



HawkTalk

A Newsletter from FAUS,PTO for children of A. D. H. U. S.

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School Calendar

- January 16, 2009**
End of second quarter
- January 19, 2009**
No School -
Martin Luther King Day
- January 20, 2009**
No School -
Teacher Work Day
- January 21, 2009**
PTO Meeting 6:00 PM—
Cafeteria
Reading Activities for Parents
- January 23, 2009**
Report cards go home
- February 11, 2009**
Advisory Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.—Media Center
- February 10-11, 2009**
FCAT Writing Test

A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

Welcome back!! We hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday. We are looking forward to a bright new year. Why not make 2009 the year to be involved? We are in need of our students parents to help with more activities everyone enjoys. Everyone is invited to attend the January 21st PTO meeting at 6:00pm to find out how! The future distribution of the Howl funds will be voted on. All PTO members are eligible to vote. The faculty has also put together a reading presentation for K – 5 families after the meeting.

Kick off for our new Cookie Dough sale begins January 23rd. We will have a representative from Fun Services at the PTO meeting on the 21st to provide samples and information. Look for your packet to come home in your child's Friday folder the 23rd. We can all make this a prosperous event if everyone participates just a little bit. Contact **Sonnia Rothgery** or **Debbie Reyes** to help. Our "Big Dawg" Kindergarten Father's Breakfast is scheduled for February 6th. Contact any PTO board member to help! We are also planning our annual school auction on April 18th at the Ocean Breeze Country Club again. Thank you to **Dennis Taback** for donating the facility. Contact **Lynette Williams** at 561-702-9743 to let her know how you would like to contribute. Any and all participation by Henderson families and friends is welcomed.



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A Message from the Assistant Principal

Dear FAU school community,

FAU schools will be undergoing re-accreditation during the 2008-2009 school year. We are scheduled to host a SACS CASI Quality Assurance Review. The review team is scheduled to be here April 20-21, 2009.

The purpose of the Quality Assurance Review is to:

- ▶ Evaluate the school's adherence to the quality standards.
- ▶ Assess the efficacy and impact of the schools improvement process.
- ▶ Assess the effectiveness of the school's methods for quality assurance.
- ▶ Identify strengths deserving of commendations and provide recommendations to improve the school.

Make an accreditation recommendation for review by the national AdvancED Accreditation Commission.

Information gathered from the Parent/Guardian Satisfaction Survey, Student Satisfaction Survey, and the School Climate Survey will be incorporated into the FAU school report and submitted to the Quality Assurance Review team.

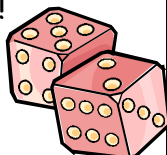
As part of our continuous improvement efforts, we are currently reviewing the vision of our school. It is very important that all voices be heard. We welcome your participation in this important process. To participate, please complete the form that went home in your Friday Folder last week or contact Mr. Hardman at whardmal@fau.edu.

We appreciate all of your hard work and support of the FAU school community. We would not be who we are without your continued support.

Brenda Cummings
Assistant Principal

**SAVE
THE
DATE!!!
2009 AUCTION
& CASINO
NIGHT
Saturday,
April 18th**

***Please join us on
Wednesday, at
the PTO
General meeting
for up-to-date in-
formation!**



Media Moments

By Peggy Lebair

During the month of January all grade levels were practicing writing.

We did a Circus Adventures unit whereby the students did circus illustrations and then we wrote sentences to match our illustrations. Some classes made a Circus book for their classroom.

Winter stories were read along with telling about how the New Year is celebrated.

I read about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and we did a story timeline of his life and practiced story sequencing. Some grades wrote about what their dreams are after discussing Dr. King's I Have A Dream speech. We then shared our stories.

Upper grades are learning and taking notes on the Dewey Decimal Classification System and learning library/media skills.

On a weekly basis, students are reading Time For Kids. It's a subscription that deals with current events and topics. Discussions and worksheets are done after reading the news. Many students enjoy looking on the Internet for the mystery person that is featured in the news each week.

Until next month, enjoy your reading!



Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville

Reading Resource Room

Mark Your Calendars! Our first K-5 reading fair, RAP Time, Reading Activities for Parents, will be held the evening of January 21st following the PTO Meeting. K-5 teachers have been busy preparing "fun" reading activities for parents to share with their children! Flyers were sent home in Friday folders last week. If you have questions or did not receive a flyer, please contact Mrs. Linville.

Students in grades 5-9 enjoyed the presentations by visiting author, Mr. John Tkac, on Monday, December 15th. Mr. Tkac was busy delivering seven informative presentations throughout the day; he shared his book, *Whispers from the Bay*, and provided some writing tips for our students. Autographed hardcover books can still be purchased at a discounted price; if you are interested in purchasing this adventure novel, please see Mrs. Linville for an order form.

We're looking forward to our next author visit on Thursday, January 29th, for our Kindergarten-6th grade students. Get ready to "giggle, giggle, snicker, and laugh" with Robert Pottle! Mr. Pottle will present several funny poetry performances throughout the day. You may view Mr. Pottle's website at <http://www.robertpottle.com/> which highlights the author's funny poems and books, including his most recent publication, *I'm Allergic to School*. Order forms for purchasing autographed books at a reduced price by this entertaining author have been sent home in Friday folders.

Following our holiday break, students have been actively engaged in a variety of reading and writing activities to better prepare them for the upcoming standardized tests. The FCAT writing assessment will be administered February 10th to our 4th, 8th, and 10th grade students. FCAT reading, math, and science assessments for 3rd-12th grade students will begin March 10th.

A wonderful resource for parents and students is the Just Read! Florida website: <http://www.justreadflorida.com>. The website contains a FCAT home page link which provides parents with a wealth of information on FCAT and access to released questions used on previous FCAT assessments. Students in grades 3-9 have been given individual codes to access FCAT Explorer; the program provides students with the opportunity to practice the skills tested on the FCAT in reading, math, and science. It's important that we all work together to insure the success of all of our Henderson students!



Teacher Appreciation Committee News



We hope that you enjoyed your holidays! We would like to thank all of the families who donated cookies and assisted with our Teacher Appreciation Holiday Cookie Boxes in December. The teachers and staff appreciated the delicious cookies.

There is no PDD day scheduled for January, so our next lunch is scheduled for February 20. It will be sponsored by 3rd and 8th grade.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you have any questions regarding the committee, or would like to assist us, please feel free to contact us.

Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs
Suzanne Wilbor and Carolyn Bethmann
(561) 347-1503 (561) 997-6209



PE / HEALTH HAWK TALK

The PE and Health staff would like to welcome everyone back to the start of a new year. We are starting off 2009 with some good news; the pool is almost ready! They have resolved the issues that were troubling us all semester and are continuing to get it ready for the students. We will keep the classroom teachers informed on the exact date swim classes will resume.

PE classes have started the semester with FitnessGram Testing. We are proud to announce that almost all of the students in grades 1-8 have improved on their tests from the beginning of the year. Also, the PE and health classes will begin preparing for our Jump Rope for Heart event that will take place in February. Keep an eye out for more information to come home in Friday folders in the upcoming weeks.

Athletics is also off to a busy start in '09. Girl's High School soccer will compete in a district playoff game January 22 and the High School Boy's and Girl's basketball seasons are also near an end. Girl's middle school varsity and JV soccer season have started along with Boy's middle school varsity and JV basketball. Good luck to all our teams this month.

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- Jan 12 Boy's Varsity MS B-ball @ North Broward Prep
- Jan 13 Girl's MS Varsity soccer @ North Broward Prep
Girl's MS JV soccer @ Henderson
Boy's / Girl's HS B-ball @ Donna Klein
- Jan 14 Girl's MS Varsity soccer @ Pine Crest Boca
Boy's MS Varsity/JV B-ball @ Spanish River Christian
- Jan 15 Girl's HS Soccer @ Donna Klein
Boy's HS B-ball @ Boca Prep
- Jan 21 Girl's MS Varsity soccer American Heritage @ Henderson
Girl's MS JV soccer @ St. Andrews
Boy's MS Varsity B-ball @ Palm Beach Day
- Jan 22 Girl's MS Varsity soccer Palm Beach Day @ Henderson
Boy's MS Varsity B-ball St. Jude @ Henderson
Girl's HS soccer @ Highlands Christian
- Jan 26 Girl's MS JV soccer Spanish River Christian @ Henderson
Boy's MS Varsity/JV B-ball @ Pine Crest Boca
- Jan 27 Girl's MS Varsity soccer @ SRC
Girl's MS JV soccer @ Pine Crest Boca
Boy's / Girl's HS B-ball @ Village Academy
- Jan 28 Boy's MS Varsity B-ball St. Joan @ Henderson
Boy's HS B-ball @ Pope John Paul
- Jan 29 Girl's MS Varsity soccer Pine Crest Ft.L @ Henderson

Volunteer Opportunities

By Janet Hopin, Volunteer

Coordinator

561-498-3745 or bocajanet@yahoo.com

Happy New Year! Have you made your New Year's resolutions? I hope one of them included volunteering some time to our school. That's one resolution I can help you keep.

Volunteers are needed in the cafeteria, in the media center, to help with Friday Folders, to help with the Running Club and for special events. Call or email me if you are interested in helping.



Preparations for the 4/18/09 Silent Auction are underway. Many, many volunteers are needed for this special event. Room Parents will need assistance putting together their class projects and baskets. Please get in touch with your Room Parent if you would like to assist. You can also help by promptly responding to their requests for assistance.



All Room Parents should be thinking about what they are doing for the auction. There should be at least one project per class and one basket per grade for the auction. A

meeting will be scheduled in the near future to discuss this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

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Running Club Update

Running Club welcomes any donations of soccer balls, footballs, playground balls, hula hoops, jump ropes, etc. There are about 300 students that participate each week in this free club. Funds for equipment are limited, so your support is appreciated. Please send any equipment donations to Mrs. Sands—Room 42.

Unfortunately, with little funding, there will be no t-shirts this year.

Please remember to pick-up your child on time at 3:45 p.m. in the 2nd circle and make sure to send your child in appropriate footwear.

As always if the weather changes, please be prepared to pick up your child. Check out the homework hero link for information.

Scheduled Running Club Days.

January 16	January 23
January 30	February 6
February 13	February 27
March 6	March 13
March 20	
March 27—Ice Cream Party—LAST DAY!	

SPANISH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. M. Dubreuze

Mrs. M. Douglas



¡Hola!

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Happy New Year!

Welcome back to all our students. We hope you had a wonderful holiday. As the 2nd quarter comes to an end and with the start of the new semester let us resolve to continue to work hard, stay focused and do our very best work.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our students and their families who so generously gave us gifts, cash donations and cards. It is our pleasure to work with all our students. When our students show effort, care about their work and do well, that's all the thanks we need. So it is very humbling when families go above and beyond by giving so generously.

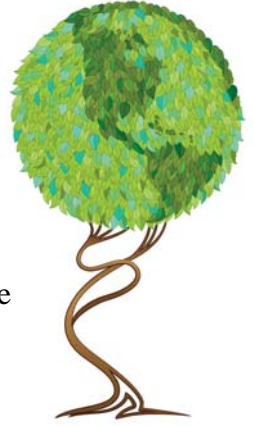
Finally we would like to thank the PTO for their continued support of our work in the classroom. Thank you for your gifts, but most of all thanks for giving your time and talent.

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.

-- Rabindranath Tagore

We are the Trees

We are the trees
 Hundreds of years old
 So wise in our ways
 Yet destroyed by yours
 You've made it hard
 But we must preserve what we are
 So we dance underneath the stars
 We are one with the night
 The wind blows our souls about
 We are one with the breeze
 The rain falls on our faces
 We are one with the drops
 The earth's warmth heats our feet
 We are one with the soil
 Our hollows will shelter whoever may rest there
 Despite what others like you have done
 They have taken the stars
 Covered them with pollution
 The breeze is no longer free
 Blocked by your needs
 The rain is no longer fresh
 For you have polluted the rivers and lakes
 The earth's heat burns our feet
 For it is now too much for us to bear
 Please help us old, wise trees
 For we have seen much
 But more than ever in the last years
 Save the trees



Stop global warming

- Kristina Platt, 8th Grade Student



WEEK OF GIVING

Thanks to the generous support of Henderson families, our annual week of giving was a great success. We collected hundreds of gifts. In spite of the severe economic downturn, our Henderson families gave so generously to those who are less fortunate. We cannot thank you enough.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who came early, stayed late, and helped display the gifts. Thanks to Erin Amico for arranging the gifts so beautifully on the stage. I would also like to thank Donna Garcia and Dr. Hodge for escorting our visitors from HUGS for kids and the Boca police department around the school as they spoke to the students.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Ingalls

A. D. Henderson School Presents
Our Annual Health/Wellness
Expo

Friday January 30th, 2009
between 5-8pm

We have the following guests lined up for the event:

Our 1st Annual Healthy Cook-off Challenge!
(watch for Info)
Blood Drive



FAU's Memory & Wellness Center
Dr. Krumholtz (orthodontist)
Fitness Trainer
Massage Therapist
EAP (from FAU)
CPR Certification
DJ

FAU's School of Nursing
Face/Hand painting
Students selling Healthy snacks/water
And many more...

Please come and join us for a night of fun
and Brain Food!

All proceeds from this event benefit the Scott
Adams

Elementary School Lunch Program
Any Questions???

Just call Gina Dunne RN 561-297-2076

Music Notes

Mrs. Schram, dschram@fau.edu

After completing our study of 'The Nutcracker' in December, we are back to focusing on music reading and writing at all grade levels. Up until now, fourth graders have been playing their recorders 'by ear'. This month they will be reading music with their recorder playing. Fifth graders will begin work in the piano lab. The composer we are focusing on is American composer, George Gershwin,. So far the students have listened to parts of 'An American in Paris' and 'I've Got Rhythm'.



Harlem
Ambassadors

Professional Basketball Team

Charity Basketball Game

February 20, 2009

FAU Gym

Tickets—\$15

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Game Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Don't Miss the FUN!

Benefits the
FAUS PTO,
"Gift of Life" and
other local charities!



FAUS, PTO 2008-2009 Calendar and
Event Information

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

JANUARY 26 – FEB 6: Cookie Dough Sales –
Distribute information, collect orders and distrib-
ute product.

FEBRUARY 6: Big Dawg Kindergarten Father's
Breakfast - *Help is needed to set up, serve, and*
clean up.

MARCH TBA: Henderson vs. PAL Basketball
Game - *Changed to attending Globe Trotter game*
at FAU

APRIL 18: Silent Auction - *Committee people to*
secure donations, plan evening, sell tickets, etc.

MAY 7: Mother's Day Breakfast for Kindergarten
Moms - *Help set up, serve, and clean up.*

MAY 9: Spring Fling - *A family event with activi-*
ties, food, and fun. Many volunteers are needed to
set up, supervise, and clean up.

MAY 11 - 15: Teacher Appreciation Week - *Work*
with Teacher Appreciation Committee to show
teachers how much they are appreciated.

MAY 20: Final PTO meeting and Teacher Volun-
teer Appreciation Gala

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We had a spectacular float in the holiday parade. The PTO would like to extend many thanks to **Gina Dunne, Vicky Keating, and Annie Saucy** for working so hard to put the float together. We would also like to send a special thanks to **Rick Retamar** and his law firm, **Retamar & Millian, P.A.** for providing his trailer for our school to build our float on. **Thank you Rick!**

Our holiday shop raised over \$1,000! The children really enjoyed having a chance to shop for their families and special friends. Thank you, **Sonia Rothgery and Debbie Reyes**, for doing such a great job. We truly appreciate all that you do!

We collected an enormous amount of gifts during the Week of Giving. We are grateful for all the volunteers who helped during this event and to all the families who generously donated. **Thank you to Elisabeth Ingalls** for chairing this event again this year.

Our sister school in Guatemala is desperately in need of our help. The children are starving. Opportunities exist to sponsor a child for only \$66.00 per year. Please contact Mr. Hardman at whardma1@fau.edu for more information.

We hope you have a happy and successful year and hope to see you at 2009's first PTO meeting of the year on Jan 21st at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.

December's Volunteer of the Month

Please congratulate **Karen Corso** for receiving this award. This is **Karen's** last year at Henderson and her contribution over the years has been immeasurable! If your child enjoys a milk shake on Fridays, **Karen** made it for them! **Karen** is also chair of the brick committee. Order your brick ASAP as limited flyers will be distributed and the deadline is in March for this year's installation. They make great teacher gifts and we've seen many graduates come back to look for their brick in the butterfly garden. We will need someone to take over both of these jobs soon! Please see **Karen** for training. **Thank you Karen**, we are going to miss you and are ever so grateful for the pleasure of your company for all this time! We are very lucky to have you!
Good luck to Karen, Tony, Richie and Joey!

Twice As Nice

The next Twice as Nice sale will be Feb. 5th from 3 – 6p.m. in the west hallway.

ASOCIACION PROYECTO GUATEMALA EL TRIUNFO, GUALAN, ZACAPA, GUATEMALA



Sister School Lunch Sponsorship Program

The Scott Adams Elementary School in El Triunfo, Department of Zacapa, Guatemala, which we have supported in the past through donations of clothing and school supplies, is in great need of our support. Without it, due to loss of funding, beginning in January, 2009, the school will have to suspend providing lunch for its 312 students, at a cost of \$66.00 per child per year. The Henderson PTO has enthusiastically endorsed a campaign to help sponsor the children's lunches.

As we have done before, students at Henderson will be involved through the exchange of correspondence in Spanish, and this will provide an invaluable opportunity for them to broaden their education. La Palma, the Palm Beach Post's Spanish newspaper, recently published an article reporting on the situation at the school, which may be read at http://www.lapalmainteractivo.com/noticias/content/noticias/comunidad/articulos/2008/11/21/1121_proyecto.html

Parents and guardians may wish to choose a specific child or children to sponsor, in which case they should contact John Hardman at whardma1@fau.edu, or call the school for an appointment (561 297 6968). Children are listed by name and grade level.

Donations are tax deductible, and parents/guardians should contact John Hardman should they require a receipt. Checks should be made out to the Guatemalan Project, the 501 (C) (3) non-profit foundation that provides the financial support for the school, and sent to the account below:

National City Bank
6400 Hypoluxo Rd.,
Lantana, FL 33463.

On the back of the check, please write: DEPOSIT IN ACCOUNT NUMBER 1525063.

Visit the Guatemalan Project at www.guatemalanproject.com

Thank you in advance for your much needed support!

John Hardman
Coordinator of Research Programs/Services