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Basketball Teams Meet with Popular Author:

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Head librarian Shelby Bivins and Coach Neal Carpenter have worked together over the past few years to build a book study program for FHS athletes. The FHS basketball players recently read *On the Devil's Court* by Carl Deuker. It's a novel about a high school basketball player who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for a record-breaking season.

"The main thing is that the book was about basketball," said Coach Neal Carpenter. "It got the kids interested." After finishing the book, the players were able to

discuss it in person with the author in the FHS library as a wrap-up to the book study. "I most like the energy," said Deuker, "and I like seeing the people that actually read my books and get good feedback." It was a memorable experience for the players as well because many of them can see themselves in the book. "I can relate to the story because it's basketball and basketball is what I love to do," said sophomore Geraud Sanders. "We had a good season this year and so did the main character in the book." "I've

read several of Carl Deuker's books," said junior T.J. Keys. "Not many people get a chance to meet their favorite author. I found it a cool experience." If you are interested in having your favorite author visit the school, check with Mrs. Bivins in the library. If other teens are reading the author's books, it is possible that the author would be able to make other personal appearances. It's always worth checking into. Like Carl Deuker, many authors truly enjoy meeting their readers.

BPA Students Headed to Nationals:

Our Frisco Business Professionals of America Chapter competed right before spring break in our State Leadership Conference. Our kids did extremely well, and many have qualified to compete at our National Leadership Conference in April/May. The following students will be competing in Indianapolis at the National Level April 30 – May 4th: Erin Melican placed 5th for Integrated Office Applications. Brock Bauer, Matt Kuhn and Max Poarch placed 1st in Network Design Team. The following

students placed high enough that they are National Alternates and could be called up to compete at the National Level. Brock Bauer placed 6th for PC Servicing and Troubleshooting. Ken Asawa placed 4th for 3D Computer Modeling. Reuben Rusk placed 4th for Prepared Speech. Meghana Chordaru, Ken Asawa, Erin Melican and Karsun Proudfoot all placed 5th in Administrative Support Team. All of our BPA members represented Frisco High School extremely well, and we would

like you to congratulate them all for their extremely hard work! Making it to Nationals is not easy since Texas has the largest BPA membership in BPA and has some seriously fierce competition. Also, Kip Bledsoe, Frisco High School and the Career and Technology Center Teacher, has been named the Texas Business Professionals Outstanding Local Advisor! His photo will be on the FISD "Inside Frisco ISD" section of the main FISD website.

Don't forget you must be registered to vote by April 10th if you want to vote in the May 10th general election/FISD Bond Election! We have some voter registration cards here in the school office or you can apply online. In addition, if you have a college student who is registered to vote and his/her permanent address is still here in FISD, he/she can apply for a ballot to vote by mail/absentee. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail was Tuesday, March 11th.

Up Coming Events:

- March 22nd:** Frisco's Got Talent 6:30 p.m. @ FHS Auditorium
- March 25th:** Varsity Girls Soccer vs Denison PLAYOFF Game 6:00 p.m. @ Sherman Stadium
- March 29 - 30:** 5th Annual Arts in the Square
- March 31st:** English I EOC: Freshman Testing
- April 1st:** English II EOC: Sophomore Testing
- April 12th:** Save the Date: PROM