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One week before school started the FHJ Prep school administration gazed at the dismal enrollment numbers for the Fall of 2015. They reflected on the fact that their budget for the upcoming year was based on a projected enrollment of 43 scholars (the amount of scholars they ended the 2014-2015 school year with), but the current number of scholars, who were planning to attend, in just one week, was 23! How in the world would this little school be able to survive with this enrollment? Worry began to rise, but so did the prayers. The school's leadership strongly believed that God had set this school aside for a reason, so they knew somehow that they would soon be pulling a rock out of the Jordan River-bed. They just did not know how or when.

Before Christmas break (2015), 5 more scholars were added to the enrollment. At the turn of the new year (January 2016), two more scholars joined the FHJ Prep school family. This type of growth within one year was unheard of, but boy was there a praise lifted up. Enrollment was up to 30!

The 2016-2017 school year began with 43 scholars (the amount we ended with at the end of the 2014-2015 school year). Wow, God had restored what had been lost; however, that is NOT where the testimony ended. In the first semester of 2016, we added two new scholars to our family, and then to begin the new year (January 2017) we got number 46! Our new scholar, Dane Marshall, took us to 46 scholars enrolled! In 16 months FHJ Prep's enrollment has officially doubled! Talk about a testimony to share! It is not by man's power, but by God's grace and compassion that His children are increasingly blessed!

### Save the Date!

#### Fruit Pickup

January 26<sup>th</sup>

*All fruit orders will be available for pickup beginning the afternoon of January 26<sup>th</sup>.*

#### Black History Program

February 25<sup>th</sup>

*Join our scholars at Hillcrest SDA Church at 6pm as they tell the stories of heroes, both past and present.*

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the scholars at FHJ Prep celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! To celebrate this day scholars came dressed as “old” people. They came with canes, walkers, and heads full of gray hair. Boy, was it a sight to see. In addition to the costumes, scholars participated in educational and recreational activities, in honor of this special day. From science activities, counting activities, writing activities, to plain old fun with an obstacle course, scholars surely had a memorable day.

Three special scholars were honored with \$20 WalMart gift cards, for being at school for 100 days straight with no absences or tardies. The awardees were: Jamyla Duke (1<sup>st</sup>), Micah Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup>), and MacKenzie Lewis (6<sup>th</sup>). In addition to these winners, other scholars with exceptional attendance were awarded, with a grand total of \$100 in gift cards given away.

Check out our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/fhjprep](http://www.facebook.com/fhjprep)) for more photos from this very memorable day.



## Bible Expo

Each year the scholars of FHJ Prep do an in depth study of a Bible story or Biblical teaching. After a close analysis of the story or teaching, scholars present their findings at the annual Bible Expo. As a part of this project, scholars create a 3-D representation of their projects, as well as a poster with key information from their report. Year after year the scholars of FHJ Prep put in countless hours of reading, writing, studying, and creating, in order to bring their projects to life—this year was no different. If you missed out on the Bible Expo this year, be sure to join us next Fall.



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## The Secret of Snowflake County

If you missed out on this year's Christmas program, you missed out on a special treat. The scholars of FHJ Prep shared the true meaning of Christmas in a delightful, entertaining, and moving way.

This year the scholars put on a Christmas Extravaganza. Each year Snowflake County's Christmas Extravaganza gets bigger and "better." The Christmas programs had become so extravagant that they began to overshadow the true meaning of Christmas. The FHJ Prep scholars took the audience through the holiday tension that we all so often find ourselves experiencing, and in an amazing dramatic display, reminded us that Christ is the true reason for Christmas.

Each scholar had a part to play in making this presentation come alive. Our primary roles were performed by: Amare Pritchett (5<sup>th</sup>), Michel Sejour (4<sup>th</sup>), Kalin Griffin (8<sup>th</sup>), MacKenzie Lewis (6<sup>th</sup>), Price Fordham (7<sup>th</sup>), Courtni Hewlett (8<sup>th</sup>), and Jonah Nolen (5<sup>th</sup>).

During this event, the audience contributed over \$3,000 for laptops for the school, with additional funds coming in after the program—totaling almost \$5,000. At FHJ Prep we are pushing our scholars to be cutting edge, therefore a technology plan has been put in place to provide us with the 21<sup>st</sup> century tools needed. If you would like to contribute to our technology fund please go to [www.fhjenkins.net/giving](http://www.fhjenkins.net/giving).



## Alumni Spotlight

Joel was born into a pastor's home in Buffalo, NY. He spent his formative years growing up in Tennessee and Alabama, where he obtained the discipline necessary for his life's calling through intense training with the Huntsville, AL Swim Association's Junior Olympic swimming team. Joel also had the privilege of attending Adventist institutions such as, F. H. Jenkins and Oakwood Elementary schools, Oakwood and Pine Forge Academies, and Oakwood University, where a solid spiritual, formative structure was obtained.

Joel Kibble is a member of Take 6 (joined in 1991), who after debuting in 1988 with Platinum self-titled "Take 6" album, went on to record three more Gold albums. Take 6 has received ten Grammy Awards, ten Dove Awards, the Soul Train Music Award, and an award for BRE Vocal Group of the Year. For four consecutive years Take 6 was voted "Best Jazz Vocal Group" in Down Beat Magazine. Joel's parents' skepticism of a recording/touring career was challenged by his former music teacher, who assured his father that "there are things Joel will learn from the opportunity of interacting with different cultures that he could never learn inside a classroom."

Providence revealed Joel's unorthodox calling into ministry, as well as a burning passion for healing and restoration. Opportunities opened for Joel to write, preach, and sing about the great news of God's love for human beings.

Joel married the former Tina Gopala-Rao in 2014, and joyfully continues the awesome journey to eternity with his wife and daughter, Karly Kibble.

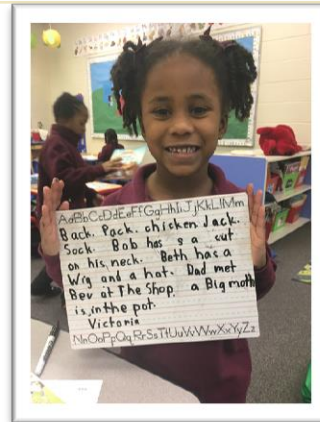




# Classroom Highlights

## Mrs. Fordham's Class

What a great time we are having in Kindergarten! We are learning to write dictated sentences. Some are even learning to write sentences with digraphs.

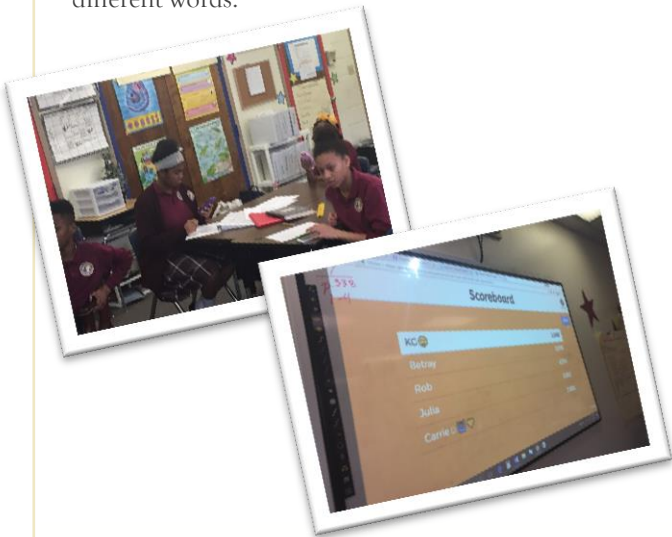
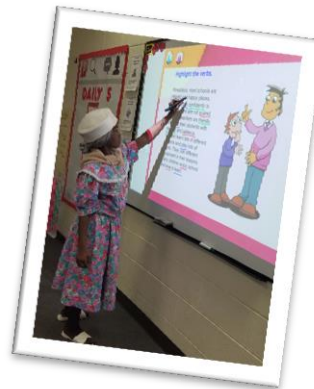


## Mrs. Pelote's Class

Scholars in Mrs. Pelote's class toss bean bags to name proper, improper and collective nouns. It was a great interactive way of our scholars to lock in learning. Learning can be fun!

## Mrs. Ford's Class

On the hundredth day of school, the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders were afforded the opportunity to search for hidden verbs in a passage as 100 year olds. During the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade literacy class, "100 year old" scholars spent time identifying and discussing the antonyms and synonyms for several different words.



## Ms. Washington's Class

This month the scholars in grades 7/8 studied human growth and development. To review for their final assessment, students used their cell phones and a program called Kahoot. Students answered questions using their cell phones and they were able to see the correct answers on the screen in real time. They competed to see who could get the most points by answering questions quickly and accurately. The leaderboard was posted and a winner was determined. This was a great way for students to use technology as learning tool.

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