Hixson AJROTC Earns Recognition

In addition to winning the Hamilton County Drill Competition, the Hixson High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) TN-081, earned an overall unit assessment score of “Exceeds Standards.” This is the highest rating attainable during their unit evaluation on 19 Mar 2019. Major (Retired) James M. Carbone II and Master Sergeant (Retired) Doug Burhans created a world-class citizen development program built around a rigorous nationally-accredited academic foundation, Cadet-centered leadership and community service. The instructors, both lauded as “exceptional role models” provided superior mentorship for the Cadet-led program. The 88 Cadets of TN-081 performed
exceptionally well and took great pride in creating, assessing and accomplishing their unit goals.

Save the Ladybugs!

Big Ridge Elementary School's 5th graders were featured on National Public Radio on a program called 1A. The focus of the program was insect population decline and mass extinction. The program is called A Bug's Death.

Ronald Boston and his fifth graders have collaborated with Cornell University's Entomology Department for the past ten years. This collaboration is called the Lost Ladybug Project. Each spring Boston's fifth graders search for and collect hundreds of ladybugs for the annual count. The ladybugs are then put to sleep, data is gathered, they are photographed, then allowed to wake up so they can be released unharmed.

The fifth graders have provided valuable information to Cornell University regarding the severity of the decline in population of many ladybug species. Some species have declined in our area to the point that they are increasingly hard to find during the annual ladybug count. Boston's fifth graders will be raising and releasing the endangered nine-spotted ladybug this spring, in an effort to reestablish a viable breeding population of this disappearing species.

Dr. Losey nominated these hard working young scientists for the 2016 National Science Fair held in the White House by President Obama. They were given an honorable mention for their contributions to citizen science.

When Dr. John Losey at Cornell University was asked to be on National Public Radio, he asked if his student scientists from Big Ridge could call in to the show, and the producer of 1A said "of course." Boston's fifth graders had first hand knowledge of the rapid decline (and possible looming extinction) of several species in our area. Dr. Losey mentioned in the program that Big Ridge 5th graders have found some of the only living specimens of a couple of rare species in the entire United States.

You can listen to the program here. The Big Ridge Fifth graders are featured at minute 23 and minute 46, although you would enjoy listening to the entire program!

Boston's fifth graders would like to encourage you to participate in the Lost Ladybug Project this spring as well.
Read Across America

Athletes from Soddy Daisy High School recently participated in Read Across America Day at McConnell Elementary. Here you can see two football players reading to a group of students. See more pictures here.

Hixson High Showcase

Join us in celebrating AMAZING STUDENTS and FABULOUS OPPORTUNITIES at Hixson High ...

- We will also host an 8th grade parent meeting in the Little Theatre 5:30pm
- PTSA meeting 5:30-5:45 In the gym
- SHOWCASE 5:45-7:30 Schoolwide

Upcoming Events

- Monday, March 4 - Harrison Bay Listening Session @ Wallace A Smith Elementary
- Tuesday, March 5 - Opportunity Zone Listening Session @ Orchard Knob Elementary
- March 18-22 - Spring Break
- Monday, March 25 - No School for Students (Teacher Professional Development)
- Tuesday, March 26 - Parent University @ Middle Valley Elementary
- Free ACT Prep Class (STUDENTS)
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