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Anna Waters

Savannah McDaniel shows off the fortune-teller Tarrence Martin taught her how to make.

Fortune-tellers take off at Holt

Third-grader leads trend

By Savannah McDaniel

Tarrence Martin is in third grade and goes to Holt Elementary School. He is very good at making fortune-tellers. He said he makes them because he likes to play with them. He plays with them all the time on the bus.

He also taught other students at Holt how to make fortune-tellers. Now the kids who learned from Tarrence make them for other people.

Baton group to perform in Christmas parade

By Jaliyah Scott

Many students at Holt Elementary are in a baton group. They do it every year and are going to have a performance at the school. They will have a recital and receive a trophy.

Some people said they do baton because they get to be in a parade.

"It's fun because you get to be in the Christmas Parade and you get to take your batons home," fifth-grader Larmecia Holloway said.

They show that they like baton by coming to practice on time.

"I like baton because you can learn cool stuff," Larmecia said.

Don't miss the
Christmas parade
at 6:30 p.m.



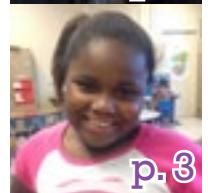
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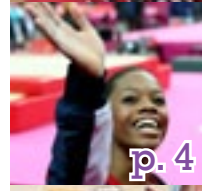
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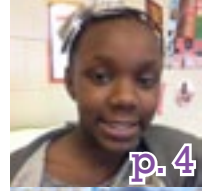
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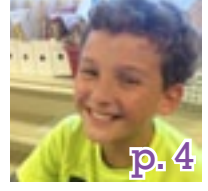
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Gymnast Gabrielle Douglas good role model for kids

By Nekeria Hines

Many girls want to look up to Gabrielle Douglas because she is a famous gymnast, and when they grow up they might want to be one. Gabbrielle Douglas is 18 years old. She won the Teen Choice Award for Choice Female Athlete. She is best known as the first African American to win the individual all-around event. She also won a team gold medal for the United States at the 2012 Summer Olympics.



Gabrielle Douglas MCT Campus

Holt home for many student leaders

By Kyla Harris

Leaders are people who help others, work hard and don't complain. Fourth-grader Jaqualah Driver is an example of a leader at Holt Elementary School. On the first day of school, Jeremiah Lucious accidentally bumped into a little girl named



Jaqualah Driver

Kennedy Sanders in the cafeteria, and she dropped her plate. Jaqualah helped her pick it up. Then Kennedy saw Jaqualah and told her friends that she helped her. She took Jaqualah to her teacher, and her teacher rewarded her. For the rest of the day she was good. "I love the little girl," Jaqualah said.

Student punter for Cowboys football team

By Willie Scott

Kirk Hays is a fifth-grader at Holt Elementary School. Kirk likes to punt in football. His favorite football player is JK Scott, and he said that is why he wants to be a punter. Kirk is the starting kicker for the



Kirk Hays

11-12-year-old little team, the Cowboys. One of the middle school coaches asked him to play with their team. In another, the team had Kirk kick a 45-yard punt in the first half. Kirk's goal is to get his grades up and make it to the NFL.

Fourth-grader hopes to play pro baseball

By Jacarey Taylor

Fourth-grader Jeremiah Lucious said he wants to play baseball for the Holt Ironmen baseball team. In the future, he said he wants to be a pro baseball player. "Keep on trying and never give up," Jeremiah said.

"Keep on trying and never give up."

Jeremiah Lucious

His favorite thing in baseball is to hit the ball and run all the way home. He practices baseball with his dad every weekend at his dad's house.

Kids have fun, perform during Holt dance class

By Larmecia Holloway

In dance class, some students dance so they can perform. When they do a dance, everybody cheers. Every day, if they are late to class, dancers have to pay a dollar to Mrs. Lanea Hanks. When they aren't late, they don't have to pay a dollar. Tye Henry said she likes dance class, "because it is fun when you dance there." "I like it because we are dancing, and we get to perform," she said.

Students play online game, 'WeeWorld'

By Zamiya Sneed

"WeeWorld" is a very popular video game. On "WeeWorld," you can talk to people and buy clothes for your WeeMee. You can play it on a PC or phone. "WeeWorld" is my favorite video game," Holt student Ladasia Fields said. "I play it every day." Another student, Jeremiah Lucious disagreed. "WeeWorld" is not my favorite," he said. "I play more games than 'WeeWorld,' like 'Fist Punch.'"



WeeWorld.com

'Rudolph' song oldie but goodie

Holt students discuss why they like Rudolph's story

By Ja'Narria Long

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer has his very own song. Even celebrities are singing it. Many people all over the world now believe in Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer because of the song. Rudolph is very old. Robert L. May came up with the idea of Rudolph in 1939. It was also put in a section of "The Night Before Christmas," by Clement Clarke Moore.

Ladasia Fields, a student at Holt Elementary School, said she likes the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

"It's joyful and makes me go to sleep," she said.

Breanna Carroll, another student



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from Holt Elementary School, said she likes Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, too.

"I like it because everybody thinks they can bully Rudolph," she said.

"Also, I like that his nose can glow."

The song has been used for years, and now most of the world knows the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Breanna Carroll



YouTube

Video star Matty B big hit on YouTube

By Breanna Carroll

Matty B is a boy who sings on YouTube. He released the song, "Call Me Maybe," on May 9, 2012 with his friends.

His birth name is Matthew David Morris. He was born on Jan. 6, 2003 in Atlanta Georgia.

Holt fourth-graders Jaqualah Driver, Taylor Pearson and Kyla Harris said he is cute.

"My favorite video by Matty B is 'Shake It Off,' by Taylor Swift," Kyla said.

Students should be able to bring devices to school



Anna Waters

Jaqualah Driver says she wishes she were allowed to use a cell phone at school.

By Taylor Pearson

Kids should be allowed to bring their electronic devices to school. If there is an emergency, they could use their phones to call somebody in their family and find out what to do.

Holt student Jaqualah Driver said she also thought that our devices should be allowed at school.

“You might need to call your mom, your sister, your big brother, or your dad in case of an emergency or in case you’re in trouble, like if someone tries to kidnap you,” Jaqualah said.

Sickness leads to absences

By Jaqualah Driver

Kids at Holt Elementary School get sick and miss school a lot. One of these students is fourth-grader Kyla Harris.

One day, Kyla got a sore throat because she was running with her mouth open. All that cold air got

down there, and that

Thurs-
day it got
worse.

Her mother said she

could not go to school, and Kyla

was mad because we cook and go outside to play at school.

She could not eat any meat but chicken noodle soup, and she had to take medicine that numbed her mouth. She had to lie in bed all day, but her sister helped her.

“I had a good time out of school,” Kyla said.



Kyla Harris

Stepping class teaches teamwork, ‘7 habits’

By Tye Henry

A lot of students at Holt Elementary School do stepping. One stepping group is called the Purple Ironmen Stepping Divas, and there are many girls.

They step on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and then on Boost Day they step at school to learn teamwork and the “7 Habits.” The 7 Habits are things for kids to respect and learn from.

Step-dancers can practice at each other’s houses. They said they enjoy making up routines.

“It’s fun and entertaining.”

Jaliyah Scott



Jaliyah Scott

Jaliyah Scott is in fifth grade and said she enjoys it.

“It’s fun and entertaining,” she said.

Nekeria Hines is also a fifth-grader and said she likes stepping because she gets to rap with the 7 Habits.

“It’s fun,” she said.

Stepping class teaches kids teamwork, ‘7 habits’

By Jeremiah Lucious

“A Pup Named Scooby Doo” was a very popular TV show in the 90s. It was on Cartoon Network for a long time. Many people liked it because it showed the Mystery Incorporated gang when they were just kids.

Zamiya Sneed, a fourth-grader at Holt Elementary School, said she really likes Scooby Doo because of all the mysteries.