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## Specialink

### Newsletter for the Parents/Guardians

#### Art Room News

First it was Halloween then it was turkey time! Wow, how the school year is whizzing by! We made many beautiful paper turkeys. Hope you were able to enjoy them by using them to decorate your windows and homes.



All of the elementary school has been busy with various art projects. I hope you are pleased with all the work they proudly bring home.

Middle school made beautiful posters for Sustainability Day at FAU. Let's hope one of them is a winner. In my opinion, they are all winners. They did a great job!

Mrs. Sattler

#### Media

Wow! What a wonderful November it was in the media center. Our book fair was the main focus and the children had a great time purchasing the many books. A huge thank you to Mrs. Christy Kian and all the wonderful parent volunteers for their help in making it the success it was. Top sales and everyone just loved having family night. The organization made it easy for our parents to purchase books for their child's teacher. This wish list helps to build the classroom library and is appreciated by the teacher. We could not have done it without you, Mrs. Kian and parents.....thanks once again and Happy Reading to all!!!



Ms. Lebair

#### Computers

November has been an exciting month! We were able to honor our veterans then we were able to give thanks for our families and friends.



Grades 3 – 6 students continue working on our Riverdeep system that gives them extra practice using their reading and writing skills. Students are also working with the program Type to Learn 3.

The Creative Photography students are just finishing up 30 second commercials and are currently working on using their photographic skills to produce a music video.

The Yearbook classes are also currently working on using their photographic skills to produce a music video. They will then move onto recording video books for the K—2nd Grade students.

Mr. Gilbert

#### Chorus

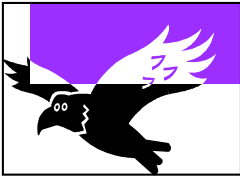
Middle and High School Chorus

Congratulations to Amir Bitran who made the finals of the All State competition and will perform with 300 other students from across the state at a performance in Tampa this coming January. Mary Ingalls, and Stephanie Quintao are also to be commended for making the semi-finals in the All State competition. Good work everyone! Amir has been quite busy this school year, as he has also received a superior rating in piano at the Solo/Ensemble competition held in November. Applause also goes to 9th grader, Nico DiPerna on his superior ranking for vocal at the Solo/ Ensemble competition. This top ranking qualifies Nico to compete at the State finals in April. I applaud all our students for their fine work and determination.

We have two upcoming performances and invite all to attend. Sunday, December 2 our students will be performing at the Pine Jog Center for their festival, Music in the Forest. Henderson will perform at 2:30 in the theater. Family and friends are welcome to attend the performance as well as the festival. Secondly, is our Holiday concert which is scheduled for December 12 at 7:00pm in our cafeteria. We look forward to having everyone join us for the concert which we will conclude With a holiday sing-a-long.

Mrs. Brown





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**Fall Calendar**

- 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.
- December 1, 2007**  
Parents Night Out 5:00—9:00 PM  
8th Grade Babysitting
- December 3—7, 2007**  
Week of Giving
- December 5, 2007**  
Boca Parade
- December 7, 2007**  
Midterm reports
- December 21, 2007**  
Noon Dismissal  
No After School
- December 24, 2007—  
January 4, 2008**  
Winter Break

**Parents Night Out**  
**8th Grade Babysitting!**  
 (with adult supervision)  
**5:00—9:00 PM Saturday**  
**December 1, 2007**  
 Here at Henderson  
 Only \$20.00\*\* includes a  
 pizza dinner!

\*\* Prepaid price—More at the door

**Spanish**  
**¡Hola!**



**K-** Students are learning numbers from 1-10 with Lily, the doll who can speak Spanish. **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-** Students continue with their SYM TALK program. They are learning to express in Spanish- plays with, eats (with) likes, looks at using a variety of vocabulary words. **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Students are reviewing days of the week and months of the year. We've also started studying the concept of nouns that end in –o and those that end in –a.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** This class continues to work on expressing things they need and want to do as well as places to go.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Intermediate and Advanced Spanish-** These classes are working on using the verb “Gustar”. They are going to be able to express like and dislike using verbs in the infinitive form. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish 1-**Students have learned present tense verbs ending in –ar,- er; and –ir as well as using appropriate vocabulary to talk about their school day, extend and decline invitations.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade-**Students are learning the difference between SABER and CONOCER (to know), special structures to express preferences, obligations and intentions. Also, they are learning the future ir a + infinitive and the Present Progressive tense. Middle School and High School students are encouraged for make use of the opportunity for extra help offered by Mrs. Naranjo and Mrs. Douglas.

*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**

**Music Notes**



In kindergarten through grade 3, we have begun our Arts and Literacy research project. All twelve classes will be included this year. This research project, aims at making connections among visual art, language arts and music. We are looking at shared vocabulary, parallel Sunshine State Standards and the ways in which students transfer learning from one area to another. This month we are working with the Sunshine State Standard of ‘listening, analyzing and describing.’

Fourth graders have begun playing the recorder. The first song they are learning is ‘Hot Cross Buns’. Students have been given a recorder to use for the year or they may purchase their own. (Please not from the ‘dollar store’—type stores. Those recorders play horribly out of tune!)

Fifth grade students are gearing up to begin playing the keyboard. The students will begin playing ‘by ear’ and move into reading actual musical notation.

Some students from the Upper Elementary Chorus had performances this past month. First they were a part of the Sustainability Day on campus and then sang at a Pine Jog breakfast.

**Upcoming Music Department performances:**

**December 2—**Upper Elementary Chorus and Middle School Mixed Ensemble will perform at Pine Jog’s ‘Music in the Forest’

**December 5—**Middle School Band marches in the Boca Holiday Parade

**December 7—**Elementary Chorus spends the day performing off campus

**Mrs. Schram**





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From the Art, Computer, Guidance, Media, Music, PE, and Spanish Departments

#### Physical Education

### Hawks Fit to Fly!

The early morning jogging program has been a massive success! 25 students, 5 Moms, Mrs. Barkes and the PE department have been up bright and early for a 7am start on our field. The beautiful Fall weather has meant that not one day has been missed. In total we have LOGGED 200 MILES as a group, which could take us to Orlando in a car, and a little bit further! Well done to everyone who has made the effort to get up and get going. The top 5 runners are:

- Nicolas Rupert 15 miles.
- Houston Barenholtz 13.5 miles.
- Darryl Hoard 13.5 miles.
- Taylor Keating 13.5 miles.
- Meghan Keating 13 miles.

### The Silver Bell Scramble!

The next Health and Wellness event is going to be a Fun Run in December called the Silver Bell Scramble. This is a voluntary event for all K-5 students with different distances for each grade level. It is your last chance to have a Fun Run before the Holiday season when we all eat too much and don't exercise enough! Please look in your Friday Folders soon to sign up for this event.

### PE Happenings

The PE Department is continuing its skills focus on Basketball and Soccer in the 2-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Kindergarten continues to build on fundamental locomotor skills and Basketball skills. Our Fitness concept for the next few weeks is cardio vascular fitness, with the cooler weather enabling us to run on our field. The 6-9<sup>th</sup> graders have continued to play a wide variety of different sports, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade has just started to revisit Lacrosse.

### High School/Middle School Sports

The Middle school Boys Soccer team has performed well recently and has had a victory over Palm Beach Day school by 2-0. The Girls Middle school Basketball team continues to show massive improvement, with Coach Plas very pleased with the effort and work the team has shown in their last game. On the High school front the Girls Soccer team has also shown a great improvement and was very unlucky not to get a result against Jupiter Christian, narrowly losing 2-0. The Boys and Girls High school Basketball teams begin after Thanksgiving. Good luck to them!

- Coach Thomas
- Coach Plas
- Coach Santiago
- Coach Rios
- Coach Gardiner

