

# The Ram Focus



## Bell to Bell Instruction

At this time of year students' feel that school is over and it is time for summer fun . We all know that when students have time on their hands with nothing to do, they always find something to do. What they find to do, however, is almost never constructive.

### Five Ways to Teach from Bell to Bell



1. Overplan. In other words, plan enough activities (meaningful ones, not time fillers) so that you will have more than you can teach in one lesson. Do this for every lesson you teach.
2. Start teaching and engaging students the moment they enter your class. Keep teaching and engaging them until they leave.
3. Plan for short, interesting activities. If you have to give an assignment, such as a writing assignment, that may take more than five or ten minutes for students to complete, break that assignment into parts and guide them through each part. At the very least give them quick stretch breaks during the assignment. Remember, though , that short, quick activities hold students' interest better than those that are drawn out over longer periods of time.
4. When you give an assignment to students, have a plan for early finishers. Also, always be prepared to provide remediation for any students who might struggle with the activity.
5. Be prepared. Having your lesson well thought out and your materials organized and ready to go will allow you to move quickly and effectively from one activity to the next, without creating idle time.

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## JROTC Annual Awards Day



Wednesday, May 6, 2015

The HUHS JROTC recently held their Annual Awards Ceremony to celebrate a great year and to recognize the achievements of those cadets who have performed in an outstanding manner. This annual event was supported by several community supporters of Harding University High School to include our local Army recruiters, American Legion, and the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. A highlight of the awards ceremony was the announcement of the new cadet leadership teams for the upcoming school year. The Battalion Command Team is Cassandra Gonzales (Commander), Kasin Alex (Executive Officer) and Yolani Gutierrez (Command Sergeant Major).



### Shout Outs

**Bidell, Bufford, Von Muller**

Giving up part of their planning to come judge her student projects for the micro-economics unit.

From: Ms. Edwards

## Resources

THE WORLD WIDE WEB IS A GREAT INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY OF WONDERFUL RESOURCES FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS . IT CAN BECOME DIFFICULT TO SORT THROUGH AND DECIDE WHAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL. BELOW ARE SOME LINKS THAT I HOPE YOU FIND HELPFUL

Great Resources including STEM

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>

Instructional Videos

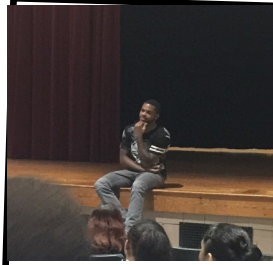
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## GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT HUHS

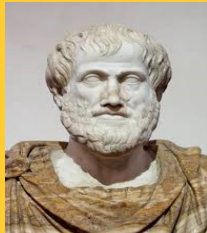
### AVID/Mentor 2.0

On Wednesday, May 6th Harding University High School had the exciting opportunity to welcome Troy Daniels - shooting guard for the Charlotte Hornets - as a guest speaker. The motivational session was for Ms. C Jackson's AVID Elective students participating in the Mentor 2.0 Program.

The event was coordinated by Julia Pelly, the program coordinator, with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Charlotte. The Mentor 2.0 Program is a partnership between BBBS and Harding, pairing over 40 freshmen with professional mentors who will stay with the students all four years of high school and guide them through the process of getting into college. Harding is the only school in CMS to have Mentor 2.0. Some of the students' mentors were also in attendance, creating another fantastic opportunity for students to interact with their mentors in person. The students were thrilled and engaged to hear Daniels talk about his life, experiences, rise to the top, and advice on academics and pursuing their dreams. Following his talk students were able to ask questions and get photos before leaving with a Hornets gift bag.



## Educational Quote



It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it

*Aristotle*

## Upcoming Events

May 2015

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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9:00am Senior Meeting  
Cafeteria  
6:00pm Junior Night  
Media Center

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Exam Training  
Planning Periods

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IB & AP Exams

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8:00pm HUHS Prom  
Whitewater Center

## Reminders

- ◆ **HUHS Senior Awards Ceremony & HUHS Academic Awards Ceremony will both be held on Friday, May 22, 2015.**
- ◆ **The Media Center will continue to be closed to staff and students through May 22, 2015 for AP/IB Exams.**
- ◆ **Starting Monday, May 4, 2015-ID badge photos will be taken for Freshman through Junior students who have never had a Harding ID badge made before.**
- ◆ **Please send your announcements, congratulatory messages, shout outs, etc. to Mrs. Williamson each week no later than Tuesday at noon.**