

PSD's Henry Wrinkles becomes a movie star

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Local canine celebrity Henry Wrinkles now holds title of movie star in addition to animal welfare advocate in the movie, "Henry Wrinkles Episode 1: Oscar Meyer Gets Schooled."

The synopsis of the movie, written by Krystal Hooten's Advanced Placement (AP) English class will place Henry as the savior for the school when Oscar the cat tries to start shenanigans.

Why animals instead of students? Henry Wrinkles was already involved with one of special education classes this fall working with the students on reading skills," said Hooten. "As he came through the hall one day I stopped and chatted with Susan Boyd, Henry's owner. We discussed having Henry visit with one of my English remediation courses to work on reading fluency as well." After that, Hooten and Boyd had other ideas.

"We discussed other projects Henry could work on and hatched this idea for Henry to work with my 8th grade pre-AP class. We had already planned to focus on narrative writing this quarter, and Henry gave us inspiration for a project."

The students brainstormed ideas for a movie starring Henry. The chosen story was written by Morgan Tripod and included her cat, Oscar.

"The students took Morgan's short story, divided it into sections, and adapted it into a screenplay format," Hooten said. "This allowed us to work not only on narrative writing, but drama as well."

Students had to analyze scripts and see what details they should include, such as scene descriptions, prop lists and stage directions. They wrote the script, then planned costumes, props, and a soundtrack.

"The students were very excited to have Henry in the classroom and it gives them a project they are excited about that includes lots of writing content," she said.

Picture: Eighth grade pre-AP teacher Krystal Hooten films a scene for the movie, "Henry Wrinkles Episode 1: Oscar Meyer Gets Schooled" starring Paragould's own Henry Wrinkles as Jordan Rice.