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Registration Deadline Extended for Golf Tournament

Golfers are needed for the Nucor Steel Tuscaloosa Adopt-A-School Golf Tournament! The four man scramble is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th at Tuscaloosa Country Club. Both 8AM and 1PM shotgun starts are available and fees include greens fee, cart and lunch. Proceeds benefit every public school in our community and the event provides critical funding for the coordination and administration of the Adopt-A-School program for the Tuscaloosa City and Tuscaloosa County School Systems.



Join Eagle Sponsors *Ellis Architect, Harrison Construction Company, JVC America, Learning Experiences, McGiffert & Associates, NHS Management, Phifer Incorporated, Planit Solutions and The University of Alabama* in supporting the Adopt-A-School program. Registration forms are available at www.tuscaloosachamber.com/aas Raffle tickets are also available for \$10 each and you do not have to be present to win! For more info, call 391-0563 or email loo@tuscaloosachamber.com

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Nucor Steel Tuscaloosa AAS Tennis Tournament

Plan to join tennis players from around the area in supporting the Adopt-A-School program through participation in the Nucor Steel Tuscaloosa Adopt-A-School Tennis Tournament. The ladies doubles tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at Indian Hills Country Club. Participants will compete in 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+ divisions. The cost is \$45 per player and schools with players representing them are eligible to win

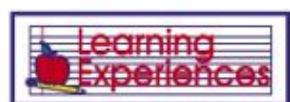


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cash prizes.

Court and prize sponsorships for the tournament are still available. Registration forms are available at Indian Hills Country Club Tennis Pro Shop or www.tuscaloosachamber.com/aas. For information about sponsorships or registration, call 391-0563 or email loo@tuscaloosachamber.com

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Northside Middle Welcomes Capital Real Estate

Northside Middle School is proud to welcome their new Adopt-A-School partner, Capital Real Estate. On August 27, 2009 parents, students, faculty & staff welcomed the new adopters with a Declaration of Adoption Ceremony at the open house festivities. Mrs. Yvonne Rinehart and Mrs. Meagan Robertson from Capital Real Estate accepted the certificate of adoption from Principal, Bobby Beasley and Adopt-A-School Coordinator, Mrs. DonReita Nelson.



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Sprayberry Starts Year With Tailgating Fundraiser

The Sprayberry Education Center held their 2nd annual fundraiser, "Tailgating with the Stars" on August 27th. The event was held in the Zone at the Bryant-



Denny Stadium and raised close to \$16,000 for the school. The event was highlighted by the appearances of Brian Jordan, former athlete for the Atlanta Braves and the Atlanta Falcons and current Fox Sports Analyst for the Braves, as well as Jim Dunaway and Ryan Brown of D&B Radio, WJOX. Participants enjoyed delicious tailgating food provided by Centerplate, a great silent auction and

exciting team spirit demonstrated by the students of the Sprayberry Center.

Among the sponsors for the event were the Northport Downtown Merchants Association, Adopt-A-School Partner for Sprayberry.

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Pritchett-Moore and Huntington Place Elementary Kick Off the Year

Huntington Place Elementary faculty started off the new school year with lunch provided by Pritchett-Moore, Inc. The teachers were treated to good food and conversation by employees of Pritchett-Moore, Inc. One of this year's

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partnership activities involves talking to the students about positive character traits. Each week a different character trait, such as honesty, fairness and courage, will be featured at Huntington Place Elementary. Realtors from Prudential Pritchett-Moore have been videotaped reading about certain character traits and then giving examples that relate to the character trait. The videos will be broadcast throughout the school year.

On November 14th, Huntington Place Elementary and Pritchett-Moore will host their first run/walk to raise funds for the completion of a computer lab and other educational needs for the students. The "Huntington Place 5K for Kids" event will be held at Huntington Place Elementary and corporate sponsorships are available. The registration fee for the event is \$20. The race will begin at 8:00 am and pre-registration will begin at 7:00 am. For more information contact Huntington Place Elementary, 205-342-2652.

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Phifer Incorporated Helps Teachers at Westlawn Middle

With proration and funding cuts this school year, supplies for teachers have become increasingly sparse. Phifer, Inc. was able to help the teachers at Westlawn Middle School by distributing six cases of copy paper and dry erase markers. The teachers and even the students were thankful for the extra help. Phifer also gave all new faculty and staff members goody bags filled with essential supplies in one of the famous "Phifer" bags. Staying healthy and fit is very important for educators and Phifer is helping Westlawn educators do just that by providing membership to Phifer's workout facility.

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Arcadia Partnerships Celebrate Literacy

Literacy is a cause for celebration....Volunteers from JVC America and the VA Medical Center celebrated International Literacy Day by reading to the students at Arcadia Elementary School. The volunteers dressed in costume and the readers were broadcast through the school television studio live to the entire student body. Through this activity, the Adopt-A-School partners demonstrated the value of education and the value of reading. The Literacy Day activity was a great success and a great way to communicate the importance of reading to the students.



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Student of the Month Awards at Taylorville Primary

First United Security Bank held the first "Student of the Month" awards day at

Taylorville Primary School on September 3, 2009. The bank presented 45 students with certificates, a fifty cent piece, snacks and prizes. Each month students will be selected by their teachers for showing good leadership, being respectful and for following instructions and rules. First United Security Bank is proud of the students and is particularly proud to recognize the “Students of the Month” each month at Taylorville Primary School.

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Nucor Places First with Charity Run

The article below was written by Cody Frederick, an 11th Grade student at Holt High School.

The air is brisk, the breeze, refreshing. In spite of the early hour, and the persistent darkness, you can already feel warmth and humidity. That’s Alabama weather for you. The first runner of the day arrives, a young girl, father in tow.

An hour later, it’s almost too crowded to move.

Thus is the (happy) fate of the 2009 Nucor 5K Walk/Run, an annual charity event established three years ago, with this year’s proceeds going to the Holt High School Athletic Department. The marathon, a three-mile track that goes from the intersection above Holt High School to Nucor Steel, up hills, past Holt Baptist Church, and back, consists of both a race, for which prizes were given, and a standard walk. Following the Walk/Run, door prizes, donated by businesses in and around the Holt community, were given out.



The Walk/Run took place on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 7:00 a.m. at Holt High School. The overall male Winners included Owen Bradley in 1st, Zac Cook 2nd, and Jeff Clark in 3rd, while the top female winners were Anallisa Patrick in 1st place, Kolson Lamb in 2nd, and Sara Gibson in 3rd. There was also a “Masters” category with one female and one male winner, Frannie James, and Glenn Dodd respectively.

Principal Neal Guy, Adopt-A-School committee members Judy Watkins and Sandra Tittle, and all of the students, faculty, and community friends of Holt High School would like to thank Nucor and all of its representatives for their hard work and many hours of service in preparing this successful event.

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Rite Aid and Walker Elementary Develop New Activities

Rite Aid Distribution Center and Walker Elementary have been Adopt-A-School partners for eight years. The partnership is very excited about the different ways they will be involved together this year. Walker plans to celebrate Rite Aid employees birthdays each quarter with a different dessert for them to enjoy. Rite

Aid donated much needed supplies for the nurse's station at Walker. In addition, Rite Aid employees plan to visit Walker the third Thursday of every month to read with the students and to provide "duty free lunch" time for the teachers. Walker teachers recently traveled to Rite Aid and helped judge their Safety Bulletin boards and both teachers and Rite Aid employees look forward to a productive school partnership!

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