



HawkTalk

A Newsletter from the FAUS,PTO for the parent and children of A. D. H. U. S. / FAU High School Vol. 10, Issue 10 / May, 2009

School Calendar

- May 15, 2009**
Noon Dismissal—PDD
- May 20, 2009**
Volunteer Appreciation Night
- May 25, 2009**
No School—Memorial Day
- May 26, 2009**
Kindergarten Awards—8:30 a.m.
First Grade Awards—9:15 a.m.
- May 27, 2009**
Second Grade Awards—8:30 a.m.
Third Grade Awards—9:15 a.m.
- May 28, 2009**
Fourth Grade Awards—8:30 a.m.
Fifth Grade Awards—9:15 a.m.
- June 4, 2009**
Middle School Awards—7:00 p.m.
- June 5, 2009**
Last day of school—2:30 p.m.
dismissal - NO AFTER CARE!

A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

Our children have worked hard all year and they deserve a treat! Tomorrow is our annual Spring Fling! Please attend and support your PTO. All Henderson children are welcome at this event which takes place from 11-3p.m. Lots of volunteers are needed to help run the new carnival we earned this year. Enter at the soccer field gate. Please contact Lee Williams (Hill) at 561-394-5323 to help.

This morning our kindergarten moms have enjoyed a special Mothers' Day breakfast. Lisa Foxman and Lynette O'Leath did a great job planning this special event. The mothers had a delicious breakfast while they watched a special program that the kindergarten children presented. If you as a Kindergarten mom enjoyed this event, we will need your help next year! Please contact the PTO board to sign up. Thank you, Lisa and Lynette!

Everyone who attended our auction had a wonderful time partaking of food provided by local restaurants, gambling at the casino, and bidding on beautiful class projects. We are so grateful to auction chair, Lynette Williams, Daphne Smolka, Tami Noland, Erin Amico, and everyone else who helped. We would also like to thank our teachers and administrators for attending and donating special events which the parents could bid on. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Taback family for donating the facilities.

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A Message from the Principal / Director...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Have you seen this form?

Want to make a difference? Let your voice be heard! Nominations for the 2009-2010 PTO Board are now being accepted. All positions are open. Please write the name of your nominee (or nominees) on this form and return to the PTO basket in the front office by May 19, 2009. Remember that anyone can make a nomination but only PTO members will vote.

- President _____
- Co-President _____
- Vice President _____
- Co-Vice President _____
- Secretary _____
- Treasurer _____

The PTO is always willing to hear new ideas and looking for new parents to come on board!
So come on out and support your school

Becoming involved in the PTO is a great way to participate in your child's education. If you are able consider nominating yourself for one of the PTO Board positions. Nominations can be turned into the front office. Remember anyone can make a nomination, but only PTO members can vote.

Regards,
Dr. Patricia Hodge

PE / HEALTH HAWK TALK

As the school year is winding down, the month of May is still eventful in the PE/Health and Athletic Dept. On Friday May 29th, the Athletic Department will be hosting their annual Sports Banquet. All members of each team will be receiving the invitation in the mail shortly. Also, the Athletic Department is looking for parent volunteers to begin a Sports Booster Club to help raise money for the teams. Please see one of the coaches if interested.



SUMMER SPORTS CAMP 2009

MAKE SURE YOU'RE ACTIVE THIS SUMMER! Come and sign up for Sports Camp. Currently the camp is for students in Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Middle school students will have the opportunity to be a Counselor in Training by filling out a questionnaire sent home in the Friday folder on May 1st. Any other questions ask Coach Childs or Coach Gardiner. Sign up for Sports Camp by May 29th! Forms are available in the front office!

FAUS, PTO 2008-2009 Calendar and Event Information

MAY 20: Final PTO meeting and Teacher Volunteer Appreciation Gala

Camp Invention

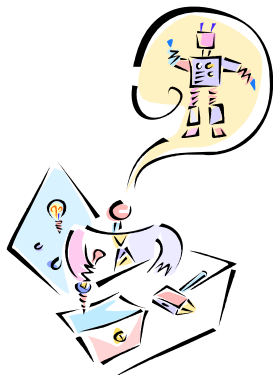
is coming back to Henderson for two sessions!

Register now for the week of July 13th

Children will participate in new inventive modules each day, which include: Problem Solving on Planet Zak, Spills and Chills, and Imagination Point

AND/OR

Register now for the week of July 20th, which includes: Viking Treasure Trek, Comic Book Science, and Land Sled X-treme.



Both weeks include our popular - I Can Invent module. The Camp Invention program integrates science, mathematics, history, and the arts in an exciting environment conducive to learning disguised as fun!

Call 1-800-968-4332 Or

www.campinvention.org

Teacher Appreciation Committee Update

Thank you to the 1st and 4th grade families who graciously provided the lunch items for our April PDD lunch. The teachers and staff loved the many donations we received. Thank you also to the 2nd grade families who provided lunch for our teachers and staff during our May PDD lunch. The items brought in were a perfect ending to a wonderful Teacher Appreciation week.

Also, we are grateful for all of the fruit, class supplies, photos and thank you notes extended to our teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation week. Your generosity was commendable.

Finally, thank you to all of the families who supported our committee throughout the school year. Your donations and assistance in setting up the PDD lunches each month made them special and something the teachers and staff looked forward to each month. We hope you enjoy your summer and continue to support the committee in the 2009/2010 school year.

Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs

Suzanne Wilbor and Carolyn Bethmann
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SPANISH CONNECTION

Mrs. M. Dubreuze & Mrs. M. Douglas

¡Hola!

The ninth grade Spanish students have just completed their final exams. Phew!

Students will continue the curriculum as many of them plan to continue Spanish at the college level in tenth grade.

The eighth grade Spanish 1 students are continuing to work on their video project on Health and Wellness. We are wrapping up the final weeks of the course, the end of which they will receive one High School credit in foreign language.

We encourage our incoming eighth grade students to sign up for Spanish next year. It is our hope to enhance the curriculum next year with field trips to provide exposure to the Spanish culture.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms and Grandmas!

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.

-- Sophia Loren

The Art Department

May is here and the art department has been busy making beautiful flowers to celebrate the arrival of spring. The showcase has a display of flowers and 3-D sculptures created by the middle school that is very attractive.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Bagen and her Brownie troop for donating card board egg cartons to the art room. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated so much by myself and the students. They have been busy painting and decorating them and making treasure boxes to hold collections of their valuables. Also a big thank you to the parents that have donated paper, buttons, and material to the art room.

Elaine Sattler
Art Department

Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville

Reading Resource Room

It's hard to believe that it's that time of year again, but **SUMMER** reading lists for grades K-5 have already been sent home in Friday folders and posted on the school website. Reading Lexile levels have been included for recommended books on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and Middle School grade lists; these levels will better help you and your child select appropriate books for independent reading. All students in grades 2-5 take the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI), a quarterly progress monitoring assessment; the inventory provides each student with his/her lexile score.

A reminder that the first **Henderson Book Swap** will be held Thursday, May 28th from 2:30-6:00 p.m. This is a great "green" and economical way to trade in books and update your child's library for summer reading!

The *Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program* books have just been selected and the lists of titles for grades 3-5 and 6-8 are available at <http://www.myssyra.org> The winning book for grades 3-5 was *The Ghost's Grave* by Peg Kehret, and the winning book for grades 6-8 was *The Kingdom Keepers!* by Ridley Pearson.

Prior to the end of the school year, the most famous question from parents always seems to be "What can I do to help my child over the summer?" The lazy days of summer and reading for pleasure go hand in hand; enjoy this special time of year by sharing a special book with your child. If you have summer plans, consider books that will help your child learn more about an anticipated trip or event. In addition to sharing books, most children love doing just about anything on the computer. The good news is that children are reading when they are "surfing" the internet or playing a simple game. Plan to share some quality "online time" together!



Book Swap!

Save the date and your gently used children's books for the PTO's Book Swap! Thursday, May 28th, from 2:30 – 6p.m. Bring your books to the cafeteria and trade them for some new gently used books. Just in time for summer reading! Books will be arranged by K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, and middle school. Students will receive a ticket for each book they bring and they can redeem that ticket for a new book. Save money and reuse, reduce and recycle – all at the same time.

Hope to see you there!

Media Moments

By Ms. Lebair

In the media center for the month of May, students were taught the history of Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo and Memorial Day. We are reading stories to the classes and follow-up activities with cards being made for our mothers.

We are going to be doing a beach unit and the children will learn about our beaches and the different life within our oceans. The upper grades will have stories about summer vacations and they will write and draw pictures about their family going on vacation or their relatives visiting them. Middle School is working on learning The Dewey Decimal Classification System and doing weekly Character Counts activities via Internet using the Sun Sentinel.

Thanks for all your support of our program this year. Our students love reading the many new books that were purchased from the proceeds of our annual book fair.

Enjoy a fun and relaxing summer and many great reads!!!



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With only a month left of the academic year, it is time to hold elections for next year's PTO board. If you would like to run for any position at all, please submit your name on the ballots that went home, or ask for a form in the front office. Elections will be held on May 20th at the final PTO meeting of the year. Please be there. All PTO members are entitled to vote.

Please plan on attending our first Book Swap on May 28th from 2:30 to 6:00. Your summer reading list has been sent home with your child. If needed, all grades reading lists can be found at www.adhus@fau.edu Please bring your gently used books to swap for what you will need this summer! We will also be holding the LAST Twice as Nice sale that day as well. It's that time to think ahead to the fall already!

Our volunteer of the month for April is Christine Walsh. Not only has Christine been helping out at Henderson for years, she provides the delicious, homemade dishes at the PTO meetings. Thank you, Christine.

Chorus, Middle and High School

Sally Brown

The year has been very busy with concerts and competitions. Thanks to Mr. Leguizamon's skills with the computer, our students watched their "opera" performances with great excitement. We have had more opportunities to allow our students to demonstrate their talents and hard work. Our high school students competed for the first time in the District Choral Assessment, receiving an Excellence and Nico DiPerna also competed in the Solo Competition received a Superior at Districts and an Excellence at State. Our middle school ensemble also attended District Choral Assessments and received Superior and Excellence Awards. We continue to work hard as the year-end approaches with one of our exciting annual events, this year known as "A Night on Broadway". Please join us on May 28th in our "cafe" as you enjoy some pastries and listen to our students perform solos and duets.

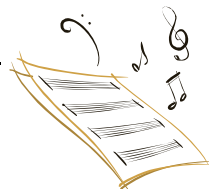
Music Notes

Mrs. Schram, dschram@fau.edu

Grades K – 3 are busy composing this month. Kindergarten wrote songs to tell the life cycle of the butterfly and will perform 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' on May 12 and 13 at 8:15 a.m. First through third grades are writing music to accompany the book they are creating. This is all a part of the MIENC research project of integrating the arts with literacy.

Make plans to attend our Upper Elementary Talent Show on May 19 at 7:00 in the cafeteria. The students are working hard to put together a nice evening of entertainment.

CALLING ALL CHORUS SHIRTS! Upper elementary Chorus shirts must be turned in no later than May 15. Please return the shirt in a baggie with the student's name on the outside.



A NOTE FROM OFFICER DARRELL

4th grade parents:

We have finished our 6 lessons of "G.R.E.A.T." (Gang Resistance Education and Training) and a follow up lesson on Bullying and Cyber bullying. These lessons helped students to make great choices, communicate messages clearly, control anger, respect others, and be a G.R.E.A.T. citizen.

5th grade parents

We are more than half way through our 10 lessons of TGFD (Too Good for Drugs) and should be finished by the end of May. Our lessons include setting goals, decision making, bonding with others, identifying and managing emotions, and communicating effectively. We will also be talking about alcohol, drugs and tobacco and the short and long term effects.

Below are some websites for you and/or your children to go on:

Predator site: www.fdle.state.fl.us
Bullying/cyber bullying site:
www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids



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Almost The End Of Another School Year

by: *Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator*
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The end of another school year will be here soon. What a wonderful year it was, due in great part to the many parents and guardians that volunteered to help our school. Volunteers are at work every day, sometimes behind the scenes and sometimes front and center, working on projects, activities and events that would not get done except by a volunteer. We are so thankful for your help and leadership.

There is still more that needs to be done before we can take that much needed summer break. Room Parents are working on the end of year parties and perhaps something appropriate to thank our teachers for their outstanding efforts. I would ask that parents and guardians be responsive to requests made by the Room Parents for assistance.

If you haven't done so, please make sure to submit a record of your volunteer hours. You can leave your hours in the front office or you can submit them by email to lindadonev@yahoo.com. Volunteer name pins are awarded when you reach the 100, 500 and 1,000 hours milestones.

Looking forward to finishing the school year strong with our great group of volunteers. Enjoy the last few weeks. See you all around the school at the many events still to come.

Academic Enrichment Update

by *Mrs. Bresnahan*

Many students in grades 1 through 5 have participated in the Enrichment Program this school year. This semester, 1st and 2nd graders have focused on advancing their ability to solve math problems. They learned how to write a summary of fiction stories and have read and responded to many non-fiction books that focused on famous Americans from many ethnic backgrounds. In addition, we have been spending time writing short vignettes from our lives and focusing our writing by adding details, vibrant language, and close-in endings.

The 3rd through 5th graders have been spending this semester on research. Some investigated short-term memory, reaction time, and color/taste connections. Others used surveys as a data collection tool to determine whether kids' eating habits affect grades or whether eighth graders remember Florida history. Still others are experimenting with soap bubbles, bubble gum, and acidic reactions on egg shells. Through this process, the students have learned how to ask questions, collect data, and use what they have learned to make sense of the data they collected.

We will be sharing our work with parents on Thursday, May 21st at 8:15 in the cafeteria.

FAU High Guidance News

★ **Congratulations to the FAU HS Class of 2009!** They have all been accepted to some great schools

Notable-

Alex Nachlas- National Merit Finalist & Pathfinder Award~Mathematics~3rd Place, will attend MIT

Krishna Reddy- National Merit Finalist

Harryson Pointdujour- National Achievement Semifinalist & Pathfinder nominee

Christina Zarrilli- Pathfinder Award~Community Involvement~3rd Place

★ The FAU HS Class of 2009 Commencement ceremony will be May 15, 2009 at 7:00pm in the FAU Lifelong Learning Center.

★ Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors have all successfully registered for the upcoming FAU summer and fall semesters

★ The FAU HS National Honor Society just inducted 6 new members for the 2009-2010 school year- Congratulations!

FAU HS students will be taking AP Exams

May 4-13

Please let me know if you ever have any questions or concerns that I may assist with.

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FAUS School Advisory Body Nomination Deadline Extended

The deadline for nominations to be received by the Principal/Director in the front office has been extended. Please address and deliver all nominations to the Principal/Director to the school front office at/or before 4:00pm on/or before May 22, 2009. Nomination requires a half page personal statement including any related experience and reasons that explain why the applicant wishes to serve on the Advisory Body. For purposes of publication an electronic format is preferred. The nomination slate, including the personal statements will be distributed to each of the constituent groups during the last week of May.

