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"CS Lewis's *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* is a great literary exercise for students."

-Mrs. Jessica James

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# NEWSLETTER

A Lower School Newsletter  
from Harrells Christian Academy

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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION THROUGH CHRISTIAN MOTIVATION

## 4th Grade Makes Literary Connections

In fourth grade this month, we have been reading the wonderful novel by C.S. Lewis titled *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. This novel gave us the opportunity to put our reading skills to the test. We learned about figurative language and provided students an opportunity to see it in writing and in use. Students completed character analysis for the main characters in the story and shared how they grew throughout the book. Students were tasked with finding similar themes and elements between *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* and other books and stories. The best book that we discovered had many similarities with *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* was the Bible and specifically the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.



Students made connections with the characters from Narnia who had similar events take place to the events in the life of Jesus. They perceived that Aslan represented Jesus and Edmund was similar to Judas. Students also learned the importance and power of forgiveness much like Jesus died for us to be forgiven. Students completed whole class discussions about the story and related the story to their own lives. At the end of the novel study, students completed final projects to display what they had learned. They were given project choice ideas that included: Interview a Character, Create a Brochure, Create a Board Game, Imaginary Creatures, Act out a Scene. The students presented their final projects to the class and enjoyed Edmund's favorite treat, Turkish Delight!





# Harrells Christian Academy's Jr. Beta Club Returns to State Convention

## For Your Fridge

MARCH

1-4	Tues-Fri	National FFA Week		
1	Tues	PTO Meeting	8:15 AM	Cafeteria
3	Thur	Kindergarten Registration	9:00 AM	
7-11	Mon-Fri	National Beta Week		
8	Tues	K-11 Spring Pictures	8:00 AM	Foundation Center Lobby
10	Thur	LS Terrific Kids/Jammin' for Jesus	9:45 AM	Newkirk Auditorium
11	Fri	End of 3rd Nine Weeks		
11	Fri	3rd Grade Wax Museum		
11	Fri	Beta Celebration	1:00 PM	Foundation Center
14-18	Mon-Fri	Dr. Sueuss Week		
17	Thur	Jr. Beta Club Inductions	1:15 PM	Newkirk Auditorium
21-25	Mon-Fri	Spring Break		
5	Tues	PTO Meeting	8:15 AM	Cafeteria
7	Thurs	HCA Day		
8	Fri	Miss HCA Pageants	7:00 PM	Newkirk Auditorium
14	Thurs	Easter Chapel - Entire School	8:15 AM	Foundation Center
15-18	Fri-Mon	Easter Break		
22	Fri	Crusader Classic	9:00 AM	River Landing, Wallace, NC
27-28	Wed-Thurs	5th Grade Field Trip		Williamsburg, VA

APRIL

In recent years, Harrells Christian Academy's Junior Beta has been known as an in-person powerhouse at both state and national levels, earning accolades in performing arts, visual arts, and academic competitions. After attending the State Convention in February 2020, HCA paused their annual trip to Greensboro due to COVID-19. This year, the Jr Beta Club is thankful they have been able to return to the State Convention, though their style of participation has evolved to a hybrid format, with most academic competitions taking place online prior to the face-to-face convention. Some teams competed traditionally onsite this year during the event, too.

The full list of the 2022 HCA Jr. Beta Club winners includes:

**Black & White Photography** (3rd Place): Brenlee Thornton  
**Book Battle Elementary** (2nd Place): Hayes Griffin, Lilly Kate Rogers, and Anna Williams  
**Color Photography** (2nd Place): Fisher Blanton  
**Drawing Elementary** (4th Place): Sarah-John Jackson  
**Fiber Arts Junior** (1st Place): Windsor Farrior  
**Language Arts, 5th Grade** (5th Place): Fisher Blanton  
**Language Arts, 7th Grade** (1st Place): Kailey Pope  
**Marketing & Communications Elementary** (3rd Place): Brenlee Thornton, Kayleigh Bowen, Ava Matthews, Breelyn Peed  
**Math, 4th Grade** (1st Place): Hayes Clifton  
**Math, 5th Grade** (4th Place): Avery Hall  
**Mixed-Media Elementary** (2nd Place): Nash Register  
**Painting Elementary** (4th Place): Savannah Kate Stevens  
**Performing Arts Solo, Duo, Trio Elementary** (2nd Place): Brenlee Thornton and Kayleigh Bowen  
**Quiz Bowl Elementary Oral** (2nd Place): Fisher Blanton, Hayes Griffin, Scarlett Rose Robinson, Henry Stevens  
**Quiz Bowl Elementary Written** (5th Place): Fisher Blanton, Hayes Griffin, Scarlett Rose Robinson, Henry Stevens  
**Science, 4th Grade** (1st Place): Sarah-John Jackson  
**Social Studies, 4th Grade** (1st Place): Henry Stevens  
**Social Studies, 5th Grade** (5th Place): Landon Pusey  
**Woodworking Elementary** (4th Place): Hayes Clifton

Lower school students are eligible for Jr. Beta Club in 4th Grade. Students must have an cumulative average of 90 or better for membership consideration and are invited to join the club during the fall semester of the school year. Subsequent opportunities for membership consideration occur at the end of each semester. Hard work is rewarded!