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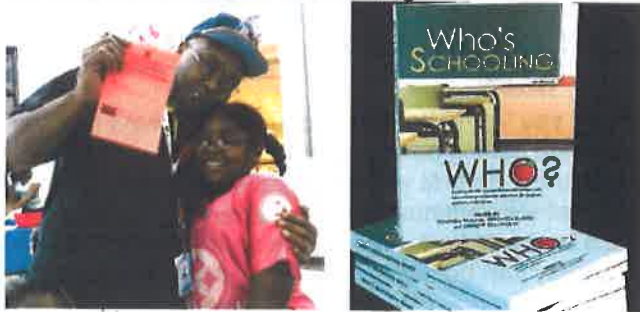
November 2014

CGW PARENT S.O.L WINNER!

Our Parent 2 Parent Corner

Joan Gosier, Parent Involvement Assistant

The winner of our second drawing for the month of October was **Parent BRIAN GRAY!** He correctly chose letter "E". Yes! Dr. Carter G. Woodson authored more than 17 published books. A list of 18 of Dr. Woodson's books can be found in your *Parent Resource Packet #1* which can be downloaded @ www.PrideandSpirit.info We had 23 entries into the S.O.L. drawing and 5 families had the correct answer. Special book prizes will be given to each of the winning families!



Parent Winner Brian Gray and 6th grade WILDCAT. Special thanks to our book prize sponsor, **Ushanda Pauling** for generously donating 5 autographed copies of her intriguing book, "**Who Is Schooling Who?**"

A very special thanks to our **\$25.00 GIFT CARD** sponsor for **OCTOBER WELLINGTON HOUSE BOOKSELLERS** which is located downtown Hopewell.

OCTOBER PTO MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The last PTO meeting was well attended and we had a lot of good discussions on how to better serve our students. Tips were shared from the HOPEWELL PARENT RESOURCE CENTER. The PTO fundraising goal is \$17,000.00. The funds are used to benefit ALL CGW students. SCA needs a flatbed for the upcoming Christmas Parade. Please contact the school if you have one available. *Parent Terra James* introduced the topic of "Soft Skills for Success" with good discussion on the importance for our students' success in the real world. The month's theme of "DISABILITY AWARENESS" was also discussed. *Parent Jazzy Pitts* requested that color printed worksheets and materials be made available as there is research that says it helps with some learning types.

The next PTO meeting will be on 11/11 at Hopewell High School at 6:30 p.m.. See www.prideandspirit.info to sign up for early notifications and helpful reminders!

TIPS FOR SUCCESS (#2 and #3 of 7)

This month's focus is to plan study time. An old adage says, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail!" Help our children use a big calendar to write down all obligations and prepare for the competitive real world. Study something every day. Even on days when there is no "official" homework, have your child review their notes, rewrite "scribbly marks," and/or practice math problems they got wrong during the week. Encourage them to ask questions and learn something new every day.

SOURCE BROCHURE:

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS

2014-15 CGW PARENT COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- ✓ Website: www.Hopewell.k12.va.us/woodson
- ✓ www.facebook.com/PrideandSpirit
- ✓ Blog: www.prideandspirit.info
- ✓ Support Line: **804-601-8729**
- ✓ Email: CGWPrideandSpirit@gmail.com
- ✓ PTO Meetings –November 11
- ✓ Conference Calls
- ✓ Principal's Breakfast Chat –November 19

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NOVEMBER HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

Please come out and support our CGW VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT held at HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2104 at 6:30 p.m!

School Board Meeting Office is located at 103 North 12th Avenue. Meetings are at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on 11/11.

City Council Meeting City Council Chambers are located at 300 North Main Street. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on 11/11 and 11/25.

SCHOOL SUPPORT

Dr. Fahey's Motivational Visits

Student success is a primary concern for Hopewell Public School Superintendent, *Dr. Fahey*.



Personally visiting each of our CGW classrooms, Dr. Fahey shared a motivational "show and tell" lesson on the importance of "constantly making adjustments to achieve the goal of graduation and life success!"

Principal Chat Summary

At the last Principal's Chat, *Parent Jazzy Pitts* shared some of the challenges faced by those who work demanding jobs. Many must choose to be either "responsible parent or reliable employee" to balance the needs. *Parent Shakia Pollard* agrees while raising her 6th and 8th graders. She advises "We must work smarter not harder. We may be disposable to an employer but remember our children are ALWAYS with us!"

How can we support one another to work smarter? Please come out to the next Principal Chat on Wednesday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m!

Fall Fundraiser

Please make arrangements to pick up your items on November 12 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the school café! The MEGAPARTY will be on Monday, November 24 for those who sold 5 or more items!

CONGRATULATIONS!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

READING SUPPORT

PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD

During the month of November, let's help improve the reading performance of our students. Our goal is to continue to encourage families to ensure that their children read and have a FREE public library card. It is a great tool to teach early responsibility. Please have your child check out and read a good book over the Thanksgiving Break. Why not choose a book that you both can enjoy and discuss together?

DONATED DICTIONARIES

Special "Thanks!" to the Hopewell Rotary Club members for generously donated dictionaries to each one of our 6th graders.



PARENT SUPPORT

PARENT SURVEY

How would you like to be included and/or involved this year? We are asking each parent to complete a **Parent Interest Survey** so that we can organize productive activities that will continue to make Carter G. Woodson one of the best middle schools in the state. A copy of the Parent Survey can be found on www.prideandspirit.info.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Parents are invited to attend the next meeting on December 9, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at Hopewell School Board Office or call 452-4855 for details. Topics include program funding and providing answers to questions on how to help our children's needs be met in school. Please come out and support our students.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 10-REPORTS CARD (SENT BY STUDENT)
NOVEMBER 11- VETERANS' DAY CONCERT at 6:30 p.m.
NOVEMBER 19- Principal's Chat at 9:00 a.m.
NOVEMBER 26- Early Release at 12:30 p.m.
NOVEMBER 27-28 Thanksgiving Break.

OTHER FUTURE PLANS

February 19-SOL NIGHT/PARENT WORKSHOP
March 19-SOL NIGHT/MATH NIGHT AT FOOD LION

YOUR INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME!