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Art Room News

It is difficult to believe how fast this month flew by. Here we are getting ready to celebrate the holidays. We are busy creating beautiful art work for the holidays in the art room.

From Kindergarten to 8th grade, we have done something to make our celebrations more festive. We have made Christmas trees, Dreidels, Menorahs, snowmen, snowflakes and weavings to recognize this special time of the year. The middle school students submitted their art work into the Guy Harvey contest. Everyone who entered received a prize. Thank you to those who attended the very special selection at Marine Point in Lighthouse Point where Guy Harvey himself judged and signed autographs.



HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL WINTER VACATION!!

Mrs. Sattler

Media

In the month of December we are busy learning about the many ways of celebrating Christmas all over the world. Stories are being read about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa too. 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 now start making books. They will learn the many ways to bind books and will choose their own style after writing their books. Thank you to all who purchased the many books at our annual Book Fair. Mrs. Christy Kian and the many parent volunteers helped out tremendously---a BIG "thank you" again. Hard-back books and media materials will be purchased with the profits. May each of you enjoy the holidays and remember to take some time to enjoy reading. Happy Reading!



Ms. Lebar

Computers

December is Here! We are preparing for the holidays when we

get to spend time with our families and friends.

Grades 3 – 5 students have been given the opportunity to redo their Riverdeep test (8—12).

Students are also working with the program Type to Learn 3.

Grade 6 students are finishing up and presenting their PowerPoint presentations on India.

The Creative Photography students are now working on video books for the kindergarten and first grade students.

The Yearbook classes are also currently working on video books for the kindergarten and first grade students. Yearbook pages are also getting worked on

Mr. Gilbert

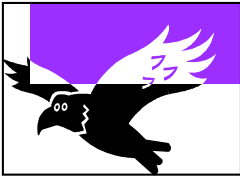
Chorus

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.

Mrs. Brown





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Fall Calendar

December 21, 2007
 Noon Dismissal
 No After School

**December 24, 2007–
 January 4, 2008**
 Winter Break

January 17, 2008
 End of Second Quarter
 Author Visit-Debra Frasier

January 18, 2008
 No School-Teacher Work Day

January 21, 2008
 No School-MLK Day

January 25, 2008
 Report Cards go Home

Spanish
¡Hola!



Kindergarten students are finishing the “Numbers Book”. They are studying family members.

First grade students are practicing the numbers 1-20. They are studying Family members.

Second and Third grade continue to work on their SYM TALK program. Students are learning to make real life connections with the vocabulary they have learned through pictures.

Fourth and Fifth grade students are studying the gender of the nouns.

Middle School classes have just completed their mid term exams for the first semester. When we return in January it will be full speed ahead as we continue to work through our curriculum.

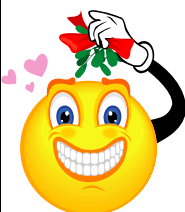
Nine grade students are studying Reflexive Verbs and vocabulary of the daily routine. **Native speakers** are reading in class the book Escuela para todos. Students need to choose a joke, history fact, a riddle and a short story to present it to the class.

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



Mrs. Brown



Music Notes



Kindergarten continues to work on steady beat and pitch matching. **First grade** has begun composing songs for our telling of ‘Three Billy Goats Gruff’. **Second and third graders** are learning about the instruments of the orchestra and how composers use them. **Fourth graders** have begun the recorders—they’re really great with ‘Hot Cross Buns’! **Fifth graders** started working in our new keyboard lab.

Mrs. Schram

Middle and High School Chorus

Our Holiday Concert on December 12th was a huge success. Thank you to all who took the time to come and listen to our young singers perform. The 6th grade Treble chorus performed with passion and excitement and it showed in the music – congratulations! The 7th, 8th & 9th Mixed ensemble did an excellent job on 3 and 4 part harmonies as well as singing musically with expression and dynamics. We conclude our year with a few composition projects and preparing for All County Festival in January.

I send my wishes for a safe and happy holiday season filled with the love of family and friends. Thank you for sharing your love of music!



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

Physical Education

Coach Thomas
Coach Plas
Coach Santiago
Coach Rios
Coach Gardiner



News from FAU High Guidance

Kudos to those students who took the PSAT on Oct 20! We have received the score reports and our students did very well. 10th & 11th graders have been meeting individually with Ms. Reichenbach to discuss their scores while 9th graders will meet as a class with Ms. Reichenbach to interpret scores.

National Honor Society (NHS) Membership Applications for the 2008 Induction are due by **January 11, 2008**. Application and NHS information are available at www.fauhigh.fau.edu. Please keep in mind that you must be at least a 10th grader and have been a FAU High student for at least one semester to apply for membership.

The high school students have been busy meeting with Ms. Reichenbach to construct their Spring 08' schedules and also are wrapping up their Fall 07 final exams.

The FAU High Class of 2008 has 6 students who have applied to some great schools and are anxiously awaiting decision notifications!

Ms. Reichenbach

