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Indiana author inspires at Hose

Hose Elementary staff and students had a special visit from an Indiana author, writing educator, and speaker, LaNesha Tabb, who is known for her Alpert books. The main character, Alpert, loves “snow storms” or blank white paper, but discovers the endless possibilities from adding a simple line which is the beginning of creating amazing settings where new stories take place.

Tabb came to Hose and shared her love of writing and helped the Kindergarteners and 1st graders learn more about the writing process by reading about Alpert and some of his adventures.

Hose teachers Andrew Swank, Amber Rohr, and Amy Hensley got the author visit idea rolling after Swank discovered Tabb and her books through social media. Swank thought the books would apply well and be relatable to Hose students so he bought some and shared them with other teachers.

“We started to use her books and the kids LOVED them,” Swank said.



Swank also noticed, through researching the author, that she is based in Brownsburg and often does speaking engagements.

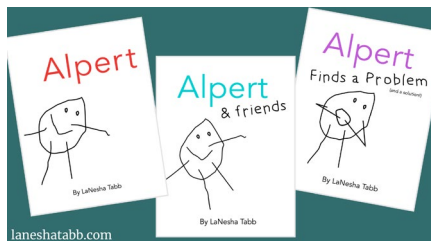
The three approached Hose Principal Adam Welcher and the Crawfordsville Elementary PTO about the possibility of funding Tabb's visit. Along with PTO and a generous do-

ing to read her books and had students make their own books modeled after Tabb's. Students filled the halls with writing pieces and were so excited to meet her!

“It was a rare opportunity for the kids to meet and interact with a REAL author,” Hensley said, “Writing came to life for them that day.”

During the visit, Tabb spoke with classrooms and had book signings with the students and signed copies for the classrooms. Each classroom and the library, with the help of PTO, each received books to continue reading for months to come.

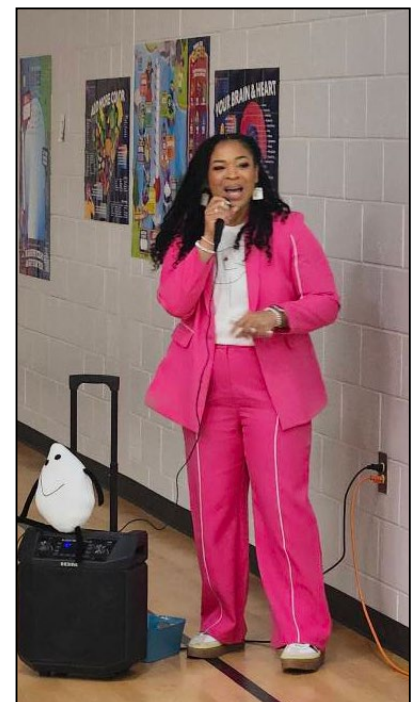
“She lit the spark for writing for many that day while also acknowledging those students who already love to write,”



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Author brings Alpert stories to life while speaking at Hose.

nation from a Wabash basketball alum's grandmother, the visit was made possible and the planning began.

Teachers began preparing for the big event by continu-



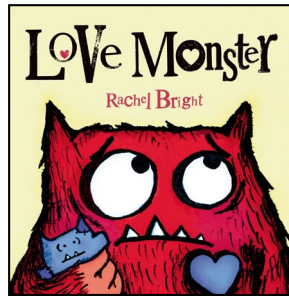
Author LaNesha Tabb

Rohr said, “Many teachers continue to reference her visit making further instructional connections in the classroom.”



CHS students create 'Love Monsters' for Kindergartners

During the month of February, Mrs. Rohr's class at Hose Elementary had been reading multiple stories from the popular series, "Love Monster" which is about a hairy, googly-eyed monster trying to find his place among the cuddly residents of Cutesville and ultimately finding friends to love him just as he is.



Mr. Strickland, visited Rohr's class during his Leaders as Readers time and brought the special felt-stuffed Love Monsters to the class. Mrs. Rohr had Mr. Strickland read another Love Monster story just before the students were allowed to pick out their own Love Monster.

Rohr said the students later wrote about the monster they each chose and the class planned to make a book to keep and to give to Mrs. Ellenberger's class.

Little did the Kindergartners know that while they were reading books about Love Monster, the Crawfordsville High School students in Mrs. Ellenberger's art class were designing and creating a Love Monster for each student.

On Valentine's Day, CHS Principal

Mrs. Rohr said, "I am super grateful for Mrs. Ellenberger's idea. It has been a very fun collaboration for our classes. Her students did a fantastic job on their felt monsters. My students love them!"



Mrs. Ellenberger's class at Crawfordsville High School did an outstanding job creating felt Love Monsters for each student in Mrs. Rohr's Kindergarten class.

Chartwells & Hose team up to celebrate Dr. Seuss



Students at Hose Elementary had a great week celebrating Dr. Seuss Week, which typically happens around his birthday on March 2nd.

During the week, Chartwells provided a lunch of green eggs and ham corresponding, of course, to the book, "Green Eggs & Ham."

The also had a treat of blue jello and rainbow Goldfish, in reference to the book, "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish."



Left photo: Crawfordsville High School winners include Isla Seward, left, Princy Patel, Kaya Money, and Bristol Presley. Middle photo: CMS students: Naomi Sermersheim, left, Josephine Hesler, and Julius Jones. Right photo: Hoover Elementary winners are Hugh McCrary, left, Nevaeh Begay, and Addison Barnes.

Many Foundations for Life essay winners at CCSC

Each year the Foundations for Life essay contest, organized by the Montgomery County Leadership Academy, offers students in grades 3-12 and in Montgomery County, the opportunity to write and reflect on various quotations and provide their views on their own Foundations for Life. The contest allows students to reflect on their guiding values and challenges them to put it in essay form. As stated in the contest instructions, “Founda-

tions for Life is a maxim-based essay program that helps prepare students for crucial tests, improves their reasoning and writing skills, and inspires them to reflect upon, express, and commit to profound and enduring truths that will guide them in making ethical and effective choices throughout life.” The Montgomery County Leadership Academy board then selects winners in each category of elementary, middle school, and high school

and are awarded cash prizes. Crawfordsville Community School Corporation had a great representation with several winners.

Crawfordsville High School winners include Isla Seward, Princy Patel, Kaya Money, and Bristol Presley. CMS winners: Naomi Sermersheim, Josephine Hesler, and Julius Jones. Hoover Elementary winners are Hugh McCrary, Nevaeh Begay, and Addison Barnes.



Team members (L to R): Coach Stiles Garverick, Tristen Hood, Emerie Venis, Justin Mendel, Taylor Bray, Wesley Chastain, Dexter Black, Parent Volunteer Jamie Chastain

CHS Robotics finishes 13th

The CHS Robotics team, TOBOR, had the opportunity to compete at the state competition on March 8 at the University of Indianapolis along with 27 other schools across the state. The invitation to attend came following a first place finish for the Think Award. The team placed 13th out of 28th teams at state.

The team designed their entire robot from scratch using sheet metal and 3D printed parts, unlike most, who typically build their robots from premade parts and kits.

TOBOR is the oldest FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team in Indiana. Its motto still remains, “To create leaders, promote STEAM, and show gracious professionalism through designing, building, and programming robots.”



Warrior Fosdick-Stingley, left, receives an autographed Colts Football from Crawfordsville Fire Department Chief Scott Busenbark.

Hoover Blood Drive will help 40 local patients

The Hoover Student Council hosted a Blood Drive on February 11, 2025. The collections drawn will provide 40 patients with transfusions in Montgomery County. The Crawfordsville Fire Department, one of only a few stations in the state who carry blood on their EMS vehicles, thanked Student Council members by presenting them with some commemorative CFD coins and autographed Colts memorabilia.

CHS band performs National Anthem

The Crawfordsville band had the opportunity to perform the National Anthem at Gainbridge Fieldhouse before the Indianapolis Pacer's game on Feb. 24 when they faced the Denver Nuggets. To listen to their performance, view it here on the [Crawfordsville Bands Facebook page](#).

If you missed the live opportunity, you can watch the band perform at the Indy Fuel game when they play the Kalamazoo Wings on Friday, March 14th.



Band alumni join the fun on senior night

The CHS band celebrated its seniors at the last home basketball game. Joining in the fun was several alumni band members that dusted off their instruments and played alongside the current band members cheering on their Athenians.



Congratulations to State band winners

The Crawfordsville High School band had successful performances at state. CHS brought home 21 State Golds and 10 State Slivers.

The following results and performers are listed below: Ruth Garcia - Gold; LiLi Yeung - Silver; and Georgianna Hernandez

Clarinet Trio - Gold

Performers: Mercedes Randles, LiLi Yeung, and Olivia Pettit

Saxophone Choir - Gold

Performers: Georgianna Hernandez, Hunter Villines, Ian Hurt, Balea Hensley, Teo Brooks, Abby Sheets, Melainah Kunkel, Chang Yeung, Evelyn Kohl, Jayden Alexander, Jarron Torres, and Feliz Montero

Brass Quintet - Gold

Performers: Danny Wills, Drew Turner, Shayla Ingram, Na'arah Byard, and Colten Brock

Percussion Ensemble - Silver

Performers: Brody Hartman, Maxximo Jacome-Huesca, Andrew Hurt, Tyler Kearns, Hayden Sanders, Emma Wiles-Gerold, Cameron Morgan, and Ian Sanders



Pictured above are Nicholson students who received books after participating in the Alexander Reading Challenge. Below are the Hose Elementary students who received books. Congratulations to all of the readers! Keep it up!



Alexander Reading Challenge winners receive new books

Congratulations to the winners of the Read with Alexander challenge! The winners had their pictures taken with a new book that they received for reading at home and sharing their picture on Class Dojo and/or tagging their school on social media. Keep on reading!!



Chartwells Food Service keeps busy serving students



Chartwells treats Principal's Award winners to breakfast

In February, Chartwells Food Service had the opportunity to serve breakfast at Hoover Elementary for students who earned the Principal's Award. To qualify during the nine-week period, students needed to have no discipline referrals, no late assignments, and near perfect attendance (94% or higher). Students who qualified for this special breakfast were served fresh biscuits and gravy, sausage, and fresh fruit all to celebrate their hard work, perseverance, and achievements. Alexander the Athenian raided the kitchen to "help" out with Diana Wilbert, Director of Dining Services (middle photo), hung out with the students while they were eating, and joined in on playing trivia for prizes.

National School Breakfast Week offers creative fun

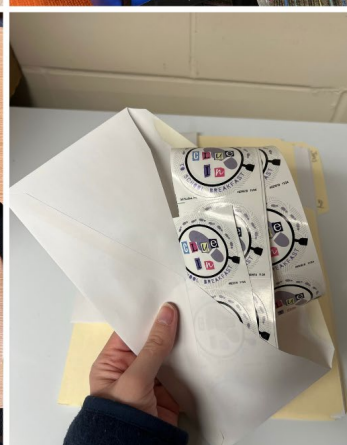
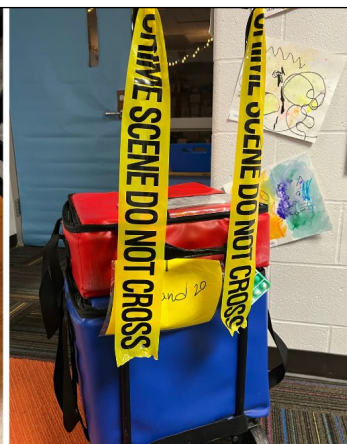
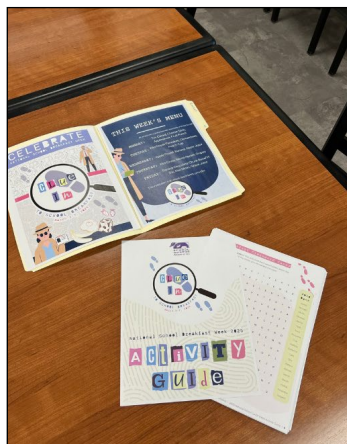
Chartwells K12 celebrated National School Breakfast Week during the week of March 3rd through the 7th. Elementary students at Hose, Nicholson, and Hoover participated in the "Clue into School Breakfast" mystery-theme provided by the School Nutrition Association.

Each classroom received a "Confidential Folder" with an agent or spy-themed activity sheet and stickers for each student. Each school was provided a different type of tool to help them solve the case with breakfast. Hose students used magnifying glasses, Nicholson wrote down their clues on a "Top Secret" notepad, and Hoover students went undercover with agent sunglasses.

Students cracked the code to school breakfast by learning why it is important to fuel their bodies and minds with a well-rounded meal every morning.



Hoover Elementary breakfast spy agents.





Preschoolers make pillows for storytime

Willson Preschool Academy was able to invite Joann Rothenberger to help sew pillows during the bedtime stories week. Students learned about traditional stories such as “Jack and the Beanstalk,” “Three Billy Goats Gruff,” “Goldilocks and the Three Bears,” and many more. They were able to make a pillow by picking out a cover, decorating the back, stuffing the pillow, and watching Miss Joann sew the pillow. Students enjoyed learning the process and were excited to take these pillows home to share with their families.



County Champs!

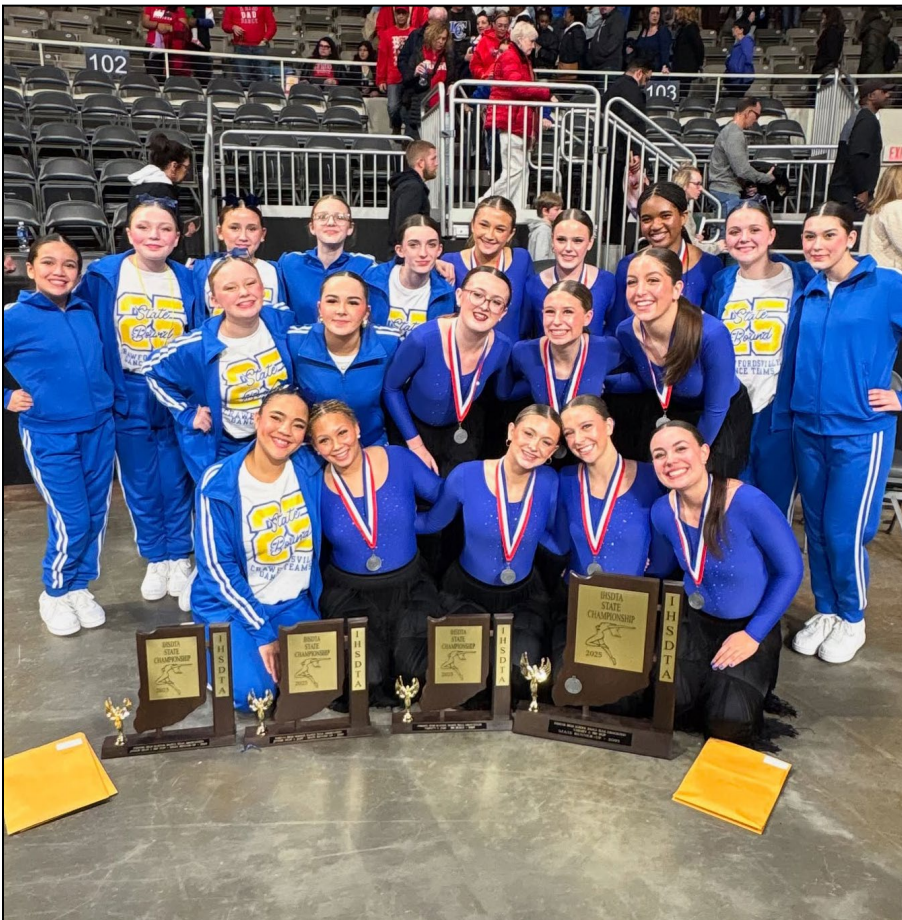
The Crawfordsville Middle School swimming and diving team are the 2025 County Champions!

The girls are currently 9-0-1 and the boys are 9-1. They will compete at their Sagamore Conference meets on Monday and Tuesday.



Boys claim 6th straight Sectional title

The Crawfordsville High School boys swim team has done it again and won the 2025 Sectional Title making this the sixth year in row. This is the program's 24th sectional title in its history.



Dance team finishes season

The CMS Starlettes and CHS Blue Illusions finished their season at the State competition at the Indianapolis State Fair Grounds. The Starlettes won 2nd Place JHA Hip Hop and 2nd Place in JHA Jazz while the Blue Illusions won 2nd Place in A Hip Hop and 5th Place in A Jazz.



Medina earns IHSAA exemplary award

Adrian Medina recently received an IHSAA Exemplary Behavior award for the way he supports all swimmers and is a positive impact on those around him. Karalynn Skinner nominated him stating, "Adrian Medina demonstrates exemplary sportsmanship in every situation. Whether he is timing at the girls swim sectional or competing in the boys sectional, he is not just a fierce competitor himself, but also a champion for every athlete that is competing. Adrian is a clear leader on a very strong Crawfordsville High School swim team, and has an extremely positive impact on all people involved at his sporting events."