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Art Room News

Happy Halloween to all of you! In the art room we are getting ready for the big day, with pumpkins, witches on broom sticks, ghosts, black bats, and scary looking cats. The 8th grade art students are busy making a giant scarecrow.

Kindergarten students have learned and are having fun using numbers and letters to make art, particularly a lion using the numbers 5 and 3, and the letters M and W. Students from 1st to 4th grade are using their art time to create some beautiful art. Students in 4th grade are learning about drawing and painting still life. Lessons were given on using a brush to get various effects and the results are wonderful. If you are near the art room, please take a look at our art gallery with art from Kindergarten to 8th. Grade.



Mrs. Sattler

Media

Classes in the media center have been learning about: Healthy Eating Habits---articles were read from Time For Kids and worksheets were done with discussion that followed. Recipes were given for healthy snacks and good breakfast choices.

To celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** we read articles about Mexico and worked with using pie charts.

The **Middle school** students researched on the Internet and used reference books to find out about Christopher Columbus and his voyages.

Halloween and Thanksgiving stories are being read throughout the months of October and November.

Our annual **Book Fair** is planned for **November 13th-16th**. We are off in honor of Veteran's Day on the 12th of November but will be staying late on Thursday, Nov. 15th until 6:30 p.m.

Also, on Friday, Nov. 16th we are having an early release day but we welcome you to come and purchase after school.

Thank you for always supporting this worthwhile event. The children just love it! Mark your calendars and buy some books for the holidays.

Ms. Lehair

Computers



October has come and is ready to leave us! But, it leaves with fun time for our children and for us as well. We have Halloween right around the corner and everyone is ready!

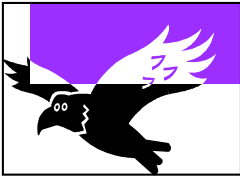
Grades 3 – 6 students are working on our River-deep system that gives them extra practice using their reading and writing skills. Check homework hero to see where your child is at.

The Creative Photography students are continuing to learn more skills in the world of photography, whether it is taking, editing and manipulating images. Many of their works of art have been displayed in the cafeteria for other students to see and enjoy. Thursday night we will have a booth set up for posed Halloween pictures. Come by and pose for us!

The Yearbook classes are also continuing to learn more skills in the world of photography. Many of their works of art have also been displayed in the cafeteria for other students to see and enjoy.

Mr. Gilbert





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Fall Calendar

- October 22 –25, 2007**
- Great Pumpkin
- First Grade Family Fun Night
- October 25, 2007**
- 6-9 p.m.
- Halloween Howl K-5
- First Quarter Ends
- October 26, 2007**
- No School Teacher Work Day
- October 29, 2007**
- Picture Day
- November 2, 2007**
- Report Cards
- Family Fun Night 4th Grade 6 p.m.
- November 5–9, 2007**
- Book Fair—Media Center
- November 12, 2007**
- No School—Veteran’s Day
- November 16, 2007**
- Noon Dismissal—PDD
- November 20, 2007**
- Thanksgiving Feast
- November 21–23, 2007**
- Thanksgiving Break
- November 28, 2007**
- PTO Meeting and Guest Speaker
Cafeteria @ 6:30p.m.
- November 30, 2007**
- Family Fun Night—5th Grade 6:00 p.m.

Spanish ¡Hola!

As the 4th quarter comes to an end all our students continue to learn about different topics according to the students’ level. *Kindergarten* students are practicing colors and numbers from 1 to 10 using different activities such as coloring pages, games and songs.

First grade students are practicing numbers from 1 to 20. *Second and third* grade are working with a new program called “Sym Talk” where pictures that symbolize different action words and objects are used to form sentences. *Fourth and fifth grade* students are learning the days of the week and the months of the year presented on power point.



Seventh and eighth grades students are practicing the verb GUSTAR (to like) and describing people using the verb SER (to be). The 8th grade *Advanced Spanish* completed a project during class that consisted of making a poster that described their favorite person. The *Spanish I* class, to celebrate *Hispanic Heritage Month*, completed photo album in Spanish of famous Spanish speaking people and themselves in which they described each person and talked about their likes and dislikes.

Ninth grade students studied family members and made presentations about their own family. *Native speakers* thank you very much for your power point presentation about Colombia and Cuba. It was a wonderful opportunity to present your own country to the rest of your classmates.

Remember the best way to learn a new language is to practice as much as you can. Listen to Spanish music and watch television in Spanish. Even though you don’t understand everything, it is good to train your ear to recognize different sounds

Mrs. Naranjo & Mrs Douglas

Chorus

Middle and High School Chorus



We had our first concert of the school year on October 9th and it was met with a round of applause. All the students performed very well and looked professional in their new concert attire. The house was packed and the students, although a little nervous, felt excited and happy about their performance. Congratulations and thank you to all the parents who attended!

Also in October four middle school students and two high school students went through the first level of All State Musicianship testing at BAK middle school of the arts. I am proud to announce that two middle school students, Amir Bitran and Mary Ingalls, and one high school student, Stephanie Quintao, successfully passed and are in the finals for the competition. If they pass the final exam, then they will perform in Tampa at a state convention joining 300 other students from around the state. Good Luck Amir, Mary, and Stephanie!

The students have already focused on twenty Italian musical vocabulary terms and we will continue on that path as we progress throughout the year. As the quarter comes to a close, we will also be focusing on music dictation, both melodic and rhythmic and of course, looking forward to that wonderful Thanksgiving celebration.

See you at our next concert on December 11.

Mrs. Brown

Music

Kindergarten students are busy creating rhyming words of things they would put into our “Pumpkin Stew” song. They continue to work on pitch matching and steady beat. When you listen to music, pat or clap the beat. Sing together children’s songs that you remember from growing up.

First and Second graders enjoyed creating their “Popcorn” compositions on xylophones and metallophones using the C pentatonic scale. Thanks to those of you who supplied us with popcorn and juice! It was a special treat. First grade continues to work on ‘beat’ and ‘word rhythm’ of our songs. Ask your child to pat the beat or clap the rhythm to songs you both know. Second graders have added ‘doh’ to their scale. Third grade has added a new note to their repertoire; they can sing, write and read do, mi, soh and la.

Fourth and fifth-graders have worked hard on rhythmic and melodic dictation; they write the patterns that they hear. They have also been working on memorizing several songs with numerous verses.

All grades have worked on learning ‘De Colores’ while learning about Hispanic music in honor of Hispanic Heritage month.

Our goal is to learn songs school-wide for a school Sing-Along. We are now working on ‘Puff, the Magic Dragon.’

Mrs. Schram





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FAU HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

FAU High News

FAU High students will be going to the *NACAC Fall College Fair* on November 15th at the Broward Convention Center. There will be over 200 public/private institutions in attendance.

Mrs. Reichenbach has planned a *Senior College Night* on Sept 24th here at ADHUS.

Mrs. Reichenbach maintains a list of available scholarships; this is also sent via email to all students. There is also a list posted of upcoming College Visits and College Fairs in our area.

Mrs. Reichenbach will soon be very busy visiting area middle schools to let them know what a great high school opportunity is available here at FAU High!

Welcome to Nicole Fox who is completing her guidance internship here at FAU High. She is obtaining her masters degree from Georgia Southern University.

The 9th graders are beginning a weekly series of classroom guidance lessons on

Student Success Skills designed to help them develop the necessary social, emotional and academic skills to be successful.

Debra Reichenbach—High School Counselor
David Kelly—Middle School Counselor

Physical Education

The physical education department is excited to begin a new year! We have undergone a few wonderful changes over the summer. We are pleased to add a new teacher to our staff. We would like to welcome Courtney Gardiner, who is joining us from Rhode Island. We have also provided a new and improved uniform for our students. Each student will receive one uniform and may purchase additional uniforms at \$12. Our focus for this year will be on health, wellness, nutrition, and improving the fitness level of our students. We will continue with our 3 days per week format which includes 1 day of swimming, 1 day of sport skills, and 1 day of fitness training. Sports for this year include basketball, soccer, cross-country, handball, lacrosse, track, baseball, softball, and volleyball.

Coach Thomas
Coach Plas
Coach Santiago
Coach Rios
Coach Gardiner

