



HawkTalk

A Newsletter from the FAUS,PTO for the parent and children of A. D. H. U. S. / FAU High School Vol. 10, Issue 11 / Summer, 2009

Calendar

August 21, 2009

New Student Orientation

August 24, 2009

First Day of School

September 3, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.

Elementary School Open House

September 4, 2009

Gift Wrap Kick-Off

September 7, 2009

No School – Labor Day

September 16, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

PTO General Meeting

September 17, 2009 - 6:30 p.m.

Middle School Open House

September 18, 2009

PDD—Noon Dismissal

September 28, 2009

No School – Fall Holiday

Calling all artists!

Create the cover art for the 2009/2010 FAUSPTO School Directory. If your child would like to submit a line drawing for the cover simply send it in to the school office, marked Cover Art by August 15th for consideration. All artwork will be used in the book and the student will be recognized. The artwork should be no bigger than 8½" x 5" drawn in



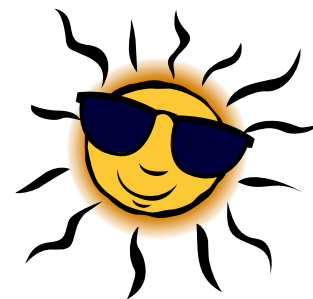
A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School is out, but the first day of the 2009 – 2010 school year is just around the corner. We would like to begin by extending our sincere gratitude to all of our dedicated volunteers who worked so hard on our events last year, we could not have done it without your! We hope to see you all back this year and welcome all the new parents/guardians and students to our volunteer ranks. Our fund-raising programs depend on the many wonderful parents, teachers, staff, and students who help to make them successful.

The FAUS, PTO is an organization made up of parents/guardians, faculty, and staff. We are responsible for raising funds that enable us to pay for the needed things that are outside of the school budget. We also organize many fun family-oriented activities throughout the year such as Family Fun Nights, Thanksgiving Feast, Halloween Howl, Middle School Fright Night, and much more. Come meet us at the new student orientation on August 21st, the new parent/guardian social on August 28th, or at our first general membership meeting scheduled for September 16th.

In order for the PTO to be a success, we need your help. We hope you will join our organization and be generous with your time, energy, and ideas. Enclosed in your summer packet is a membership form for the PTO. Please complete that form by the due date and return it to the front office to be included in the school directory. Please consider signing up for at least one event. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help us with the new student orientation scheduled for August 21st. We need hosts and tour guides to show our new families



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A Message from the Principal /Director...



Hello Parents and Students,

I begin this edition of Hawk Talk by congratulating all of you for the hard work and dedication that is shown by our school once again receiving an “A” in the state’s grading system. I also extend congratulations to our students and teachers on their recent scores for the Florida Writes. Our 4th, 8th and 10th grade students had some of the highest scores in the state. As a district, we took top honors in all three grade levels!

You should have received your child’s individual scores and report card in the mail. If you have not received them, you would have received a statement detailing a financial obligation. You may come to the front office any time Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to resolve those obligations and pick up your child’s report card. Just a reminder parents, we are unable to release any school records until all financial obligations have been paid.

The 2009-10 summer packet is enclosed. Please note the deadline for returning all registration forms and paying student fees is August 3, 2009. We have many updated policies available for your perusal in the school’s website. Please take the time to review these documents. You may refer all questions and concerns to Iris Bernstein. She can be reached at (561) 297-6968 or ibernst1@fau.edu. I hope you enjoy your summer and I look forward to working with you next year.

Sincerely,
Patricia Hodge, Ph. D.

PTO 2009-2010 Calendar and Event Information

(Dates are tentative and subject to change)

SEPTEMBER 4: Gift Wrap Fund-Raiser begins - Volunteers needed to check and distribute orders.

OCTOBER 23: Middle School Fright Night - A fun evening for middle school students with D.J. and dancing. Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, secure D.J., arrange food, and chaperone.

OCTOBER 19: Domino's Pizza card sale - Support the Athletic Department!!! - New!!

OCTOBER 27-30: Great Pumpkin - Help the Great Pumpkin fill goody bags and hide them for the students.

OCTOBER 30: Halloween Howl - A family event with games, food, and fun. Volunteers needed to work booths, set up, clean up, etc.

NOVEMBER 16-20: Book Fair - Annual fair to benefit the Media Center. Help with book sales and monitoring.

NOVEMBER 24: Thanksgiving Feast - A turkey lunch is enjoyed by all students, along with performances by classes. Help setting up, serving and cleaning up is needed.

DECEMBER 8-11: Holiday Gift Shop - Volunteers needed to distribute information, setup displays, restock inventory and process sales.

DECEMBER 14-18: Week of Giving - Help collect gifts and toys to be donated.

DECEMBER 18: Winter Dance for Middle School/High School - Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, secure D.J., arrange food, and chaperone.

JANUARY 22: Cookie Dough Sales begins - Volunteers needed to check and distribute orders.

FEBRUARY 19: Kindergarten Father's Breakfast - Help is needed to set up, serve, and clean up.

MARCH TBA: Henderson vs. Boca High Basketball Game - Volunteers needed to sell tickets, food, and spirit items.

APRIL TBA: Silent Auction - The biggest fund-raiser of the year! Committee people are needed to secure donations, plan evening, sell tickets, etc.

MAY 7: Mother's Day Breakfast for Kindergarten Moms - Help is needed to set up, serve, and clean up.

MAY 3-6: Teacher Appreciation Week - Work with Teacher Appreciation Committee.

MAY TBA: Spring Fling - A family event with activities,



SPANISH CONNECTION

Mrs. M. Dubreuze & Mrs. M. Douglas

Congratulations to the 8th grade students for moving onto high school.

The ninth grade students will leave the "Henderson nest" to take on the challenges of FAU campus for 10th grade in the fall. Good luck and best wishes.

Thank you to all the Middle School families who so generously gave cash donations for the end of the school year. It is a pleasure working with your children. We thank you for your support throughout the year.

To all our Henderson families have a safe and wonderful summer.

A Special note from Mrs. Douglas:

I will not be returning to Henderson next school year as I move on to a new teaching opportunity. Thank you for allowing me to learn and grow with your children these past 5 years. Best wishes for the future.

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.

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!



The Art Department

It is the time of year when I put all the art supplies away, and get ready for the 2009-2010 school year. It has been a great year. The students created awesome art and I hope you enjoyed our showcase and bulletin board. Have a wonderful and safe summer and I am looking forward to seeing you all in August.

Sincerely,

Elaine Sattler

Art Department

2009—2010 School Supply Lists



School supply lists are available on the school's website www.adhus.fau.edu under Parents / On-line resources or a hard copy of the list is available from the front office.

Choose To Volunteer

by: Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator
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I am looking forward to another great year, which will only happen if you choose to volunteer and get involved in our school.

For those families new to our school, my name is Janet Hopin, and I am beginning my eighth year as our school's Volunteer Coordinator. My job is to recruit volunteers and to pair them with tasks requested by the school, teachers and our PTO.

The rewards of volunteering are endless. Study after study shows that children whose parents are involved in their school perform better academically than children of parents who do not get involved. Volunteering enables parents to help make a difference at the school while at the same time getting a chance to make new friends and strengthen the bonds within the school community. What a great example you can set for your child by volunteering.

How do you choose to volunteer? It is quite easy, just fill out the Volunteer Form in your summer packet. Please complete the form and send it back to the school. These forms are given to me. After I review them, I and/or the chair person of the event that you signed up for will give you a call. It is that easy.

Speaking of volunteer opportunities, I already have a big one. I am looking for someone who would be interested in working with me in my role as Volunteer Coordinator. I would truly like to share this position. If you think you might be interested, please call and/or email me. My phone number and email address can be found above.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer to catch up with family and friends. It is a nice time to take a break from our normal routine. I look forward to your decision to join our volunteer team. See you in August.

SPEECH ISSUE: Receptive and Expressive Language Deficits

- Terry Clark, SLP, ADHUS



Q: My child has difficulty telling me what a story was about or what has just happened.. Why is he having this problem?

A: It may be due to difficulties with receptive or expressive language, which are diagnosed by a speech-language pathologist. Receptive language refers to the ability to understand spoken or written language; expressive language is the ability to speak and write so that others understand the message the communicator intended to send.

One typical targeted area is semantics, or word meaning (vocabulary). Sometimes children are not specific, referring to "over there" or "that thing". They may also not know some word meanings or continually use a word the wrong way, thinking that it means something different. A second common area is syntax, or the rule-based order of words in a given language. It can be confusing to the listener, who often needs to ask, "What?" The most common underlying reason for errors in syntax is lack of exposure to "correctly" structured sentences, which occurs most often if the primary language is different (for instance, a child first learned and most often hears Spanish, or any non-English language). This will only be addressed in therapy if there is a true language "disorder" and not merely a language "difference".

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around. If you are interested, please contact Lynette Williams at (561) 702-9743 or lynn25@hotmail.com with your availability and contact information.

Finally, we would also like to introduce the **2009-2010 FAUS, PTO Board:**

Co-Presidents: Kris Moser and Lynette Williams
Co-Vice Presidents: Tami Noland and
Sonnia Rothgery

Secretary: Vicky Keating

Treasurer: Hank Ayotte

We are looking forward to meeting you and working together to have a fantastic year!!!

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ADHUS • FAUHS Back to School



Saturday
August 15, 2009
9:00 a.m.—Noon

Have you been looking for an easy way to show school pride, volunteer your time, and improve your school? GREAT! This program is for you. Join Mrs. Sands on August 15th from 9:00 until noon, for the fourth annual *Back to School Campus Clean-Up*. Everyone is welcome to join in, students, parents, alumni, anyone who is proud of our school and the work we do here. We will be weeding the butterfly garden, middle school area and K-2 playground. Sidewalks and the hardcourt will be cleaned. New mulch will be spread throughout the campus. Wooden picnic tables will be sanded and cleaned. We will address as many cosmetic areas as possible. The more people that show up with gloves and garden tools, the more productive the day will be. If you are interested in participating, mark your calendar and please send an email to Mrs. Sands at rsands@fau.edu.



A little pride goes a long way...hope to see you HERE.

Notes: Students will receive volunteer hours for active participation.

WATCH the weather—in case of rain the event will be rescheduled during the school year.
