



# HawkTalk



## Calendar

### September 12, 2008

2nd Grade Family Fun Night

### September 19, 2008

PDD—Noon Dismissal

### September 22, 2008

SCHOOL PICTURES

### September 26, 2008

3rd Grade Family Fun Night

### September 30, 2008

No School – Fall Holiday

### Oct. 1, 2008

School Board Meeting—

Media 5:00 p.m.

### October 3, 2008

4th Grade Family Fun Night

### Oct. 7, 2008

SAC Meeting—

Media 6:00 p.m.

### October 9, 2008

No School – Fall Holiday

### October 10, 2008

5th Grade Family Fun Night

### October 15, 2008

PTO Meeting—

Cafeteria 6:30 p.m.

## Swimming



The pool is fixed and students will begin swimming Monday, September 15th. Please make sure that your child comes prepared with an appropriate swimsuit and towel. Goggles and shoes for the shower area are also recommended.

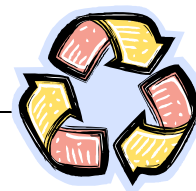
## A Letter from the Principal / Director...

The Florida Atlantic University School family wants to welcome all of the new faces on our campus this year. Several of those new faces belong to members of faculty and staff. Our new assistant principals, Brenda Cummings and Doug Osbo, are here to help you with student and teacher concerns. Cummings, our elementary school assistant principal, comes to us with many years of experience as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in private schools. Osbo, our middle/ high school assistant principal has had experience in international schools as assistant principal, principal, director and superintendent. We will all benefit from the skills and knowledge that they bring to FAUS.

Additional new faces in the faculty include, Rachel Fishbach who will teach kindergarten; Jennifer Henderson and Crystal Howell, teaching second grade; Jessica Inman, teaching third grade; and Suzanne Sutton, who will teach fifth Grade. In middle school we have Keith Feit who will teach science to grades sixth and seventh, and Erin Moylan who is returning as a faculty member and will teach language arts to sixth and seventh grade. From the specialist staff we have Chris Childs teaching health and physical education, and Sherene Castillo who will also teach physical education. Finally, Mirian DuBreuze will teach Spanish to our elementary and High School students.

We would also like to extend a special welcome to all of the new students and their families. We are so glad that you have decided to become a part of the FAUS family. We are all looking forward to working with you this school year. We want this to be a wonderful and productive year for all of our students.

By Dr. Patricia Hodge  
Director / Principal



## Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that everyone is getting adjusted to the school routine. We are busy planning a number of events, and hope that you can join us. First, thanks to the teachers and staff for a wonderful Elementary Open House. Thanks to everyone who came out to support our students and meet the teachers and administration.

Please check the event schedule, as we have planned many fun events and fundraisers for our classrooms! Our first event is the Gift Wrap Sale, which is in process. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and with your participation, we can provide many needed supplies to the classrooms. There are many great gifts and magazine subscriptions offered. Please call Lisa Foxman at 561-368-1348 or Pam McLellan at 561-750-3399 with any questions. Another annual fundraising event is our golf tournament, which is scheduled October 18. Please contact Kristin Lawton at 561-699-9015 if you can assist with preparations or sign up to play!

Family Fun Nights have been scheduled for each elementary grade. This is a fun family event and a great opportunity to visit with families in your child's grade. Please check the Hawk Talk event schedule for your child's Family Fun Night date.

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, at 6pm in the

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# School Advisory Council

by Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal-Director

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community—parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of a SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation (developing and evaluating) of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the Director and Principal with the annual school budget. Additionally, the SAC receives funds to be used at the discretion of the SAC. A portion of the money is used for implementing the school improvement plan.

Parents are encouraged to attend monthly SAC meetings. Meeting notices can be found on the SAC web page at the school web site and on the SAC bulletin board located in the school near the After School Office. Time is allowed for public comment.



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school cafeteria. Our guest speaker is Kimberly Mazauskas who will be speaking of violence prevention. Thank you to Officer Darrell for arranging her to share with our school. This is a great opportunity to meet parents, and to get involved with school activities. We hope to see you there! Babysitting is available at no cost, please contact the PTO office at 561-297-0491 to reserve your spot.

Finally, we have an assortment of Henderson items for sale, and order forms can be obtained from the front office. The Henderson cookbook is a collection of favorite recipes from the parents, teachers, and staff. We have Henderson canvas bags, which encourage the use of reusable bags and encourages our going green theme. Henderson Sports calendars are a great way to keep track of school events. And, Henderson spirit shirts, which students may wear on Fridays, are a great way to show school pride. Proceeds from these items are used to support our classrooms so please consider making a purchase today!

## FAUS, PTO 2008-2009 Calendar and Event Information

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

**AUGUST 22:** Gift Wrap fund-raiser begins - Volunteers needed to check and distribute orders.

**OCTOBER 11:** Golf Tournament - Our fifth annual tournament. Volunteers needed to sell tickets, secure donations, prizes, and sponsorships.

**OCTOBER \_\_\_:** 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 27-31:** Great Pumpkin - Help the Great Pumpkin fill goody bags and hide them for the students.

**OCTOBER 31:** Halloween Howl - A family event with games, food, and fun. Volunteers needed to work booths, set up, clean up, etc.

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

**NOVEMBER 25:** 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 1-5:** Week of Giving - Help collect gifts and toys to be donated to needy families.

**DECEMBER 19:** Middle School Winter Celebration - A fun event for middle school students with D.J. and games. Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, secure D.J., arrange food, and chaperone.

**MARCH TBA:** Henderson vs. PAL Basketball Game - Volunteers 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 17:** Spring Fling - A family event with activities, food, and fun. Many volunteers are needed to set up, supervise, and clean up.

**MAY 4-8:** Teacher Appreciation Week - Work with Teacher Appreciation Committee to show teachers how much they are appreciated.

**MAY 8:** Mother's Day Breakfast for Kindergarten Moms - Help is needed to set up, serve, and clean up.

## Volunteering

by Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator  
561-498-3745 bocajanet@yahoo.com

Thank you to all parents that joined the Henderson / FAU HS Volunteer Corp by completing the enrollment form included in the summer packet. Over 100 families have generously agreed to give up some of their free time to help with committees, events and other activities that make Henderson / FAU HS the unique and special school that it is.

More volunteers are needed. We especially need room moms or dads for Mrs. Noelk, Ms. Barzey, Ms. Henderson and Mrs. Barkes' classrooms. The room parents work closely with me and the classroom teacher throughout the year planning special events. They get plenty of help from the other parents in the class with these events.

The school is also looking for help in the cafeteria. Not with meal preparation but with making sure that students get through the cafeteria line smoothly and with helping to keep order during lunch.

Please contact me if you can help by being a room parent or in the cafeteria. Also do not hesitate to contact me with any volunteer related questions.

Halloween Howl will be here before you know it. Room parents will receive information from me shortly regarding the date and time of the planning meeting. We are fortunate that the fourth grade teachers are chairing the Howl again this year.

See you all soon.

### FAUS, PTO 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament October 18th



Polish your clubs and get your game up to par! We are promising the best round of golf by far at the Ocean Breeze Country Club! Keep the date Saturday, October 18th, open for the Annual Golf Tournament. Contact Kristin Lawton, Golf Chair, with questions.

Remember to save  
your Box Tops  
during the summer!



## Elementary Music Notes

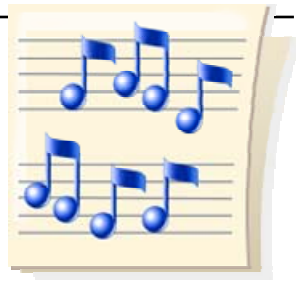
By Debbie Schram

Students in grades 1-5 have been reviewing solfège and rhythm patterns learned last year. Kindergarten is working on steady beat and pitch matching. All students are learning about the American composer Leonard Bernstein and are learning to sing The Star Spangled Banner.

September 15 through October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage month. Listen for some Spanish songs to come home.

Fourth graders will begin playing the recorder at the end of this month. I am asking each student to purchase their own, personal recorder with a choice of red, blue, purple or green. They will cost \$4.00. Please see the order form in the Friday folder.

Elementary Chorus (grades 2 & 3) and Upper Elementary Chorus (grades 4 & 5) will begin soon! Elementary Chorus, which meets on Mondays, will begin September 29 and Upper Elementary Chorus, which meets on Tuesdays, will begin October 7. Look for the sign up sheet in the Friday folder.



## The Art Room

Elaine Sattler



Welcome Back to Henderson! The art room has been busy with new projects for the Henderson students. The elementary classes are coordinating our projects with the classroom teachers and working on art that shows the links between the various academics. The middle school will be working with clay and painting on material.

The results should be gorgeous! For some of these projects we will need bubble wrap and objects with grids or any type of 3-D surface such as old potato mashers. Perhaps you can find something new that we have not even thought of for surface designs. Thank you

## Do you hear that?

It's the sound of horns-a-tooting and drums-a-banging! Welcome to another year of band! My name is Brad Jimenez and I conduct the bands here at Henderson. We will start off the new year by having Jazz Band auditions on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-4pm in Room 74 (Band room). The first band concert is scheduled for Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on the hard court. I am looking forward to working with these fine young musicians this year!



## Middle School Chorus

By Ms. Sally Brown

The year has started quickly with a lot of energy combined with a lot of singing. The students are begun their study of musical periods with the Baroque Period and composers such as Bach and Vivaldi. Music vocabulary is being used daily as they write in their music listening journals. The first level of All State testing, theory and sight singing, is rapidly approaching. Hopefully, we will have about eight students at the first level of testing. Good luck to all! We hope to see everyone at our first concert in October.

## FAU High Guidance News

We are off to a great year with 20 incoming freshman students and 5 new upper-class students. FAU High now has 78 incredible students!

The scholars in the class of 2009 are busy completing their college applications to some very selective & competitive schools- Good Luck! This will be our largest graduating class with 18 students.

The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) will be given here at Henderson School on Saturday Oct 18, 2008. Look for more information via email and also to be sent home with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class. All students in grades 9-11 are highly encouraged to participate.

If you wish to be included on my email list-serve, please email me your information.

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

**Debra Reichenbach**  
FAU High, School Counselor  
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### **Office DEPOT.**

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**School's ID Number**  
**70020711**



### **Buy a Brick!**

**We are working on this year's brick installation!**

*Don't miss the boat!*

*Forms available in the FAUS, PTO office, or contact*

**Karen Corso, Chair 561-271-3935**

ADHUS HASA Butterfly Garden  
Brick Fundraising Committee

## Coaches Corner



The PE staff would like to introduce and welcome to our school two new members of staff: Chris Childs and Cherene Castillo. They come to us from Miami Dade school district and Lynn University. We look forward to their input into our ever growing health/ PE/ Athletics department. Cherene is currently out on maternity leave and will join us again in 5 weeks.

The pool is still currently under going maintenance. We hope it will be up and running soon, but until then we ask that all students bring their PE uniforms on swim days. Coach Santiago will let all teachers know when swim classes will resume.

A new program starting this year is the PE Star Student of the month for Middle School and Elementary school. Each month, one female and one male student will be chosen based on their attitudes, performance, and participation in PE classes for the month. Congratulations to Savanna Gornisiewicz, Harley Brown, Cammie Comiskey, Tyron Herring for being the Star students of August. Keep up the good work!

### **SPANISH DEPARTMENT**

## ¡Hola!

Welcome back to all our students! This year we are going to continue our journey through the fascinating world of the Hispanic culture. This experience will leave a footprint in your life because you are enhancing your knowledge to another world which will teach you another language, customs and life of twenty one countries.

The beginning of this year we started with a review of topics that were covered last year. We are practicing every topic to ensure that students refresh their knowledge.

This year the Spanish Department is pleased to welcome Mrs. Dubreuzé who comes with many years of experience. Mrs. Dubreuzé is excited about sharing her love for teaching the Spanish language and culture with all her students.

The Spanish department in collaboration with the Art and Music Department is planning a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Look and listen out for more information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if at anytime you have any questions or concerns. While email is the easiest way to reach us, we also welcome your phone calls.

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**School number:** 561 297 -3970 (*Leave a message and best time to call.*)

We look forward to a great year.  
Mrs. M. Dubreuzé  
Mrs. M. Douglas



# EVENT CHAIRS 2008-2009

Gift Wrap  
(August 29- Sept 17)  
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Golf Tournament  
**Kristin Lawton**  
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Great Pumpkin  
(Oct 27 – 31)  
**Sonnia Rothgery**  
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**Tracie Nieporte**  
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Halloween Howl (Oct 23)  
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Fright Night (Oct 31)  
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BookFair  
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Thanksgiving Feast  
(Nov 25)  
**Marc & Janet Hopin**  
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Holiday Gift Shop  
(Dec 8 – 12)  
**Sonnia Rothgery**  
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**Tracie Nieporte**  
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Week of Giving  
(Dec 15-19)  
**Elisabeth Ingalls**

Winter Celebration  
(Middle and High School)  
(Dec 19)  
**Krista Wagner**  
**Lee Hill**

Cookie Dough  
(Jan 26 – Feb 6)  
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**Tracie Nieporte**  
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**Lee Hill**

Silent Auction  
(April 11, 2009)  
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Kindergarten Father's  
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**Janet Hopin**  
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Kindergarten Mother's  
Day Breakfast (May 7)  
**Janet Hopin**  
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Spring Fling (May 9)  
**Lee Hill**  
**Krista Wagner**

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Publishing Deadlines:  
Sept 5,

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(Thursday Mornings)  
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Family Fun Nights  
Sept 12 / 2nd – Kris, Lynette & Daphne  
Sept 19 / K – Kris, Lynette & Daphne  
Sept 26 / 3rd – Alison Viva  
Oct 3 / 4th – Lynette  
Oct 10 / 5th – Janet Hopin  
Nov 7 / 6th, 7th, 8th & HS – Hank, Karen  
Nov 14 / 1st – Lynette



## Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville  
Reading Resource Room

Teachers and students are busy teaching and learning new reading skills and strategies to ensure academic success throughout the year. Our new reading series, *Treasures*, offers a wealth of literacy experiences for our students. Visit the Macmillan website at <http://treasures.macmillanmh.com/florida/students> to find enjoyable activities for students and families to reinforce reading skills learned at school. Progress monitoring continues to play an important role in our instructional reading program. Our teachers continually collect data to monitor student progress and guide instruction. Progress Monitoring assessments used throughout the year include DIBELS, running records, Scholastic Reading Inventory, STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, Accelerated Reader and classroom evaluation instruments.

Special thanks to our wonderful parent group for all the new reading materials for our Reading Resource Room! At the end of the school year, PTO generously donated money for the purchase of additional reading materials at the annual Scholastic End of Year Book Sale; the special teacher discount resulted in the purchase of **lots** of new literature selections for all of our students! Collecting resources continues to be an ongoing process; if you would like to donate materials for our students, please contact Mrs. Linville at school or at [Linville@fau.edu](mailto:Linville@fau.edu). Stop by anytime to see our expanding resource room and continued "work in progress."

Mark your calendars! We have an **exciting** author visit planned for January 29th, 2009. Author, Mr. Robert Pottle, has a full day planned for our K-5 students! The presentation will include a large group performance and several small group presentations throughout the day. I am also researching options for an author visit for our middle and high school students. If you have ideas for reading events or have contacts with guest speakers, please contact Mrs. Linville. Your input is important to the success of our program.

Please remember to set aside a time each day for your child to read or for you to read to your child; promoting reading is the key to our students becoming life-long readers and learners. Thanks for your continued support.

## Money for our school Money for college

*Upromise Schools Program makes the grade.*

We're happy to announce that Florida Atlantic University Schools PTO is actively participating in the Upromise Schools Program. Upromise has already earned \$228.39 from 34 families. The more active the participation, the more possibilities we can reach.

Upromise is a nationally-recognized FREE service that's helped millions of members pay for college just by doing all the things they do anyway. Membership is free. And as an Upromise member, you can earn rewards for shopping online, buying participating grocery and drug-store items, eating out at 8,000 national and local restaurants, and more. Upromise partners, including well-known companies like Citi®, McDonald's®, LandsEnd.com, Bloomingdale's.com and hundreds more, reward members with 1-25% college savings.

In addition to saving for college, you can also raise money for our school. For example, our school can earn up to \$30 in Bonuses whenever you and your family and friends participate in select Upromise activities for the first time. This money is over and above the college savings going to your account.

Want to help our school? Here's how. If you're already an Upromise member, simply log in and link your account to our school. If you're not a member, you can join FREE at [upromise.com/schools](http://upromise.com/schools). For more information on how you can save for college and raise money for our school, visit [upromise.com/schools](http://upromise.com/schools). Or contact Daphne Smolka at 561-289-0380 or [FelixandDaphne@hotmail.com](mailto:FelixandDaphne@hotmail.com). Terms and conditions apply to each bonus. Learn more at [upromise.com](http://upromise.com). To get each bonus members must complete the relevant activity for the first time within 90 days of first linking their Upromise account to a school account.

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