTC Advisor

Hoke Future Teachers club members are practicing the art of teaching! Vice President Haley Martinez recently practiced her teaching skills in Mr. Teets' Math II class. Martinez introduced the concept of Trigonometry.



Staff Spotlight



MS. BRITTANY BLANKS

Written by Nakiyrah McRae

Ms. Brittany Blanks is an Assistant principal at Hoke County High School. She is a proud graduate of HCHS and completed a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. In addition, she has obtained two Masters degrees. She is also currently halfway through her Educational Doctorate program in School Leadership. Ms. Blanks does not view herself as a disciplinarian; instead her approach is to “follow the rules and policies and ensure that everyone, including students, staff, and myself adheres to them.”

In addition to being an AP, she collaborates with the teachers in the English, ESL, and the Art Departments. She is responsible for the AYPYN program, which allows students to stay after school for tutoring or to participate in clubs. Ms. Blanks wants to let students and staff know that she is an open book. She wants students and staff to ask “ALMOST” anything that they are curious about. If she does not know the answer, she most definitely work to find the answer or the solutions!

Did you always want to work in education?

“Certainly not. My grandmother started teaching in this district when the schools were still segregated. Her children also became teachers, and they would often share their experiences when they came home, which discouraged me from pursuing a career in education. Initially, I enrolled in a Pre-Med program at UNCC. However, I soon realized that although I had a passion for helping others, I did not enjoy sticking people with needles. Therefore, I decided to give education a try, and I fell in love with it.”

Ms. Blanks used
to work at
Build-A-Bear!



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AYPYN FORMS must be turned in in order to stay for tutoring or a club.


**Saturday School Remaining
Dates for 1st Semester:
12/9 & 12/16**



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**AFTER SCHOOL
BARBER TUTORING
IS ON TUESDAYS-
THURSDAYS FROM
3:45-4:45PM.**



Need help
with your
classes?

**PEER TUTORING
IS AVAILABLE!**


SPONSORED BY THE HOKE FUTURE
TEACHERS CLUB


Peer Tutoring will take place each Tuesday by
APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Email HFTC Secretary, Haley Nelson:
hnelson87@student.hcs.k12.nc.us for an
appointment.

***You must have a AYPYN form on file.**

**"Education is not limited to the
classroom. It's a lifelong journey."**



 [@bucks_hftc](https://www.instagram.com/bucks_hftc)

Need some help?

**ENGLISH
TUTORING IS
AVAILABLE**

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4-5pm
Room B54 with Ms. Brasfield

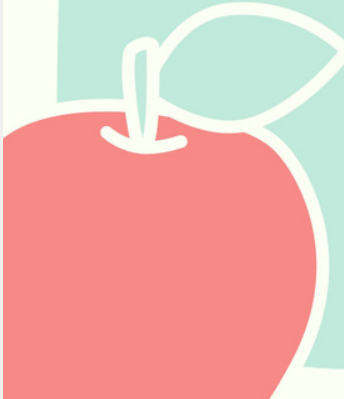
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Hoke Fall'23 Chorus

WINTER CONCERT

December 7, 2023	JW Turlington School
Doors open at 6:00	166 W Prospect Ave #2
*Show starts 6:30	Raeford NC 28376

Please support the community by bringing 5
canned goods for admission and or 5 dollars



LETTER WRITING: MILITARY + VETERAN

Thank you for volunteering with Operation Gratitude to write letter of gratitude for Military and Veterans. Please follow these guidelines when writing letters:

- **Write Letters for:**
Deployed Troops, Recruit Graduates + Veterans
- **Address letters to the following:**
"Dear Service Member", "Dear Hero", "Dear Veteran" etc.
- **Express your thanks for their selfless service to our country.**
- **Keep messages positive:**
Suggested topics include: expressing gratitude for their service, sharing hopeful messages, well wishes, and positive thoughts.
Prayers are welcome, however please avoid excessive religious comments, scripture and religious images.
Share about yourself, family, hobbies, work, school, pets, travel, interests, etc.
Abstain from writing about violence, killing, injury, death and dying, etc.
Avoid all mention of politics
- **Refrain from including contact or distinguishing information for anyone under the age of 18:**
This includes last name, home or email address, phone numbers, school information, and social media usernames.
- **If you are over 18, you may include your contact information so letter writing recipients can reply:**
Due to time and location limitations, they might not reply; please do not be disappointed
- **Can't find the words?**
 - Consider drawing or painting a picture instead. Please add a note to kids' drawings with their age.
Refrain from using glitter or confetti please!
- **Please leave letters out of individual envelopes:**
All letters will go through a screening process and envelopes slow that down significantly.

Thank you!

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1st Semester Exam Dates

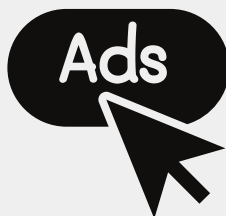


1st Period	Wednesday, Dec. 13th
2nd Period	Thursday, Dec. 14th
3rd Period	Friday, Dec. 15th
4th Period	Monday, Dec. 18th

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