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Re-Max Balloon Flies for FHP

By Noah Hutto

On what seemed to be an average September morning ninth grade aviation students were in for a thrilling surprise! The RE/MAX hot air balloon wowed many freshman students with the prospect of getting a hands on experience as opposed to just being left to speculate from a textbook.

Mr. Venters said “I had just finished teaching my students about balloon related flight, and was heading home when I saw it; the RE/MAX balloon was just sitting there on the side of the road! That’s when I was inspired to give them a call and they generously agreed to come to the school.”

He also felt that it was a very positive and uplifting experience, a proverbial way to get away from the normal hum drum school experience, and thinks it will be a great thing to do yearly.

Many people including Ms. Barnes went up to get an “Eagles” eye view of the school. Dakota beamed that the ride was awesome and she felt weightless, and that she thought it was like being in a hairdryer. Others like Hunter felt that the balloon was very loud. Jorean called the balloon nifty. When the crew was asked their feelings on working with the balloon one member chuckled fabulous.

Chelsea exuberantly exclaimed “I had superpowers! I was levitating! I felt like Donkey on the bridge in Shrek!” When people were asked how they felt on seeing the balloon Baylie stated it was cool Michael felt it was amazing and Juan thought it was fantastic when it inflated.

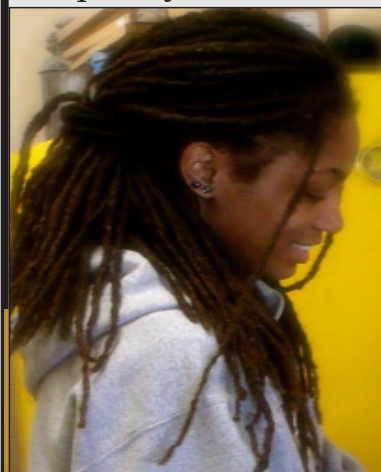
All in all it was a fantastic experience for everyone young or old.



Automotive Changes!

By Aundrea Freeman

In 2011, Mrs. Cathy Barnes, joined Frank H. Peterson. Since then there have been some changes at school, especially in the Automotive Academy. The shop may not have been the cleanest, but with the help of Ms. Barnes that all changed. “She’s cleaning up the school.” Says Mr. Bennett. Down the corridor, in Mr. Parramores shop he says “She came in with new fresh ideas, which helped out the Automotive Academy.” These changes are especially helpful as the Automotive Academy is up for the Model Academy Review.



FHP Plans Second Homecoming

Frank H. Peterson is having their second ever homecoming week which includes a dance on Friday, November 2nd. Homecoming week is one of the most school-oriented weeks of the school year. It’s a full week of school activities.

This year we plan on a ‘rep your class’ day, twin day, and possibly an elderly day. The homecoming dance is going to range from \$10-15 and \$20 at the door.

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FHP OPEN HOUSE A HUGE SUCCESS



Above: Parents and students listen to Mr. Gary Kimball, president of the PTSA.

By Noah Hutto

Peterson's first open house of the 2012-2013 year, leapt off to a great start as parents began to appear.

They were vastly impressed with the incredible achievements the school has earned, such as, being an "A" school and having two nationally accredited model academies.

The parents even found the teachers delightful. One enthusiastic mom commented on how kind and naturally hilarious Mr. Gilchrist was.

The large number of new



Mrs. Abbott speaks with a student and his mother.

Another thing they were greatly impressed at was our very own student volunteers with their willingness and ability to help. This support was good for students and parents alike. Ms. Barnes said "I thought that open house was well attended.

teachers was also a topic of interest however the intrigued parents found how qualified and prepared the newcomers were.

Many teachers were extremely pleased with the support from parents. Both Ms. Cowart and Ms. Santos said that it was a great night and were impressed by how many parents came. They both also felt the night was very well attended. Many parents of the freshmen class were in awe at the very size of our campus commenting that it reminded them of their college days.

Important Dates:

Progress Reports:

- December 4, 2012

Report Cards:

- November 2, 2012
- January 29

Communities in Schools Upcoming Activities

10th Annual College Fair Planned Oct. 30

On Tuesday, October 30th Communities in Schools (CIS) will host its 10th Annual College Fair. More than 20 colleges will be on hand to provide students with materials regarding their college or tech school.

Additionally, students will be able to discuss plans, financial aid and admission pro-

cess with school representatives. Both juniors and seniors will be allowed to visit the fair during their third period class. The college fair will be held on the bizarre deck upstairs in the E-wing.

In conjunction with Homecoming Week students are encouraged to dress up on Tuesday as they have the opportunity to speak with recruiters. October 30th is slated as **Dress for Success Day**.

Communities In School is Sponsoring the Can-U-Care Food Drive from Oct 10 to Nov 8

As always, holidays are difficult for some families, in an effort to help people in our community CIS is hosting a food drive prior to the holidays. This will ensure families have plenty to eat during this busy time of year.

CIS will be accepting donations until Thursday, November 8th. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to bring in as many non-perishable items as possible to support families in our community. **Thank you in advance for your support!**

EAGLE PHOTOGRAPHY





The Remax ballon came to Frank H. Peterson and allowed student to have a first had view of being in an air ballon.



Stepping with the FHP Diamonds of Intimidation

By Jasmine Smith

Frank H. Peterson is stomping their way to the top, with the Diamonds of Intimidation, ladies step-team. With their coach, Channel Jones, they are a force to be reckoned with. Tryouts were held in early September. The captain and co-captain are De’Andrea and Bretania Forbes.

The new editions to the team consists of Keyonna Canady, Alana Burton, Kendra Moore, Markia Warrick, Deja Durant, Mariah Wescott and Es-senx Morris.

While the returning members are Brianna Lamar, Shydowe Whydell, Maia Keese and Khyla Taylor. As long as they maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA these young ladies are unstoppable. The step-team will provide a special performance in the cafeteria during red ribbon week.

FHP Skill Setahz Dancing with Style



By Kenneth Mitchel

Frank H. Peterson Dance Team gives us an insight on their reasons for dancing. Both Malcolm Tobe and Shane Pilgrim began dancing at an early age having been a fundamental part of their lives they wanted to share their love of dancing with others like them. Their goal, is to unite all dancers from different backgrounds, with different techniques, and different skills to create an atmosphere of diversity giving them the title The Skill Setahz.

Malcolm and Shane both captains of the dance team are followed by a group of solid dancers to build their foundation on not just technique but family as well. They practice every Tuesday and Thursday to prepare for their upcoming performance during Red Ribbon Week.

2012-13 Blood Drive Schedule

By Theresa Meyers

Roll up those sleeves and save a life. FHP students get ready to help out for a really great cause!

It’s that time again the 10th Annual Blood Alliance Blood Drive Host-ed by the National Honor Society! What is a better way to start out the blood drive then by knowing what you’re getting yourself in to right?

This year’s Blood drive dates are as followed so be ready to sign up!

- October 25th
- January 7th
- April 4th

In order to be eligible for the blood drive you must be at least 16 years of age and must have a permit or driver’s license. Also, if you sign up and donate you will receive a dollar off coupon for the restaurant on the designated days and no for these days you do not have to be a

senior so make sure to sign up and give, and save a life!

Soaring with Skills

By Nataly Carbonell

SkillsUSA is an organization in partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives to work together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. This organization is determined to prepare students for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations.

This year SkillsUSA State Officers, Anna Santiago, Anna Belle Gonzalez, and Isiah Bulliard will be participated in the State Leadership Workshop in Ocala in October.

College Checklist

By Jasmine Smith

College is a very important step in a person’s life. There are some things high school students must do to be prepared for college. Each grade level requires different steps to make sure you’re on track.

- Find money for college
- Take the right classes
- Choose a career

Junior Year

Going into your junior year is when everything really matters. Around this time you should explore careers and their earning potential in the Occupational Outlook Handbook. Also, go to college fairs and college prep presentations by college representatives. During the fall, you must take the PSAT/NMSQT to qualify for scholarships and programs associated with the national merit scholarship programs. During the spring, you should register for and take exams for college admission.

Senior Year

As a 12th grader, you should be narrowing down the list of colleges you are considering attending. You can, visit the schools that interest you. Contact colleges to request information and applications for admission. Ask about financial aid, admission requirements, and deadlines.

Eagle Spirit Soars

By Tyra Downs

During the month of September Peterson held cheerleading tryouts; we are pleased to announce the twenty three lucky girls who will be putting the pep in our step all school year long.

Members named are: Jessica Alexander- Manager Ashley Davis- Captain, Alyssa Flemming Co-captain, Rakeyla Anderson, Alayah Burton, Shanice Carter, Cardenia Curry, Alexis Harris, Sandra Lugg, Natasha Machado, Marshay Melvin, Jasenia Ortega Minnessa Paulk, Felicia Peterkin, and Stephanie Quaranta.

Also, Kiara Raddler, Joscelyne

Rodriguez, Ja’mone Taylor, Cassidy Ward, Tia Wells, Integra Williams and Jordyn Woods.

Peterson’s cheerleading teams is excited for a very big year, not only are they planning on cheering for our Silver eagle basketball team, they are also cheering for the silver eagle lacrosse team!

This year they will also be busy preparing to cheer on a bigger level; they will attend a National cheerleading competition this year to get a feel for the competition. Next year, the silver eagle cheerleaders will be joining in on the competition, ready to win. Good luck going for the gold!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT CLASS OF 2013!

By Theresa Meyers

SENIOR DUES:

The first payment for senior dues October 1st however you are still welcomed to pay, please see Mrs. Boos in room F204 for more info,

- \$150- Gold Package
- \$41 - Silver Package

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 29th- November 2nd
- Homecoming Week
- October 29th- November 2nd
- Red Ribbon Week
- December 7th- Winter Formal

FUNDRAISERS:

- *September- December- senior lanyards (\$3)
- *December 3rd-December 7th- candy grams

Show your Eagle Spirit During Homecoming

Show your Eagle spirit on the dress up days during Homecoming!

- **Monday, 10/29:** Twin Day- Dress like your best friend from head-to-toe. The more identical you are the better! No hats.
- **Tuesday, 10/30:** Dress for Success Day- Dress like a CEO or an entrepreneur!!
- **Wednesday, 10/31:** Literary Character Day- Dress as your favorite literary character. No hats, masks, or full-body costumes.
- **Thursday, 11/1:** Throwback Day- Dress like someone from the past.
- **Friday, 11/2:** Class Color Day. Represent your class by dressing head-to-toe in your class color

Seniors – Blue

Juniors – Purple

Sophomores – Red

Freshmen – Green

****Remember:** All dress code policies must be followed during this week**

FHP Senior of the Month

By Jasmine Smith

Frank H. Peterson we would like to acknowledge the students in our graduating class. All you need is a teacher nomination to be eligible. Some perks of being senior of the month are pictures and a write-up posted in the senior spotlight display case, Recognition on the morning and afternoon announcements, a certificate, and a free lunch in the wright place compliments of Chef Perkins.

A new senior of the month will be revealed the first week of every month. The September 2012 seniors of the month were Tymika Bryan and Malcolm Tobe. Additionally, the October 2012 seniors of the month are: Maswell Patoa and Maiska Wright Congratulations!

Congratulations Cosmetology Students

The following FHP students received their cosmetology license and are ready to pursue their dream career.

Chris Gleason Maya Guye Gabrielle Corrier



National See You at the Pole Day



Wesley Crosby plays quietly while students pray around the pole.

By Courtney Preston

Every year since 2006 on the fourth Wednesday of September students gather at their schools’ flagpole to join hands and pray for friends, family, fellow classmates, and the school year.

National Meet at the Pole Day is also known as National Day of Prayer in other places.

On September 26th our school’s prayer started off with only three people by the end there were more than 50 students, teachers, and parent joined hands to pray and listen to Kallie Lind and Wesley Crosby play guitar and sing.

Kallie and Wesley were outstanding when they sang/played two songs at the pole, “How He Loves Us” and “Like a Lion” both by David Crowder Band.

According to religioustolerance.org the first meeting at the flagpole was on April 6, 1990; when a group of teenagers in Burleson, Texas assembled for a discipline retreat. The teenagers went one night to three schools and prayed around the campus’ flagpole for their friends and fellow students.

Ms. Cowart Joins FHP Staff

By Katie Shaneyfelt and Tyra Downs



This school year Peterson has received many new English teachers, Ms. Cowart is one who joined the ranks.

What inspired you to become a teacher? “Well everyone in my family is a teacher; my mother was a teacher, my Grandmother was a teacher, some of my uncles were teachers, basically the long line of teachers goes back for a couple hundred years.

At first I didn’t want to be a teacher at all, it’s actually a funny story, and I was teaching 8th grade drama and everyone kept saying “You should be a teacher.” I took a job teaching middle school drama and English, and that is how I fell in love with teaching.”

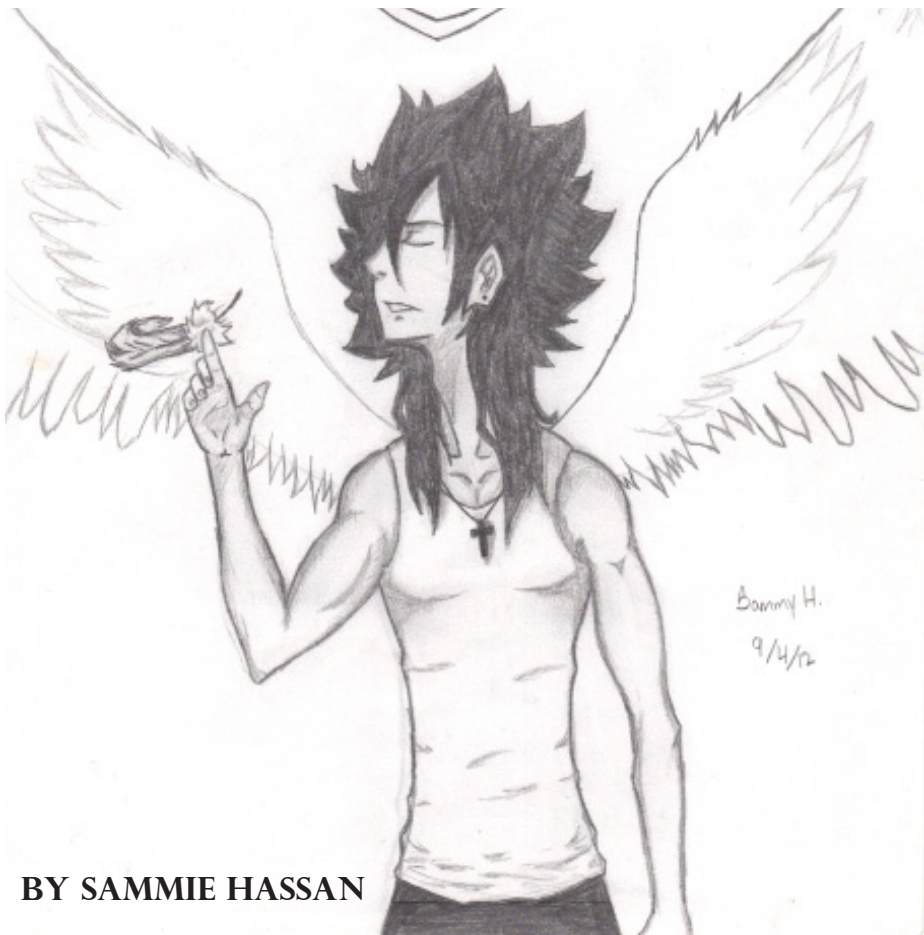
.” Where did you attend college? “Auburn University.” She clearly wears her stripes with pride as her Auburn Tiger’s gear covered the wall behind her desk. Is this your first year teaching and what subject do you teach? “This is my first year at Peterson, I spent six years teaching at University Christian, but I’m really impressed by the school. The students are ready and willing to work. It’s great.

I teach English, I love how it relates to everything in real life. Unlike math, when letters meet numbers it’s not a good mixture” What did you do before you became a teacher; “Well I was a sport news reporter, and I was in PR in baseball.”

So, as we closed the interview with Ms. Cowart we asked her what she enjoys to do in her free time, “I enjoy the beach and college football.” She is excited about her upcoming year at Frank H. Peterson.

THE JOLLY EAGLE

Eagle Insights



BY SAMMIE HASSAN

Maximum Ride Series

by James Patterson

Book Review by Jordan Newsome

James Patterson’s newest addition to his *Maximum Ride* series hit the series. August 6th, 2012 .The book is just was amazing as any of his other titles. He’s always increasing the action, there’s romance growing between characters, and Nevermore will be the last installment in the *Maximum Ride* series.

If you’re into action, romance, suspense, fantasy, and you love books that always have you on your toes, I’d recommend this series to you then. James Patterson, in my opinion, is one of the best author’s for teen’s who are interested in fiction books.

The series is about a flock of experimental human hybrids that could fly and had certain super powers like reading minds or creating massive explosions. Critics who read the books loved reading about these hybrid kids who were 98% human 2% avian.

God-Eater Burst

Game Review by Katarina Sinor

God Eater Burst is a very good story game. When you start there is a storyline and each character has their own life story of how they became aragami both old and new type fighters.

As you progress through the game the fighting key combos become a little more complicated, but they can be done.

A down side to the controls is the camera and movements controls.

You have to move the camera as you move your created character. This becomes difficult as you are fighting, flying, and jumping everywhere.

Overall the story for the game, the characters, and the fighting techniques are both interesting and unique.

Believe, Wish, See, Dream

BY AUNDREA FREEMAN

To believe is to see,

To see is to believe.

Believing is seeing,

Seeing is believing.

When you believe,

You dream.

When you dream,

You believe.

Believe in everything

You see.

Believe in every dream!

Dream what you believe in!

When you dream, you wish.

When you wish, you dream

House at the End of the Street

Movie Review by Katie Shaneyfelt

House at the End of the Street is a psychological thriller. “What ever happened to Carry Ann” that’s the questions everyone is left with, after a little girl slashed her parents, and then disappeared.

Some people say she drowned, but her body was never recovered.

But the *House at the End of the Street* lets us know she’s bound and tied in a secret basement compartment of that same house.

She is being looked over after by her nervous, edgy brother Ryan who is played by Max Thieriot.

It is almost fate when he meets Elissa, portrayed by Jennifer Lawrence from *The Hunger Games*.

Ryan draws Elissa in with his sense of danger and the fact that he is “damaged”.

It sparks an ingénue-meet-freak romance in a suburban woodland setting, killer-in-the-basement set-up are all included.

House at the End of the Street must be going for a psycho-twilight feel.

Not a lot happens, but the last thirty or forty five minutes of the movie, Ryan’s “dirty little secret” is revealed, the damsel becomes the hero and “What really happen to Carry Ann” is finally answered, along with Ryan’s past being reveled. Remember that girl bound in the basement... she isn’t Carry Ann.

THE SCREAMING EAGLE



Newspaper Staff Front (left to right): Noah Hutto , Jordan Newsome , Katie Shaneyfelt , Courtney Preston , Paradise Bell , Kenny Mitchell , Tyra Downs , Devonny Scott. Back Row (left to right): Aundrea Freeman , Katarina Sinor , Theresa Meyers , Caitlyn Smith , Jazmine Smith. Not Pictured : Ashley Larramore and Devan Clark.

L A Y O U T LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Jordan Newsome

The newspaper was at first, very difficult. Every student wanted a different name for the newspaper, the students wanted to have a different slogan, every one knew each other, and it was difficult to choose name.

Though we were all friends, some of us are new to the journalism scene. And after everything was done, the name was chosen, the slogan was chosen, and everyone got their assignments, things got a lot easier.

People got along better, designs were being put in place for the logo, and photos were being put into place as well.

Now, sometimes we will get selfish, and want to do our own thing, but in the end we got along great. I know some people believe that the journalism class is just some class where you write and walk around the school.

Though that is partially true, journalism is getting facts and telling some news from around the world that students would care for like school dances, sports, and other news.

EDITOR-IN CHIEF

By Theresa Meyers

“What Peterson means to me?” I have been at Peterson since my freshman year, and I am now a senior. When I first came in here I was confused.

I chose childcare because I have a passion for working with kids and when coming in here at open house I didn’t second think that Peterson was my choice. Since being at Peterson I have experienced way much more than I probably would ever have at my local high school.

I have had the opportunity to become certified in CPR/First Aid, and have received my 40 Hours for the Department of Children and Families because of that I am now able to get hired in a childcare center.

Additionally, I am better educated than most adults that try to become employed in a childcare center. I have had the opportunity to gain skills that I will use for the rest of my life such as public speaking skills and leadership skills.

Because of my involvement, I also have had the opportunity to be recognized in The Times Union newspaper, participate in the Martin Luther King JR. parade, be part of magnet mania, and the list goes on and on.

Due to the leadership skills I have gained here at Peterson. I am lucky to be President of this school's Family Career Community Leaders of America chapter, Vice President of Community In Schools, senior class public relations officer, secretary of Students Working Against Tobacco and a student Advocate for the Prevention of Teen Suicide.

My advice to all who attend here is take advantage of what this school offers, be dedicated to every club you join and please have fun because trust me this high school experience flashes by way to FAST!

EDITOR'S NOTE

By Katarina Sinor

Hello, my name is Katarina and I am a junior at Frank H. Peterson. I am an editor for the newspaper. I want to express my opinion about Frank H. Peterson.

I came in my sophomore year not my freshman as most people had done; I was home-schooled for four years. I was shocked and scared just like a freshman and I really did not know what to expect.

Luckily, I had my best friend to guide me through; I went through my first year really well. The teachers were tremendous and the rumors I heard I believed to all be lies from my experiences with those people.

I am greatly appreciative of them for all they have taught me and will continue to teach me as I see them throughout the rest of my years at Peterson.

The curriculum is steady and easy to follow and the academic teachers are fair and try the best they can to help you understand. The academy teachers and the academies themselves I find to be very fascinating and fun to do every day.