



# East Haven Principal Lends Unique Support For Medical Reading

When East Haven Connecticut HOSA Advisor Nancy Tipping first convinced a team of three students to compete in the Medical Reading Event, she wasn't sure how to keep the students focused and enthusiastic throughout the reading of the five required books. When she confided her concerns to Vanessa Reale, East Haven High's principal, she got a big surprise. Mrs. Reale immediately came up with the idea of discussing the books over lunch, and she volunteered to treat the students and also excuse them from class for 3 discussion sessions leading up to the State Leadership Conference. The students chose to have pizza, subs, and Chinese food with their discussions. Mrs. Reale also offered a substitute to Mrs. Tipping so she would be free to attend the group discussions.

At the first "Book Discussion Lunch", they discussed "Germ Freaks" and "The Pact". The questions used to stimulate discussion were the result of a meeting between the HOSA Advisor and the school Reading Specialist who was also enlisted to help. This was a very productive lunch not only in assisting students to analyze the books but also in maintaining their enthusiasm.

In February they will discuss "The First Woman Doctor" and "The Cruellest Miles", and in March "Baby ER".

As a result of these efforts, the students are feeling upbeat and proud of their reading accomplishments and other students are interested in this event. This has been the first full year of HOSA at East Haven High School and next year, the plan is to send two Medical Reading Teams to the State Leadership Conference.



# Quitman, Arkansas HOSA members are fighting for AUTISM SPEAKS!

Twenty-six HOSA members from Quitman High School have come up with new strategies to raise money for Autism research. We've taken our yearly coin war and created incentives for students to support our cause. HOSA members designed and created "Sticker Cards", small medicine bottles, and zipper bags for every elementary student. Every time an elementary student fills the medicine bottle with coins (it will hold 39 cents in pennies), he/she receives a sticker for his/her sticker card; a 3 x 5 filled zippie bag will earn five stickers. When the sticker card is filled (it has spaces for 20 stickers), the student receives a prize. For each subsequent card, the prize value increases. Also the class that raises the most money per student will receive a movie party in December.

A week before the coin war began, packets were sent home with students containing an informational letter to parents, autism flyers, a medicine bottle and zippie bag. The bottles and bags were decorated with the Autism Speaks logo and contest instructions. The coin war was scheduled for November 1 through November 17, but by October 30, we had raised approximately \$1,400.....AND we hadn't even officially begun.



Quitman, Arkansas HOSA members Stephanie Ingram, Krystal Grove, and Lindi New rest after stuffing 350 packets for elementary students!

HOSA members are also competing for the chance to host the movie party for elementary. First-year members are racing against second-year members to see who can raise the most money by November 17. Our twenty-six HOSA members alone have raised money amounting over \$400 to date.

The contest isn't over, but we've surpassed our \$2,000 goal. If a little chapter with 26 members can raise money amounting to over \$2,000, think how much we could raise on the national level!

Other chapters wanting more information about our coin war can contact us at [hoyts@quitman.k12.ar.us](mailto:hoyts@quitman.k12.ar.us) <<mailto:hoyts@quitman.k12.ar.us>> .