



HawkTalk

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

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School Calendar

December 15-19, 2008

Week of Giving



Dec. 17, 2008

PTO Meeting—
Cafeteria 6:00 p.m.

December 19, 2008

No After School



January 16, 2008

End of second quarter

January 19, 2008

No School -
Martin Luther King Day

January 20, 2008

No School -
Teacher Work Day

January 23, 2008

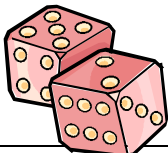
Report cards go home

SAVE THE DATE!!!

2009 AUCTION & CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, April 18th

*Please join us
on Wednesday,
December 17th
immediately fol-
lowing the PTO
General meeting
for our kick-off
meeting.



A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

It is hard to believe that 2008 is almost over. It flew by so fast. The PTO truly appreciates **Marc and Janet Hopin** for coordinating a fantastic Thanksgiving Feast. The entire school-- students, faculty, and staff-- enjoyed Thanksgiving Dinner together. **Thank you Marc and Janet!** It was wonderful walking through the hallway to see. We are also very grateful to Chef Joe and his staff for preparing such a great feast again this year.

The Holiday Shop was just completed this week. Not only did our children have a chance to shop, we are earning The Spring Fling for Henderson families coming in May!. Many thanks to **Sonnia Rothgery** and **all the parent volunteers and staff** for making this happen! The new this year cookie dough sale will be in January.

Week of Giving begins next Monday (12/19). When making your own holiday preparations, please take the time to buy a new gift for a less fortunate child. In this uncertain economic climate, we are counting more than ever upon your generosity. Volunteers are needed at drop off and at pick up. Please call **Elisabeth Ingalls** if you would like to help at 561-414-3406. Many opportunities are available and the reward is immeasurable.

Our middle school students will enjoy a Winter Holiday Dance after school on Friday, December 19th from 3 to 5. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, and to chaperone. Please call **Lee Hill** if you can assist at 561-542-2797.

Interested in helping with the auction in April? The first Auction Committee meeting will be after the PTO meeting December 17th at six o'clock. Baby sitting will be available, no need for reservations. We are starting a new tradition for the parents at Henderson, bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and a copy of the recipe. We will do the rest! Tasty refreshments will be presented by our Pampered Chef associates **Christine Walsh and Sonnia Rothgery**. Thanks to the Teacher Appreciation Committee of **Carolyn Bethmann and Suzanne Wilbor** for providing our staff with their annual Holiday cookies from the parents. Not too late to join in, bring 2 dozen cookies to the Media Center Monday morning at 8:00 and experience the joy of this gift from the heart.

Enjoy your holiday. We wish all of you a peaceful and prosperous 2009.

Volunteer of the Month for November – Congratulations to **Tami Noland!** Tami's daughter **Shallon** is a Kindergarten student this year. Her son **Triston** is 3. We look forward to watching them grow. Tami is a new parent this year and jumped right in and ran The Howl! She also helps with Friday folders and has truly been a joy to be with. **Thank you Tami!**



A Message from the Principal / Director

Dear Henderson Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. December is here and that means life will get busy for many of us in preparation for the holidays. The weather has been unpredictable these past few weeks, so it is important that we are prepared to deal with the temperature changes. Parents please remember to consult our dress code when purchasing outer wear for your students.

Also please remain focused when driving into the car lines and be courteous to the other drivers. It is important for you to make sure that your child is ready to get out of the car as soon as you pull up to the curb; remaining in your car; by advancing to the furthest point possible so that other cars may pull into the drive; and by hanging up cell phones while in the car line. We can all help with the traffic by following these simple common acts of courtesy.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Dr. Patricia Hodge
Principal/Director

Media Moments

By Peggy Lebair

During the month of December we have been busy learning about the many ways of celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Stories are being read about the different ways we celebrate holidays around the world. We are learning about the cultural importance of the holidays and where we get the many traditions. Middle School is just finishing the ten main sections of the non-fiction area and will begin researching a topic of their interest. They will gather information and learn the steps for writing a research paper. A bibliography will be kept for their report. We are beginning to process the many books that were purchased for our media center during our book fair last month. Thanks again to all who volunteered and to all who helped sponsor this worthwhile cause. May each of you enjoy the holidays and remember to take some time to enjoy reading.



Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville

Reading Resource Room

Thanks to all of the parents who attended the PTO meeting on November 19th for an informative technology presentation and demonstration of the on line literacy components available from our new Treasures reading series. A special thanks to Mrs. Gina Sands for presenting this valuable information. A follow up session will be presented following the January PTO meeting; a special program, Rap Time, is being planned for our K-5 parents. Save the evening of January 21st for our first reading activities fair.

Students and faculty are looking forward to special author presentations in December and January! A local author from Delray Beach is coming to Henderson on December 15th. John Tkac has written a very special book, Whispers from the Bay. Mr. Tkac will present his novel to students in 5th-8th grades and will also make a presentation to our high school students on the writing process and creating a good story. John Tkac is offering Henderson families a 40% discount on an autographed hardcover edition of his book; order forms have been sent home in your child's Friday folder. You may view additional information by visiting John Tkac's website at <http://www.whispersfromthebay.com/>

K-6 students, get ready to "giggle, giggle, snicker, and laugh" by viewing Robert Pottle's website at <http://www.robertpottle.com/> The website highlights Robert Pottle's funny poems and books, including his most recent publication I'm Allergic to School. Mr. Pottle will visit our school on January 29th. Mr. Pottle will present several funny poetry performances for our K-6 students throughout the day. Order forms for purchasing autographed books at a reduced price by this entertaining author have been sent home in Friday folders.

Holiday season is a perfect time to gather your family together to share a memorable holiday story. Throughout the activity-packed vacation days, please continue to set aside a time each day for reading. While shopping for that perfect gift, remember that a special book makes a wonderful and lasting present! All of our students have the opportunity to purchase personalized autographed books by our visiting authors that they will treasure forever! Please contact Mary Linville if you have any questions or need additional order forms.



Teacher Appreciation Committee News

Thank you to all of the 6th and 7th grade parents who donated lunch items and assisted with our PDD lunch in November. This was one of our best turnouts, everyone enjoyed the wonderful lunch. The PDD day that was scheduled December 19 has been cancelled, so our next lunch is scheduled February 20, and will be sponsored by 3rd and 8th grade.

Our next event is the Holiday Cookie Boxes that we will distribute to teachers and staff on December 15. If you would like to participate, we are collecting cookies at the drop off circles the morning of December 15. Please note that the cookies do not need to be home baked, store bought is very much appreciated. We will package them in the Media Center and distribute them that morning. Please consider donating a couple dozen cookies and/or assisting us with the packaging.

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
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PE / HEALTH HAWK TALK

Congratulations to our Students of the month for November. Nicolina Boykin and Erik Saucy earned the acknowledgement for middle school. Cameron Saslov in 1st grade and Yasmin Alfano in 5th grade earned the honor for elementary. Keep up your hard work and continue to be a leader and exemplary student for your peers!

The athletic department is continuing with a busy sports schedule before the winter break. With both boys and girls high school basketball underway as well as girls' middle school basketball finishing up and boys' middle school starting just after break. Girls' High School soccer is also enjoying a competitive season so far. Boy's middle school soccer is finishing up this month while girl's middle school will start this month.

- Dec 13 – Girl's HS soccer @ Donna Klein
- Dec 16 – Boy's / Girl's HS basketball @ Yeshiva
- Dec 17 – Tryouts for boy's MS basketball
Tryouts for girl's MS soccer



Thanksgiving Feast

by Marc and Janet Hopin, Co-chairs

Thank you to all parents, guardians, students and staff that helped with this year's Thanksgiving Feast. You all did a fantastic job! The spirit of Thanksgiving filled the halls of Henderson as a result of your hard work and great effort. You helped make it a special day for the students, staff and our special guests. We hope you will join us again next year as we continue this wonderful Henderson and FAU HS tradition.

Thank you also to the Administration and faculty for your cooperation and assistance. And a special thanks to Chef Joe and his staff for cooking a very tasty meal. We look forward to working with all of you again in 2009.

Academic Enrichment Program

The academic enrichment program is in full swing. I see students in first and second grade twice each week for math and reading. We have been doing a lot of problem solving and reading both fiction and non-fiction texts to stretch our thinking and expand on ideas and concepts taught during the regular reading program. We will spend time writing through different genres as well. For Thanksgiving, the children in second grade wrote persuasive essays about alternatives for the holiday dinner. This was done from the turkey's perspective!

Grades 3 through 5 have a pull out program. We are using project based learning and expanding research skills. The students developed a research question, analyzed sources for relevancy, and are beginning to collect data. They will produce a project of their choosing that displays evidence of learning.

I will continue to update the Homework Hero site with our on-going progress. We will have our site license for the Renzulli Learning System soon, which will be available to all students at Henderson. And finally, I have purchased a site license for Quia and will target activities for students to access. When it is set up, I will add a link on my Homework Hero site. Thank you for your support of the enrichment program and allowing me to work with your children.

Mrs. Bresnahan
Academic Enrichment Coordinator

Art Room News

By Elaine Sattler

This holiday season really did sneak up on us. Our students from Kindergarten to Middle School have been making our halls and cafeteria beautiful and festive with their many art projects. We have recognized several different cultures with our art. I and all the students wish you a very happy and healthy holiday!!



I Know You Are Busy but...

By Janet Hopin, Volunteer
Coordinator
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At this busy time of year it is natural for our time and energy to be focused on the preparations for the holidays and meeting the needs of our families. It is also a time of year when our Henderson and FAU HS family needs volunteers to help with many activities going on at the school. Volunteers are needed for the Holiday Gift Shop and the Week of Giving. Room parents and other parents will be busy planning classroom holiday parties and collecting holiday gifts (for those who would like to participate) for the teachers and aides. Preparations are underway for the events that will take place in 2009.

Please do not forget to set aside some time these next few weeks to help with these activities and let us all make a New Year's resolution to get more involved in '09.

I urge all PTO members interested in volunteering to please come to the first PTO meeting in 2009. If you have not been to a meeting lately you are missing out on the surprise giveaways, some great information and lots of good fun. At the meetings you can learn first hand about upcoming events and then choose to get involved in one or two of them. I hope to see many new faces next year.

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered this school year. Your help is greatly appreciated by your PTO Board, the administration, faculty and staff of our schools. You have helped make a positive difference in our school. I hope that you have found that the time invested in the school to be satisfying and that it makes you want to come back for more.



A NOTE FROM OFFICER DARRELL

** Holiday Safety Tips and Preventive Measures **

- ▶ Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you go shopping at night, go with friends or family and park in well light areas.
- ▶ Avoid driving alone or at night.
- ▶ Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- ▶ Keep cash in your front pocket and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- ▶ Stay alert to your surroundings.
- ▶ Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- ▶ Do not leave valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves.
- ▶ Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.
- ▶ Do not hide presents in the vehicle trunk area. Cars do get broken into.
- ▶ When someone knocks on your door at home, please check before you open the door.
- ▶ Ask mall security for an escort if you do not feel comfortable walking to your vehicle.

The 6th graders have completed their 10 lessons of "Too Good For Drugs" and the 7th graders are nearing the completion of their 13 lessons of G.R.E.A.T. GOOD JOB 6TH AND 7TH GRADERS!!

After FCAT is completed, I will be teaching the 4th graders G.R.E.A.T. and the 5th graders "Too Good For Drugs".

Hope you have a Safe and Happy Holiday & Happy New Year!!

SPANISH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. M. Dubreuzé
Mrs. M. Douglas



¡Hola!

¡Feliz Navidad! ¡Feliz Chanukah!

As the winter break approaches students all across the different grade levels will be learning about Hispanic holiday traditions. They will also discuss American holiday traditions. Students will be able compare and contrast both cultural traditions. They will be engaged through song, video presentations and stories.

Here's a suggested list of activities to continue to practice Spanish:

- watch the Spanish channels on TV- especially commercials where the content may already be familiar.

- read labels and signs that are written in Spanish

- call a classmate and practice talking with them

- Try a web site like : <http://www.gamequarium.com/spanishvocab.html>

You can Google other sites for various other activities. (Some are better than others!!)

This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!

-- D.M. Dellinger

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.

There is no Running Club on Dec. 19th. Please pick your child up at regular dismissal time 2:30 p.m.

Scheduled Running Club Days.

December 12	January 9
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!	

SPEECH ISSUE: HAVING PROBLEMS DOING SCHOOL WORK – WHY?

Q: My child has difficulty following directions and is having problems with reading skills. What is the best course of action I can take to help?

A: If your child is in kindergarten, or ages 5-6, it could be a matter of maturation. Some children just take longer to develop. If there is true inability to follow directions (rather than unwillingness to follow directions) you might refer your child for testing for possible auditory processing difficulties.

Auditory processing is not hearing acuity, but the way auditory signals (sound and voices) are "interpreted" by the brain. Typically, this is exhibited by such things as lack of ability to follow directions, or inability to repeat a series of numbers or words. It can also impact ability to decode (sound out word when reading). Sometimes a similar sounding word is substituted for the word the child really meant to say. In the school, the speech-language pathologist does "soft" testing (no equipment). By age 7-7.5, an audiologist can administer the "hard" equipment tests; and some are best served with a team of diagnosticians.

Research has shown that auditory processing difficulties can be turned around if diagnosed early enough. However, older students who have this diagnosis will probably have to learn and use strategies to overcome learning difficulties.

- Terry Clark, SLP, ADHUS



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

Annual
Week of Giving

The Henderson tradition of sharing a new toy or unwrapped gift item for newborns to teenagers that are less fortunate will take place during the week of

DECEMBER 15-19.

Music Notes

Mrs. Schram, dschram@fau.edu



The Elementary Chorus and Upper Elementary Chorus had a fine winter holiday concert on December 4th. They all sang beautifully. Upper Elementary chorus visited the Administration Building, the Wellness and Memory Center and Banyan Creek Nursing Home on Thursday, December 11 to share their holiday music. Our next Chorus rehearsals will be January 12 and 13.

The first grade performed 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' Tuesday, December 9 as part of the MIENC research project. The children created a bridge through art class (with the help of several mothers—thank you!) and composed songs in music class to accompany the story.

Music classes are studying instrument families and watching 'The Nutcracker', by Tchaikovsky.

WEEK OF GIVING

It is almost time for our annual Week of Giving. This week it is scheduled for Monday, December 15th through Friday December 19th. Volunteers will be stationed in both circles every morning at drop off and through Thursday at pick-up. All gifts will be donated to HUGS for Kids and the Boca Police's community outreach program who will distribute them to needy families in our communities.

Please donate *new, unwrapped* gifts for children ranging in age from newborns to teenagers.

In these perilous economic times, more and more families are slipping through the cracks. Many hardworking parents are no longer able to buy gifts for their children. We are calling upon your generosity as we never have before. Please help us to ensure that every young person in our community receives a new gift for the holidays.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me Elisabeth Ingalls at 561-414-3406.



FAUS, PTO 2008-2009 Calendar and Event Information

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

DECEMBER 15-19: Week of Giving - Help collect gifts and toys to be donated to needy families.

DECEMBER 19: Middle School Winter Dance - A fun event for middle school students with D.J. Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, secure D.J., arrange food, and chaperone.

JANUARY 26 – FEB 6: Cookie Dough Sales – Distribute information, collect orders and distribute 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 - Volunteers sell tickets, food, and spirit items.

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 activities, 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 Volunteer Appreciation Gala

Holiday Parade

That time of year is here once more... It's Parade Time! The Boca Holiday Parade was held on Wednesday December 10th at 7:30 pm. The 7th and 8th grade band members participated in this event. Thank you to everyone that came out to support our students!

Brad Jimenez



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 \$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

Florida Department of Education
Class Size Compliance Calculations November 2008
Traditional Schools
Attachment 1

District Number	School Number	District Name	School Name	Grades PK-3		Grades 4-8		Grades 9-12	
				School Average 2007-08	School Level Compliance 2008-09	School Average 2007-08	School Level Compliance 2008-09	School Average 2007-08	School Level Compliance 2008-09
72	11	FAU LAB SCH	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY SC	22.11	18.31	21.44	19.79	25.00	14.75
72	20	FAU LAB SCH	FAU-SLCSB TRADITION UNIVERSITY	22.11	17.14		19.95	25.00	0
72 TOTAL						0		0	0