

Runnels Visual and Performing Arts Showcase Dec. 7-9 at Barnes & Noble

The third annual Runnels Visual and Performing Arts Showcase and

Book Fair at Barnes & Noble on Corporate Blvd. is just around the corner. The event, which runs from Friday, Dec. 7, through Sunday, Dec. 9, will feature artwork grades K-12 and a variety of performances by our band, strings, harp, chorus, ballet, and drama students, plus story telling by teachers Neena Kelfstrom, Kristen Manning, and Cristin Ponjuan.

The showcase is an opportunity for our students to share their talents and

interests with the greater Baton Rouge community and make the general public more aware of the rich arts culture that thrives at Runnels School.

Selections from our upcoming winter musical, *Grease*, will be featured as well as songs from the recent elementary production of *School House Rock Live, Jr.* Scenes from the October Jr./Sr. High comedy, *The Hysterical History of Troy*, will be performed and audiences will be treated to a sneak preview

of the elementary holiday musical, (See "Showcase," p. 3)



In a scene from "School House Rock Live, Jr." which will be performed during the showcase at Barnes & Noble, are 6th graders Grace Asevedo and Amelia Jennings.



A crowd forms around the bulletin board in Novak Hall at 3 pm on Nov. 1 when Miss Ann posts the cast list for "Grease."

Grease Is the Word

Shake the mothballs out of your poodle skirt and put a polish on those saddle shoes, *Grease*, the "original" *High School Musical*, is coming to the stage of the Runnels Theater for six performances Feb. 22 through Mar. 3.

The Tony Award-winning 1950s rock 'n' roll musical, co-created by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, premiered on Broadway in 1972. A blockbuster movie starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John as high school sweethearts Danny and Sandy followed in 1978, sending tunes like "You're The One That I Want," "Summer Nights," "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee," "Greased Lightnin'," "We Go Together," and many more to the top of the charts.

Produced by the high school drama department, the show stars senior *Quint Forgey* as Danny and junior *Mackenzie Byrd* as Sandy. Also featured are: seniors *Maegan Daquano* as Rizzo, *Cami Russell-Clark* as Frenchy, *Jamie Claire Curry* as Jan, *Elizabeth Forgey* as Marty, *Vaki Nikitopoulos* as Kenickie, *Everett Hibner* See "Grease," p. 3

Senior Recognized for Volunteer Service

Taylor Morris, a senior at Runnels, has won a 2012 Outstanding High



Taylor Morris

School Volunteer Award from the Greater Baton Rouge State Fair Foundation. The award includes a \$500 scholarship.

Taylor was one of 30 students from high schools in East Baton Rouge, Ascension, and Livingston Parishes to receive the award. Only one award winner was

chosen from each school.

The scholarship program recognizes students who have performed outstanding volunteer service, both in and out of school. Taylor was nominated by Runnels Founding Headmaster Dr. L.K. Runnels and Jr./Sr. High Principal Conchetta Foshee for her many hours of service to the school's Senior Beta Club and her dedication to serving the Runnels School Community.

Her many Beta Club activities include working with preschool students, volunteering at nursing homes, helping with events for the Salvation See "Volunteer Award," p. 2

Saluting our Veterans in Song

To thank and honor the men and women who have served or are currently serving our nation as members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Runnels hosted a reception and two patriotic musical tributes in our theater on Nov. 9 in observance of Veterans Day.

Our special guests of honor were members of our extended school family who have been or are now members of the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or National Guard.

Hosting the reception held in the foyer of the Runnels Theater were Founding Headmaster Dr. L.K.

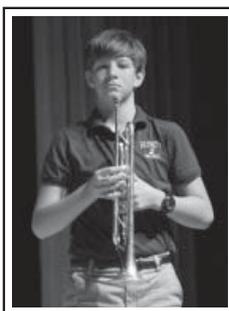
Runnels and Assistant Head of School and Elementary and Preschool Principal Gladys Runnels. Most of the veterans attending were grandparents, parents, siblings or friends of Runnels students, faculty, and staff members.

Following the morning reception, our elementary students offered a Musical Tribute to Veterans from the stage of the theater. Presenting the colors (at both assemblies) were members of Runnels Fifth-Grade

Girl Scout Troop # 10154, Sarah Stanfield, Elizabeth Foley, Arden Kleinpe-

ter, Kyra Reeves, and Sophia Dupre'.

The morning program featured patriotic songs by the 6th- and 7th- Grade Bands, directed by Jill Swetnam, the Elementary Harp Choir, conducted by Rebecca Todaro, and the Upper Elementary Chorus, directed by



Lee Curry, 6a, ended the morning program with "Taps." Eighth graders Henry Forgey and Michael Martinez played "Taps" in the Jr./Sr. High School program.

Johnice Thoms, who also sang the solo, "Wave On, Old Glory, Wave On." The Senior Beta Club represented by officers Taylor Morris, Vaki Nikitopoulos, Caroline Bonaventure, and Alex Stansbury presented a memorial wreath and dedicated it to deceased veterans. Later, the wreath was delivered to Memorial Plaza adjacent to the U.S.S. Kidd.

In the afternoon, many veterans attended a second program by junior high and high school students. On the program were the 8th - 12th Grade Band,

directed by Ms. Swetnam, the Advanced Harp Choir, conducted by Mrs. Todaro, and the Jr./Sr. High School Chorus, led by Mrs. Thoms.

A highlight of both programs was a performance of "Marches of the Armed Forces" by our bands. Veterans stood to be recognized when the anthem of their branch of the military was played.

Thanks go to Ms. Swetnam for planning and organizing the programs, Kristen Manning for arranging and co-hosting the reception, and Penny Bridges, Carole Barback, and Sarah Livingston for their assistance with preparations for the events. We also thank John Baird, Cristin Ponjuan, and Neena Kelfstrom for technical assistance and Lisa Haller for helping to coordinate the color guard.



Fifth-grade Girl Scouts Elizabeth Foley and Kyra Reeves stand at attention as the those assembled for our morning Veterans Day observance recite "The Pledge of Allegiance."



Air Force veterans stand to be recognized as the 6th- and 7th-Grade Bands play "Marches of the Armed Forces" at the Elementary Veterans Day assembly.



Major Carolyn Gales-Woods, who served in Germany, Korea, Kuwait, and Iraq; her husband, Major Promotable Claude Woods, Jr., (to be a Lt. Colonel in January), who has been in the Army for 24 years serving as a Logistical Officer in a wide range of locations, including Kuwait, Iraq, and the U.S.A.; and Runnels Founding Headmaster Dr. Kelly Runnels.

Enjoying the Veterans Day reception at Runnels the morning of Nov. 9 are (from left) Technical Sergeant Lee Foley of the U.S. Air Force, who has seen duty in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia; Air Force veteran Jack Kahn, who served as a Staff Sergeant during the Korean War in Japan, the Philippines and Stateside; Assistant Head of School and Elementary Principal Gladys Runnels; Ret. Army Nurse Corps Officer

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Army and other charities, and organizing food drives for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Taylor has served the organization as president, secretary, and historian. In addition, she has been active in the Spanish Club and the Jr./Sr. Cheer Squads and has served as a class officer at Runnels High School. Taylor is also a 2013 debutante in the Krewe Mystique de la Capitale, the oldest parading Mardi Gras krewe in Baton Rouge.

She plans to use her \$500 scholarship as a freshman at Rhodes College or Hendrix University next year.

Taylor is the daughter of Debra Morris and Chris Morris.

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as Doody, *Nick de Castro* as Sonny, *Kathleen Niedbalski* as Patty, *Julia McConnell* as Johnny C. and *Jesse Thames* as Teen Angel, with juniors *Caroline Bonaventure* as Cha-Cha, and sophomores *Remy McConnell* as Roger, *Caleb Manning* as Vince Fontaine, and *Max Morgan* as Eugene.

Ensemble members are: **seniors** - Suzannah Burke, Rachel Felton, Mary Katherine Koch, Robert Taboada, Callie Tucker, and Savannah Wright; **juniors** - Mike Gallant, Sarah Garrett, Allie Hirsch, Roz Rafii-Tabrizi, and Beau Sanders; **sophomores** - Nicole Gardana, Erin Gleason, Griffin Gowdy, Lauren Kahn, Connor Matthews, Caitlyn Moore, Allie Nicholson, and Kara Peneguy; **freshmen** - Sarah Coner, Julia Justus, Amber Lane, Catherine McGehee, Anna Morgan, Madison Page, Julia Power, Samantha Sieberth, and Meagan Tullos; **8th graders** - Joseph Armoney, Jena Bordelon, Micah Danos, Anthony Emiliani, Henry Forgey, Michael Martinez, Abigail Matthews, Anthony Nikitopoulos, Maria Russo, and Savannah Sanders; and **7th graders** - Alex Matthews and Sam Matthews.

Directing the show is high school drama department head Ann Dalrymple, with musical direction by 6th-12th grade band director Jill Swetnam, and vocal direction by Johnice Thoms, our chorus teacher for grades 4-12 and high school performing arts department head. The stage manager is senior Madalyn Arboneaux.

Show dates are Friday, Feb. 22, and Saturday, Feb. 23, at 7 pm and Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 pm and Friday, March 1 (Our '50s or *Grease* costume contest will be held that night.), and Saturday, March 2, at 7 pm and Sunday, March 3, at 2 pm. Advance tickets are \$12 for students and \$15 for adults, and \$20 for all at the door. Tickets are now available in the high school office or by calling 225-751-2192.

If you are interested in being a Runnels Theater sponsor or purchasing an ad in the *Grease* program, please contact Ann Dalrymple at runnelstheater@runnels.org.

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December Nights, December Lights, starring our 2nd and 3rd graders. Other performances will feature the Harp Choir, Jr./Sr. High Chorus, band and orchestra ensembles and demonstrations by our ballet students.

A book fair to benefit the Runnels Library programs will be going on during the entire weekend showcase. Barnes & Noble will contribute 15-20% of pre-tax sales to our school on most purchases made during the event.

To get the credit for our school, please present the Runnels voucher (back cover or at www.runnels.org), or the voucher number -- 10928034 -- or just tell the clerk at checkout that you would like credit for your purchase to go to Runnels School. Credit will be given on most items, including NOOKs and most merchandise at the coffee shop, with the exception of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks, and magazine subscriptions. Barnes & Noble members can still use their membership discounts, and teachers can use educator's discounts on purchases.

The showcase gets underway at 5:45 pm on Friday, Dec. 7, with harp music and an Opening Reception for the Art and Photography Exhibit in the café area of the store.

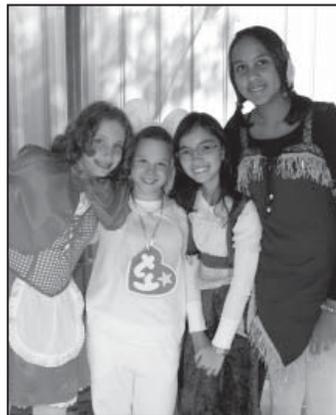


Seventh Grade Band member Garrett Miller.

Halloween Happenings ...

Many of our students warmed up for Halloween trick or treating by coming to school in costume for special activities on Oct. 30. The elementary students and high school seniors enjoyed the traditional Costume Parade in the gym, while the preschoolers had a Halloween

Carnival in the Molly Hightower Activity Building, with students from Rebecca Penniman's AP Psychology classes on hand to assist them. The preschoolers also visited the Lake Sherwood Village nursing home in costume. A special thank you goes to all who helped with our many Halloween events.



Notable Events



AP U.S. Government students and their teacher, Steve Hunt, on stage in the Runnels Theater for the White Paper presentation.

Diplomatic Savvy...

Juniors and seniors in Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government classes took part in a formal White Paper presentation in the Runnels Theater Oct. 26. The student presentations addressed the diplomatic problems posed by rogue nations North Korea and Syria and offered U.S. Foreign Policy recommendations for

those countries, which were based on extensive research. The 11 presenters spoke before a student audience and a panel of distinguished guest reviewers, which included John Price, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer from Mayor-President Kip Holden's Office; Russell Armstrong, the Policy Advisor on Education from Gov. Bobby Jindal's Office; Olivier Moreteau, who holds the Russell B. Long Chair at the LSU Law School; William Pedneau, a retired businessman and U.S. Navy submarine veteran; and Runnels alumnus Jared Arce-neaux ('11), currently enrolled at LSU.

This is the fourth in an annual series of White Papers the Government classes at Runnels have produced, said White Paper moderator and civics and AP U.S. Government instructor Steve Hunt. "As usual, these bright, young minds have been challenged by the complexity of the international relationships the United States must resolve. Their research and recommendations provide them with a serious examination of world diplomacy."

Student presenters were seniors Bryce Fromenthal, Rachael Shockley, Maegan Daquano, Isabelle Rountree, Nicholas deCastro, Vaki Nikitopoulos, Kathleen Niedbalski, Madison Davis, Isaac Phillips, and Taylor Morris, and junior Amelie Kharey.

School House Rock, Jr., a Class Act ...

More than 100 students starred in our very first grades 1-6 elementary musical, *School House Rock Live, Jr.*, on the stage of the Runnels Theater Nov. 2 and 4. Congratulations to the cast and crew, director Neena Kelfstrom, assistant director and stage manager Cristin Ponjuan, vocal director Kristen Manning, choreographer Brooke Yura, art director Pamela Gyan and her high school artists, and the many parents and teachers who helped bring this musical to life. For more pictures, go to www.runnels.org. (Log in, go to Faculty, Microsites, Yearbook Microsite, *School House Rock Live, Jr.*)



Abbey Scarton

At the Opera...

When Runnels 4th graders attended Opera Louisiana's Young People's Opera Performance of *Hansel and Gretel* in November, they probably recognized two of

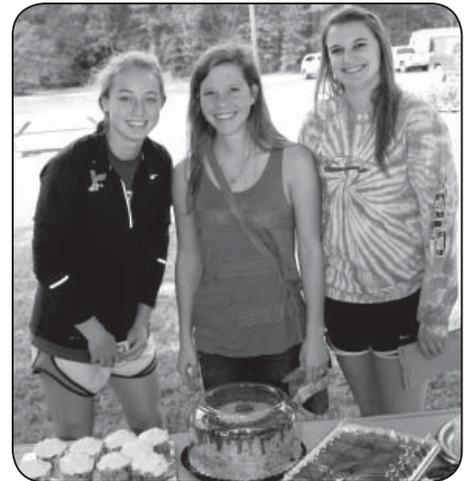
the performers on stage. Abbey Scarton, a Runnels 8th grader, was singing the role of a child who has been turned into gingerbread by a witch's spell, and Sarah Burke, 5c, was a dancer.

Abbey, a member of the Greater Baton Rouge Children's Chorus, previously sang in Opera Louisiana's *Barber of Seville* and *Amahl and the Night Visitors* as well as the LSU Opera's production of *La Boheme*.

Sarah, who is the youngest dancer in the Dance Center and School for Performing Arts Company, appeared on stage as a goblin and an angel. Previously, she danced in Opera Louisiana's *Falstaff* at the Old Governor's Mansion.



Sarah Burke



Pink Cakes for a Cause... In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Runnels National Honor Society sponsored a lunchtime cake raffle in October, raising nearly \$100 for the American Cancer Society. (Above) Working the raffle are NHS members Madelinn Fink, Jamie Clare Curry, and Ashley Kumler. Also helping with the event were seniors Elizabeth Forgey, Rachel Felton, Madalyn Arboneaux and Irina Geno. The club sponsors are Rebecca Coursey and Pamela Gyan.

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Scholastic Book Fair Updates

... Sincere thanks go to all who supported the fall Scholastic Book Fairs by making purchases and to the volunteers who helped in so many ways to make these events, which benefit the Runnels Library programs, successful.

Elementary Librarian Joni Orgeron sends special thanks to all of the volunteers who set up and staffed the elementary book fair, with a shout out to Wendy Worsham, who helped with set up, Dana Kahn for coordinating the volunteers and manning the fair 24/7 along with Michelle Smith, to Colleen Spillane for picking up restock at the warehouse, and to Karen Neyland for depositing all the book fair proceeds in the bank and keeping the financial records. Thanks also go to Kristin Manning and Neena Kelfstrom for so graciously giving up their classroom space so the book fair could be held in the Drama Room. Many thanks are also extended to Kenny Copey and his crew for setting up and taking down the book fair tables.

Charlotte Lockhart and Kristen Manning, our Jr./Sr. High Librarians, want to thank everyone who supported the library with their purchases. They also thank those who helped make the NOOK raffle a success. Special thanks go to and Jennifer Carpenter and Norma Marsh for helping to serve on Pizza Day, and to Yvette Wiltgen, Mrs. Orgeron, and Ashley Thibodeaux.



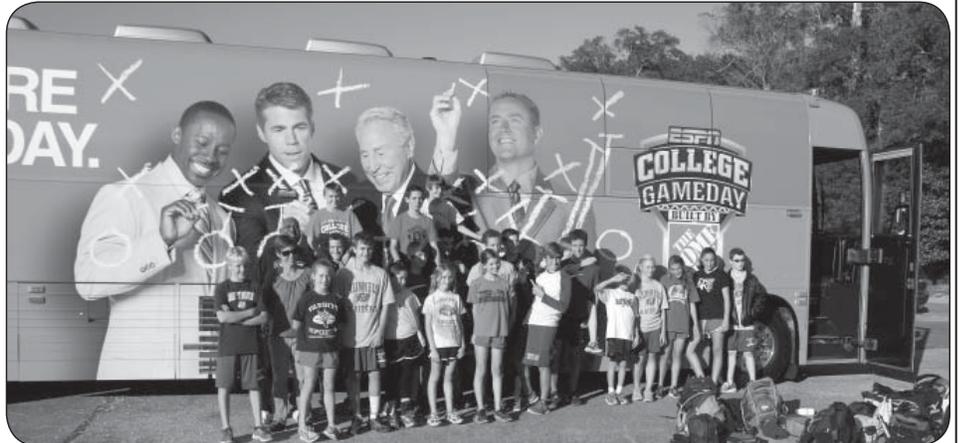
Second grade readers Alex Lam, Baron Stevenson, Ethan Sanders, Alex Asevedo, and Mason Pentes browse through books on the tables set up in the Drama Room for the Elementary Scholastic Book Fair.

Paula Garrett and her 1st grade science students sincerely thank the folks at Harb's Oasis GardenCenter for providing pumpkins for their studies. The students grew pumpkins inside the pumpkins.



Raider Rally News ...

Judging from all the smiles, the 8th Annual Raider Rally held Nov. 7 on the softball field was both fun and successful. The Booster Club thanks everyone who helped produce this year's Rally, with a special nod to Burl Forgey for donating the hot dogs and hamburgers and volunteering to work the grill. We also thank Vicki LeBleu and Tex and Cindy Morris for organizing and staging this huge fundraiser and the many parent, faculty, and student volunteers and booth sponsors who so greatly contributed to its success.



Hop On the Bus! ... When the orange ESPN college football bus came to town for the Alabama game in November, it made a stop on the Runnels campus, compliments of Cross Country team member Joseph Armoney, grade 8, and his dad, Brian, who know the driver. Many thanks to them for providing the Cross Country team (pictured above) and our other athletes the chance to step aboard the luxurious studio on wheels.



Meeting the Mayor

... Mayor-President Kip Holden visited with our 2nd - 8th grade students in two different sessions the morning of Nov. 16 to discuss local government. A practiced raconteur, Mr. Holden shared stories about his life and listened to many of our students' ideas, hopes, and dreams.

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JDRF Volunteers ... The varsity and junior high cheerleaders stepped forward to help at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk for the Cure on Saturday, Oct. 27, at LSU. Cheerleading coach and sponsor Holly Wilder reports that both squads earned high praise from event organizers for their courtesy and helpfulness. Runnels cheerleaders put up balloons, handed out water, emptied trash cans, folded chairs, and cleaned up the grounds

and picked up signs after the race. The cheerleaders and Mrs. Wilder sincerely thank moms Jodi LeBlanc, Krista Roy, Vicki LeBleu, Lisa Daigle, and Sarah Wagner for their assistance at the event.

Master Class ...

Renowned Canadian cellist Ariel Barnes and harpist Heidi Krutzen, who perform as the musical duo Couloir, conducted master classes for harp, chorus, strings, and band students at Runnels on Nov. 16. Couloir, which concentrates on commissioning and performing new music for harp and cello, was in town for a performance at the Manship Theatre.



Guest cellist Ariel Barnes shares information on his bowing technique with 7th grade cello student Sean Parker.

Ms. Krutzen is principal harp and Barnes is principal cello with the Vancouver Opera Orchestra. They also perform with Canada's critically acclaimed Turning Point Ensemble. Ms. Krutzen is a member of the Trio Verlaine and has been a regular guest at chamber music festivals throughout North America. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music, she teaches at the University of British Columbia and is on the faculty of the National Youth Orchestra Canada. Mr. Barnes has performed as a member of the Borealis String Quartet, Trio Quartet, and Principal Cello with the CBC Radio Orchestra. Recordings of his solo, chamber, and orchestral performances can be heard on Atma Classiques, Skylark Records, Universal Music and Centrediscs recording labels.

Adding Members ... Congratulations to the newest members of Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society, at Runnels. Their induction ceremony, which coincided with Halloween, featured a pizza lunch held in Room 153 of Novak Hall. The inductees are: seniors Nick deCastro, Haley Evans, Bryce Fromenthal, Ashley Kumler, Quint Forgey, Madison Davis, Mary Katherine Koch, and Danielle Coniglio; junior Aubrey Newman;



sophomores Nabil Essajee, Ryan Baird, Anna Arceneaux, Max Morgan, Kim Lam, Olivia Arboneaux, Lauren Khan, and Tazkia Shah; and freshmen Anna Morgan, Julia Power, Heather Edwards, and Jesse Stephens.

Some of the 21 new Mu Alpha Theta recruits enjoy their induction ceremony appropriately dressed for Oct. 30.



From left are Elementary Library Poster Contest winners Tavish Aass, Sofia Dupre', Jack Kahn, Ryan Lam, Alan Lam, Katie Carpenter, and Mataya Aass.

Poster Contest Winners... To help promote reading and the Elementary Library's Scholastic Book Fair, students in grades 1-6 recently competed in a poster contest. The winners, who all received gift certificates for the book fair, were: (Grades 1-3) 1st place, Katie Carpenter, 2nd place, Mataya Aass, and 3rd place (a tie) Alan Lam and Tavish Aass; (Grades 4 - 6) 1st place, Jack Kahn, 2nd place, Sofia Dupre', and 3rd place, Ryan Lam.



Divergently Dressed ... Above are the group winners of the "Divergent" costume contest held during the Jr./Sr. High School Scholastic Book Fair: (from left) Lauren Kahn, Sadie Kraft, Anna Arceneaux, Olivia Arboneaux, and Kara Peneguy. The color of their clothing stands for different factions represented in the book, "Divergent." The individual winner, Brock Dardar, is not pictured. All won gift certificates to the book fair.



"Thriller" ... Seniors practice their "flash mob" dance to "Thriller" in the gym before the Elementary Costume Parade. They danced with K-6 students at the Halloween event.

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College Recruits ... Runnels senior Joshua Morris has accepted an athletic/academic scholarship to play baseball for Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA, next fall.

"I'm excited to go to Northwestern and continue the team's great tradition of winning," said Josh, who was recruited as a pitcher and infielder. He added that he is excited



Joshua Morris

about Northwestern's new coaching staff as well as the school's strength and conditioning program.

Josh, who has worn the No. 24 jersey for the Runnels Raiders varsity baseball team since eighth grade, has been playing the sport since the age of three.

He said that he is very happy to begin his college baseball career as a Northwestern Demon.

Josh is the son of Cindy and Tex Morris.

Senior Alden Cartwright firmed up his verbal commitment to pitch for LSU next fall as a walk-on with a purple-and-gold themed "signing party" in honor of his 18th birthday in November. At the event, Alden was interviewed by WAFB sports anchor Jacques Doucet, and the piece appeared on the 10 pm newscast that night. Alden is the son of Libby and Mark Cartwright.

Correction ... Although 8th grade clarinet player Garrett Miller was among the Runnels students selected to play in the Middle School Honor Band, we inadvertently left his name out of the article about the Honor Band in the November *Reporter*. We apologize for the error.



Isaac. Runnels social studies teacher Caroline Hader reports that by the time the drive was over, the classroom was "filled to the rim" with notebooks, markers, crayons, paper towels, and other classroom necessities. She added that her students "loved that they were helping kids their own age." (Above are just some of the 2nd grader who helped with the project.)

Strong XC Finish ... Congratulations to the members of the Runnels Cross Country Team and their coaches, Julie Fink, Linn Fink, and Rebecca Penniman, for a solid season, with a strong finish at the State Meet. Senior Andrew Brouillette was 6th in the three-mile race, setting a new personal record of 16.21. The boys' team finished 6th in a field of 19 teams.

For maintaining perfect 4.0 GPAs during all of high school, senior Cross Country athletes Madelinn Fink and Vaki Nikitopoulos were named to the All-Academic Composite Cross Country Teams in District 2A.

Volleyball Post-Season Results

Several members of our 2A District Championship Volleyball Team won post-season laurels. Senior Ashley Kumler and juniors Zoe Craig and Kourtey Khalid-Abasi were named First Team All-District, and junior Rebecca Fennell and senior Elizabeth Forgey made Honorable Mention.

In addition, Elizabeth Forgey and senior Danielle Coniglio, who both maintained perfect 4.0 GPAs during their entire high school careers, made the All-Academic Composite Volleyball Team for Division IV, District 2A.

You Still Have Time! ... RPO President Nicole Latiolais reminds us that we have until Dec. 15 to participate in the RPO Greeting Card Fundraiser. You can choose from over 1,000 designs or create your own and place your order online for your custom Greeting Cards. Thirty percent of the order's proceeds will be donated back to the RPO. Use this link -- <http://www.cardraising.com/SLA01473> or select Runnels from the menu and place your order for a holiday, invitation, or announcement card.



Helping Others

... In their social studies classes in October, the 2nd graders collected school supplies for students who attend the Lake Ponchartrain Elementary School in La Place, which was destroyed during Hurricane

Kudos To ...

...Sophomore golfers Taylor Kennedy and Grant Welch, for being chosen to represent Louisiana in the Louisiana/Mississippi Junior Golf Cup Invitational held in Greenwood MS in September.



Taylor Kennedy and Grant Welch

...The nine Runnels students selected to dance in this year's

Nutcracker, A Tale of the Bayou, at the River Center Theater Dec. 15-16. They are senior *Suzannah Burke*, junior *Olivia Zachary*, 8th grader *Eva Kruger*, 7th graders *Annabelle Brinkmann*, *Lily Riddick*, *Sara Brandenburg*, and *Natalie Wilder*, 6th grader *Grace Asevedo*, and 5th grade student *Catherine Bonaventure*.

In addition, *Suzannah Burke* was chosen to be a member of the Baton Rouge Ballet Theater Company and will dance adult roles as a flower, a Chinese dancer, and a snow fairy in the production.



Suzannah Burke

...Junior *Amelie Kharey* performed on stage with the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra at the River Center Theater on Oct. 25 for the "Discovery Concert," which the Runnels 5th graders attended. She was invited to play by the director of the Louisiana Youth Orchestra in which she serves as principal clarinet.

...Members of the Runnels 4th-Grade Band, directed by Shanna Drescher, for performing their first concert together on the stage of the Runnels Theater -- after only two months of instruction! Their audience of kindergarten students, parents, friends, and teachers was most appreciative. We look forward to their next concert in the Runnels Theater on Dec. 12.



Garrett Rhinehart in concert with the 4th-Grade Band.

Runnels Showcase and Book Fair Schedule

Barnes & Noble on Corporate Blvd., Dec. 7 - 9

Friday, Dec. 7

- 5:45 pm Harp Music
- 6-7:30 pm Opening Reception for Art & Photo Exhibit in the Cafe'
- 7:00 pm Storytelling with Cristin Ponjuan - *Polar Express* Pajama Party

Saturday, Dec. 8

- 11:00 am Kindergarten Bells
- 11:30 am Selections from *School House Rock Live, Jr.* - Grades 1-6
- 12:00 pm Jr./Sr. High School Chorus Concert
- 12:30 pm Band Ensemble Performances - High School
- 2:00 pm Storytelling with Kristen Manning and Neena Kelfstrom -
Llama Llama Holiday Drama
- 2:00 pm Selections from the Jr./Sr. High Production: *The Hysterical History of Troy*
- 3:00 pm Selections from Our Upcoming Jr./Sr. High Winter Musical, *Grease*
- 3:30 pm Jr./Sr. High Ballet Demonstration
- 4:15 pm Jr./Sr. High Ballet Demonstration (continued)

Sunday, Dec. 9

- 1:00 pm String Orchestra Concert
- 2:00 pm Harp Choir Ensemble Performance
- 3:30 pm Choral and Drama Performances, *December Nights, December Lights*
- Grades 2-3

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