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**HAVE YOU BEEN  
SUCCESSFUL SO  
FAR THIS YEAR?**

*I have been successful  
because I have been positive  
the whole school year so far.  
— Malachi Blair*

*Sometimes! There have been  
very good days and some  
rough ones.  
— Bayleigh Grund*

*I think we have improved a  
lot. The number of fights and  
suspension days have gone  
down since I have been here.  
— Mr. Blietz*

## Wolf Pack Students Enjoy First Trip

By Jamehl Inthabounh

On Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 256 students got onto three buses and went to Incredible Pizza. The first thing we did was eat. There were different places you could eat. You could eat at the movie place, the diner, and the kids place. The food was amazing. Many students had fun. There are a lot of new games and rides. If you want to play you have to put money on an Incredible Pizza card. Students ran around driving go-karts, playing games or walking through the new ride. Many students rode the go-karts. The most popular ride was the climbing ride. A lot of students got prizes from playing the games. Incredible Pizza is a place of fun

games, amazing food, and rides. Students got to go because they are in Wolf Pack, have been positive, and they did community service. The next Wolf Pack fieldtrip will be in November! To go, you must be positive and have no level Ills for the term. Where would **you** want to go on the next fieldtrip? Talk to government members to share your ideas!



*I wonder who won this race?!*

## Share-The-Mic: community Voices Creating Change

By Emily McGruder

Share the Mic is an event that helps students express themselves in many ways, such as singing, dancing, and poetry. The last event took place October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7pm. Drake University kindly let Share the Mic be performed there.

To start the show off there was the dance crew, DMI Breakaz, showing off their amazing moves and making the crowd "ooh" and "ahh." After that, students from all over

Des Moines performed their spoken word poetry. There were students from Hoover, North, East, Roosevelt, Hiatt, Harding, and Central Campus. The students worked really hard on their poetry and the audience could tell. They raised \$1,024.50 for Beza Beads from all the admission costs. Beza Beads helps end sex slavery in Ethiopia. Thank you to all who came to cheer on participants at Share the Mic. I hope everyone goes next time.



*Jasmine Inthabounh getting free!*

## Suffering in Our World

By KaNajia Williams

Did you know that kids and grownups are suffering in Kenya? Our Global Studies teachers are starting a donation for us Harding kids to donate to Kenya and to help them. Kenya needs all the help that they can get and we can do that. Tell your friends and family and get the word out! We're not asking for a lot of money we just want enough to help Kenya.

Kenya is suffering because they barely have any education and a lot of the kids are getting stolen by army men and they never come back. Army men are killing kids and adults or training them to kill other people. Kenya

doesn't really have any education because all the schools that they had are getting closed down or the teachers are getting killed. We need to step up and help Kenya! The kids and adults there need our help, so let's step up and make a positive change.

The type of things you can donate to Kenya is food (any type of canned food, and boxed food), school supplies (books and crayons and note books), and money. We're not asking for a lot of money. We're asking for change and dollars. We're not asking for a lot, and we will thank everyone that donates to Kenya. You can turn your donation into your Global Studies teacher and they will send all the donations to Kenya.



## Lady Timberwolves Wrap Up Season

By Auddreyonna Alsager

Our Lady Timberwolves volleyball team had 29 girls on the 7th grade team and 16 girls on the 8th grade team. We played five different schools.

Our first game, Harding went to Hoyt. Most of our girls were nervous. Hoyt started off really good but we beat them. One good serve at the end helped us win.

After that we practiced to get better. Our second game was Callanan, and it was a home game. It became really intense. Harding lost the game,

but we knew there were other games to play. We worked hard and played hard.

Another game we played was against Merrill. It was a good game. A lot of people did a lot of great serves. I was hoping we would win, and I'm glad we did. We practiced extra. Everyone tried really hard so we made Harding and the team look good.

All the girls loved being on the team and can't wait until next year! Girls and boys basketball is the next sport coming up in the Winter.

"We worked hard and played hard"



## New Government Members Dedicated to Making Changes

By Samuel Socop

Did you know who won for government? In the last couple of weeks, 24 Wolf Pack members from 7th and 8th grade were elected for Government. Being a Wolf Pack Government member means you get to make rules and make plans. The Government members elected in 8<sup>th</sup> grade were: Jasmine (Executive), Damir (President), Darius and Mataia (Vice Presidents), Stephanie (Treasurer), and Kobe (Sergeant of

Arms). There are also six Advisory Representatives: Tre, Paw Mu Soe, Georgia, Monte, Terriance, Jill and Dane.

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the Government members are Zheyon (Executive), KaNajia (President), Khyla and Vanessa (Vice Presidents), Axel (Treasurer), and Samantha (Sergeant of Arms). The seven Advisory Representatives are Johan, Gabriella, Destini, Karina, Auddreyonna, Jamehl and Staesha. Many Govern-

ment members promised to plan more Wolf Pack trips, more dress down days and to change the school. I'm excited to see in the future how they are going to change our school!



## Celebrating Literacy and Social Studies

By Na Kay Ma Ya, Hser Thaw, and Shar Plat Moo

Literacy and Social Studies were the highlight of the night one Tuesday in October. Harding Middle School hosted its first Literacy and Social Studies open house night on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. Over 150 people came. When we were in our Literacy room, we read the book "Way Side School." Parents had the opportunity to meet their child's Literacy and Social Studies teachers. We had so many people that came that we ran out of food! As a result, Principal Taylor ordered Pizza for the people who didn't get food. At the end of the night,

the kids received a backpack and free books. Parents who came also had the chance to win door prizes. This night was really successful because friends and family both had fun celebrating Literacy and Social Studies. Literacy is an important part of life and Social Studies is important because we learn about history and the world. If you missed this event, don't worry! There will be Math and Science Open House one night in the spring. Stay tuned for more information!



Did we mention FREE BOOKS!?

## The Perks of Being an Individual

By Junice Sibley

Autism is a complex disorder that effects 1 out of 8 children. Individual symptoms are unpredictable and are different for each child.

A common factor in children with Autism is the absence of social skills. Many children with Autism suffer daily with

"Nobody should be judged just because they are different. We all have special qualities and special perks."

peers and self-esteem. They don't express themselves. They mostly keep to themselves

Making friends, playing sports, or being included or asked by others to join can open many doors for these children. Children with Autism have increased creative abilities. Like art talents or singing. They are shy and don't really express it.

Most importantly children with Autism have feelings and odd behaviors should never invite taunting and bullying. If you ever see a student get bullied, you should help.

Its our responsibility to include all students in activities at Harding. Nobody should be judged just because they are different. We all have special qualities and special perks.

## Movie/Book Review

By Kierra Martin

Have you ever read "Series of Unfortunate Events" by Lemony Snicket? I have and I hope that the other people who also have liked it, as well. There are 13 books in this series. The series is about when a massive fire kills 3 children's parents, and the three children are then put

in the custody of a family member, Count Olaf. He is secretly plotting to steal their parents huge fortune that they left behind for the children. The children don't get the fortune until the eldest daughter turns 18.

My thoughts about this series were that they had a lot of details and the author explains it

very well. I would recommend this series for everyone! If you really want to read it, then just go to your school or public library.



The "Series of Unfortunate Events" has 13 books that were written between 1999-2006.

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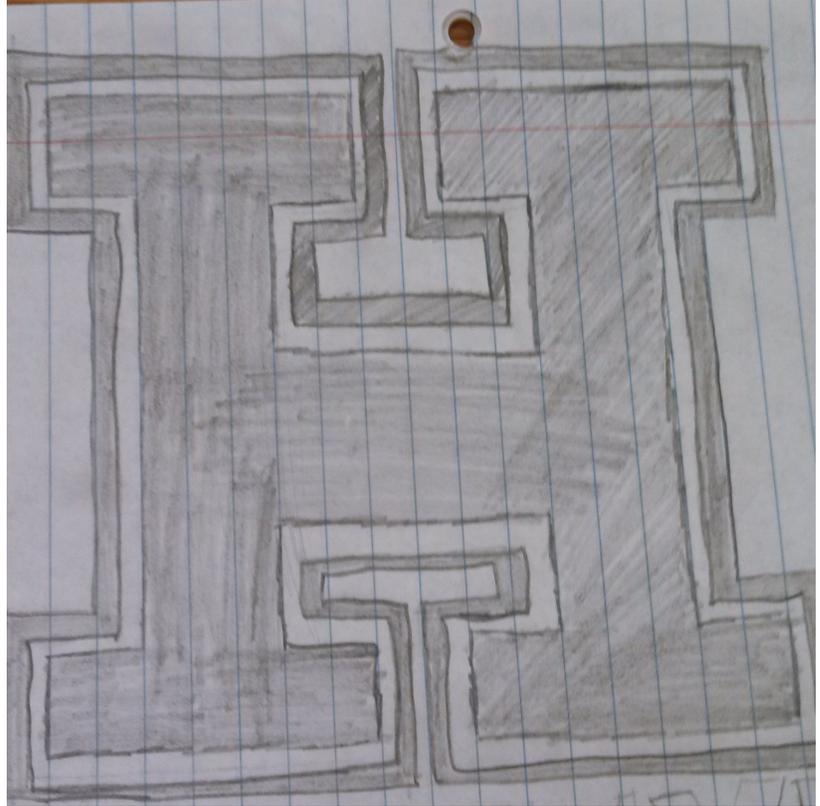
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*H for Harding — Art by Htee Klay, 7th grader*

## Feature Teacher: Meet Mr. Snow

By Sheldon Oliver

Mr. Snow was the Staff Member of the Term for term 1. He was nominated by other staff members because he is a great leader, always helps others, and always positive. Mr. Snow is a School Improvement Leader (SIL) this year, but he used to be a Literacy teacher, too.

**Q) How old are you?**

34-years-old

**Q) Do you have any children?**

Yes, I have one eight-year-old daughter named Ceci.

**Q) How do you like being a School Improvement Leader (SIL)?**

I like it because I get to see a lot of students every day!



*Mr. Snow was nominated as Staff Member of the Term!*

**Q) What are you looking forward to this year?**

My wife is going to have a baby in December.

**Q) What are your hobbies or interests?**

I like sports, movies, and reading.

**Q) What is your favorite football team?**

My favorite team is the Atlanta Falcons.

**Q) What is your favorite food?**

My favorite food is anything sweet!

**Q) What are you afraid of?**

I am afraid of failure, puppets and ventriloquist dummies.

If you don't know Mr. Snow, you should! He is an awesome teacher and SIL. Congratulations on Staff Member of the Term!

*Do you want to join  
Media Club? See Miss  
Wilcoxon or Miss Marble  
in Room 209!*