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Hoover Elementary dedicates monument honoring veterans

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On Tuesday Hoover Elementary School students dedicated a monument that honors all veterans who have served and are serving in the armed forces. The fourth-grade students started the project last spring and saw it come to a fitting conclusion on a bright and sunny day.

Fourth-grade teacher Tricia Whicker said the students have always placed an importance on Veterans Day at the school. The efforts led to the State of Indiana proclaiming Hoover Elementary as a Purple Star School.

"This monument is beyond what I dreamed of when we were planning a monument," Whicker said. "I am extremely thankful for the community and our students and I am in awe of how nice this monument is."

After learning of the school's designation, Whicker met with Mike Spencer of the Byron Legion Post 72 in March 2023. Spencer, who is actively involved with the new Veterans Memorial Park, said he believed he could get some others involved. And, he did.

Allen Monument designed and donated the monument which is located in front of the flag pole at the school's main doors. Charlie Allen of Allen Monuments said his company is pleased to be a part of the project.



Photo by Journal Review

Hoover Elementary school officials and fourth graders, along with the American Legion and Allen Monument representatives gathered to dedicate a new monument honoring all who have served our country.

"It means a lot that the students are a part of all this and that alone gives this special meaning," Allen said.

Cooper Bowman designed the monument as he did the large monument at the Veterans Memorial Park.

"It is an honor to do something like this and I am very thankful to be a part of it and thankful for our veterans," Bowman said.

Superintendent Rex Ryker was present at the ceremony. He was appreciative that the students and staff made the project a reality.

"I am proud of their efforts," Ryker said. "This is a great way to honor our veterans."

The monument was specifically placed where students will walk beside it daily as they enter and leave the building.

Students thanked Spencer and the American Legion Post 72 as well as Allen Monuments including Allen, Bowman, Josh Wade, Hope Allen-Stone and Caleb Bonwell.



Emily Race honored as Emerald Educator

Crawfordsville High School teacher Emily Race received the Emerald Educator Award from the Crawfordsville Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce had their annual awards banquet on September 5th at the Stone Creek Lodge where Emily was presented with this important award at the banquet.

The Emerald Educator awards recognize the outstanding innovation, adaptability, and organization shown by K-12 educators.

"Ms. Race is a proud Athenian educator who pours her heart and soul into teaching and leadership in our school. Her leadership continues to move our school in a positive direction and her efforts and dedication should not go unnoticed," said CHS Principal Jay Strickland.

This award is presented to an educator of each of the three Montgomery County school corporations.

2024 Graduates earn AP Capstone Diploma

More than 2,500 schools participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program, a project based learning experience valued by colleges and universities across the U.S. and around the world.

During the 2023-24 school year, three students earned the AP Capstone Diploma at Crawfordsville High School. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are essential to academic success.

The three students from the Class of 2024 are Thomas Bowling, Elizabeth Jeffries, and Nivek Witt.

To receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP® Exams of



Bowling



Jeffries



Witt

their choice.

Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP

Research assessments are project based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one specific academic discipline, AP

Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary: Students are encouraged to create research projects based on topics of personal interest. Students are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects.

College Board's Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) gives students the opportunity

to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. Earning a score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for students, including earning college credit, advanced placement in college courses, or both, saving them time and money. Research shows AP students are better prepared for and more likely to enroll and remain in college, do well in classes, and earn their degrees on time. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP Exams align with their high standards.

In partnership with the higher education community, College Board developed AP Capstone courses to help students build and master skills essential for success in college and career.



Cain Farm Ag Days always a hit with 4th graders

Hoover Elementary fourth grade students visited Cain Farm to learn about soil and water conservation, and agricul-

ture in general and all that it provides for us.

Students had hands-on activities and

learning at various stations throughout the day involving water quality, soil and its health, pollination, and much more.



CHS continues tradition honoring co-workers

Crawfordsville High School is picking up where they left off by recognizing each other for great work and demonstrating The Athenian Way. This month Mr. Clark passed the Athenian Torch to Mrs. Whitecotton. Clark said, "Mrs. Whitecotton is an amazing educator whose passion for student-learning inspires me each and every day!"

Whitecotton will display the torch until it is time for her to honor another staff member for their stellar work.



Saving Fred!

Hoover students in Mrs. Whicker's class completed an exciting STEM activity that involved Saving Fred, the worm, from drowning!



Leaders as Readers are back

Hose has had several guest readers in their classrooms since school has begun. Top photo: Dr. Ryker read "The Wonky Donkey" to Mrs. Carrell's class and had the kids "hee-haw-ing" along by the end of the book.

Middle photo: CHS Principal Jay Strickland read to Mrs. Rohr's class. Bottom photo: Hoover Principal Marci Galinowski read a book about animals to Mrs. Phelps' kindergarten class.



CHS debuts new uniforms

After two years of hard work on fundraising and help from various supporters for new band uniforms, the Crawfordsville High School Marching Band was able to show them off during pregame of the home football game against Fountain Central.

There was a great need for the band department as there were only 45 uniforms for its 60 members. CHS was able to order 85 uniforms to allow for continued growth of the program. The uniforms have special features, like stitched front pant seams, to help them last many years to come.

The total \$50,000 was made possible with the help of the band boosters for first half of the funds and the remaining half contributed by the school corporation.



Seniors claim their spot

If you drive through the Crawfordsville High School parking lot you'll see a display of art and expression from seniors who chose to claim their spot with paid parking. Be sure to stop by and check out their creativity!



Excited to be back at school

This crew is excited to be back at Nicholson Elementary as third graders in Mrs. Lawson's class. Left to right: Jonathan Torres, Elijah Pierce, Karter Martin, Abram Watt, and Jeremiah Froedge.



Exciting changes at Willson Preschool

With the expansion of Willson Preschool, Hose Elementary has welcomed two four-year-old preschool classrooms. One of the classrooms is for students with high abilities and these students will begin to explore the Kindergarten Everyday Math Program. With these new additions, the school has received a second playground area, which was installed in August, for the preschool classrooms to utilize. The students have

had a lot of fun exploring the new equipment!

Willson Preschool has also had a chance to expand its program and offer childcare to Crawfordsville Community School Corporation employees. They house two classrooms for infants and toddlers. With this expansion, a grant was awarded to purchase classroom materials and furniture. Currently, the program has eight infants and seven toddlers enrolled.

Camp Tecumseh welcomes Hoover 5th graders for annual trip



Great anticipation leads up to the annual 5th grade camping trip each year and once again it did not disappoint! The Hoover fifth graders left on a Wednesday morning and spent two nights at Camp Tecumseh before returning midday on Friday. The days were filled with activities such as hiking, learning about and petting new animals, archery, canoeing, sliding down the "Black Hole," and so much more.

