



HawkTalk

A Newsletter from FAUS,PTO for children of A. D. H. U. S.

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Calendar

October 10, 2008

5th Grade Family Fun Night

October 15, 2008

PTO Meeting—

Cafeteria 6:00 p.m.

October 17, 2008

PDD—Noon Dismissal

October 18, 2008

Golf Tournament—*CANCELLED*

October 23, 2008

End of the 1st Quarter

K-5 The Howl 6-9PM

on the hardcourt

October 24, 2008

No School – TWD

Nov. 5, 2008

School Board Meeting—

Media 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 12, 2008

SAC Meeting—

Media 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 19, 2008

PTO Meeting—

Cafeteria 6:00 p.m.

A Letter from the Principal / Director...



Dear Parents,

As a parent of a student at A.D. Henderson University School or Florida Atlantic University High School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child/ children, and Federal law (PL 107-110) requires the school district to provide you with this information upon request.

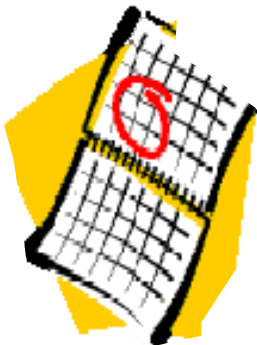
Florida Atlantic University Schools is committed to ensuring that our students receive a quality education.

You have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- ▶ Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- ▶ Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- ▶ Whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, the field of discipline of the certification or degree, and the teacher's college major.
- ▶ Whether instructional assistants provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition, the parents shall be provided timely notice if the student is assigned to a teacher who is not "highly qualified" as required or if the student is taught for more than four (4) weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified. If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the front office.

By
Dr. Patricia Hodge
Director / Principal



**Get organized!
Buy a calendar!**

Stop juggling all those pieces of paper! This Calendar has every school related event and date on it that you can think of! Support our school athletics. \$10 each. Call Denise Platt to order your calendar today 561-306-1899 or buy one from the PE teachers.

Message from the FAUS, PTO Board... THE PTO GREEN MACHINE IS IN ACTION!

Our school year is underway and the PTO has been busy working on many of the activities you and your families have come to enjoy. An updated calendar of events is now online. We have a link on *Homework Hero* to look up any events that may be of interest. Go to our Homework Hero site and click on FAUS,PTO. You can also visit our table at FAU's Sustainability Day on Oct. 22, 2008 from 10am – 2pm held in FAU's Breezeway to see our progress!

Many of our lower grades have had their Family Fun Nights and enjoyed swimming and a cookout. Families had the opportunity to meet their children's classmates and parents. **Mark your calendars!** New this year is a Middle School/High School Family Fun night on Nov. 7, 2008. Please extend a special **THANK YOU** to our Kindergarten teacher, **Toni Yazurlo** when you see her for chairing this fun event for the families. She is doing an excellent job keeping them organized.

Gift wrap is all "wrapped up." While we still need a final tally, we raised approximately \$10,000 dollars! Thanks to all the families that participated. These funds will directly benefit our school and everyone's children. The PTO sincerely thanks **Lisa Foxman** and **Pam McClellan** for all their hard work. The Mega Party will be held Nov. 14, 2008. Look for your child's permission slip to attend and be assured that items will arrive well

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before the holidays.

Mrs. Nemeth has agreed to chair our K-5 **Howl** which will take place October 23rd. This mini-carnival/**FALL FESTIVAL** is extremely popular with lower grade Henderson students. Middle school students are encouraged to volunteer for this event. Please contact Mrs. Nemeth for specific volunteer information. Each grade or club will sponsor three booths, and all monies earned will directly benefit their classrooms. Tickets or a "play-all-night" wrist band may be purchased in advance. We need volunteers to make this a success! If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Nemeth at anemeth4@fau.edu or your child's room parent.

There is a wide assortment of Henderson merchandise for sale, including backpacks, tote bags, spirit shirts and Henderson cookbooks. If you want to purchase any of these items, just contact any PTO Board member or leave a message at the front office.

Twice as Nice, our gently used uniform sale, is up and running. We understand how hard it is to keep up with a growing child, so if you need a uniform **at any time**, please contact Karen Corso at 561-271-3935. She will open the closet at a time that is convenient for you.

Volunteer of the Month

We'd like to congratulate Linda Donev as September's volunteer of the month. For many years now, Linda has been collecting the volunteer time sheets at the front office, and keeping track of their hours. Linda, we are so grateful. Don't forget to record your hours, it is very important! They can be submitted to the front office.

Finally, we would like to remind you of our October 15th PTO meeting at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. Tickets for a raffle to **win a parking spot** for a month will be for sale for \$1. Babysitting is also provided by aftercare providers. Please call 297-0491 to reserve a spot. This month we will be enjoying a demonstration from Pampered Chef (with samples from our very own cookbook). Christine Walsh and Sonnia Rothgery are our guest speakers. Thank you for your continued support,

The PTO Board



Buy a Brick!

We are working on this year's brick installation!
Karen Corso, Chair 561-271-3935

SPANISH DEPARTMENT

¡Hola!



September 15- October 15 is designated National Hispanic Heritage. Students are learning about different aspects of Hispanic heritage through music, art and culture in their Spanish, Art and Music classes.

Stop by and view art work displayed on the walls outside the cafeteria and art room, produced by our "young Picassos" in Mrs. Sattler's art class. Also see projects on people of Hispanic heritage and Spanish speaking countries completed by our Middle and High school Spanish students.

Elementary students are learning Spanish songs in their music classes with Mrs. Schram.

In the Spanish classes, Elementary, Middle and High school students will also watch videos on different aspects of Hispanic culture and will have an opportunity for follow-up discussion and activities.

Check the FAU website (www.fau.edu) for activities taking place on campus to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month.

Mrs. M. Dubreuze

Mrs. M. Douglas

FAUS, PTO 2008-2009

Calendar and Event Information

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

OCTOBER 18: Golf Tournament - **EVENT CANCELLED!**

OCTOBER : Middle School Fright Night - **EVENT CANCELLED!**

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

OCTOBER 23: The Howl - A family event with games, food, and fun. Volunteers needed to work booths, set up, clean up, etc.

NOVEMBER 17-21 : 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, 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.

The Volunteering Spirit

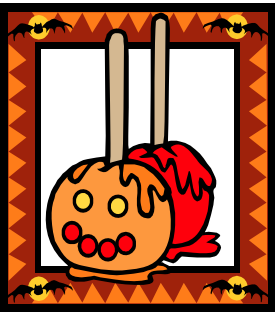
by Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator
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The spirit of volunteering is alive and well at the our school. Thanks to many of you, our volunteer program has really come together. Each and every day volunteer parents and guardians are helping make our school a better place for our children.

Key members of the Volunteer Corps are the room parents. They are the link between the teachers and the other parents in the class. The room parents are fulfilling new requests by teachers for extra help as those needs arise. Thank you to all of our room parents for the spirited way in which they perform their tasks. Should your room parent call upon you please respond promptly and do your best to lend your time and talents.

Speaking of spirits, the Howl will be upon us before you know it. The room parents are busy working with other parents / guardians to put together some terrific booths for this event. Parents / guardians will be

needed to man the booths Howl night. Please get in touch with the room parent for your child's class and ask what you can do to help make this the best



Howl ever. Remember, all funds earned at the Howl by the booths go directly back to the classrooms.

Are you ready to catch the volunteer spirit? Do you have time to spare? Please give me a call to discuss the many volunteer opportunities that are currently available

Remember to save
your Box Tops
during the summer!



Elementary Music Notes

By Debbie Schram

Elementary Music Notes

Students in grades 4 and 5 have been learning about Carlos Chavez, a Mexican composer, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Each grade level is learning songs in Spanish.

Grades K - 3 are getting ready to begin our Connections Project. We will connect visual art, language arts and music around the National Standard of 'Listening, Analyzing and Describing'.

Elementary Chorus is up and running with about 40 singers. Upper Elementary Chorus will begin Oct. 7. I'm looking forward to a great year of singing! Our Winter Concert will be December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Students need a navy uniform bottom to wear with their chorus shirts.



The Art Room

Elaine Sattler



Thank you to all the parents who have so kindly donated material and other items to the art room. Your response and kindness are appreciated.

Our kindergarten class has been busy with cross curriculum lessons that were prepared to help them learn the alphabet, and improve their listening, analyzing, and describing skills. They have made miniature coconut trees with some of the letters of the alphabet running up the tree, just like in the story. All other elementary students have been making beautiful art from weaving to painting.

The 6th. Grade art class is visiting the Schmidt Galleries on the 10th of October to see the Oswaldo Guayasamin exhibit and participate in a related art activity.

HELP!

Send in your old CDs—
Third grade is collecting
old CDs for a class project.
Mark them third grade and send in with
your child.
Thanks!

Middle/High School Chorus

By Ms. Sally Brown

Congratulations to our All State finalists: Kristina Platt, Zoe Hammond, Anthony Namnum, Valerie Cantave, and Christine Joseph.

They will go on to the final level of testing later in October.

Good Luck!

Our first choral concert will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. We have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage month in our classes through our listening journals as well as in our music. Two of the songs featured in our concert will be performed in Spanish in culmination of the month's celebration. We hope to see everyone at the concert.

Our upcoming concert opportunities are: All County Festival on November 21 and 22 and the FAU High School Honor Choir on November 13,14,15. Also, be listening for information on the upcoming 8th grade sponsored talent show.



FAU High Guidance News

Congratulations to the following FAU HS seniors!

- ▶ Alex Nachlas- National Merit Semifinalist
- ▶ Krishna Reddy- National Merit Semifinalist
- ▶ Harryson Pointdujour- National Achievement Semifinalist

On Friday October 10th, a free **PSAT /SAT Workshop** will be offered to all FAU HS students. Local Certified Educational Consultant, Judi Robinovitz, from *Score at the Top* has graciously offered to host the event. It will be held in the College of Business building (BU) in room 120, from 1:00-4:00pm.

The Preliminary SAT (**PSAT**) will be given here at FAU on Saturday Oct 18, 2008. It will be held in the Dorothy Schmidt Performing Arts building (PA), room 101 from 8:30am-12:00pm. All students in grades 9-11 are highly encouraged to participate and this is the first year we are offering the PSAT to the Henderson 8th graders.

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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Running Club Update

Dust off your shoes and stretch your legs, Running Club is set to begin next month.

Running Club is open to all Henderson students and will begin in November. A signed permission form must be on file for a child to participate. If rain has occurred after 12 noon, running club will be cancelled for that day. Look for more information coming home soon about sign-up forms, dates, and times.

Office DEPOT.

Taking Care of Business

Office Depot is taking care of Education. Every time parents, students and school supporters use the school's 5% Back to Schools ID Number on qualifying items, the school receives credits to use for free supplies! So use it at Office Depot today, and we'll earn supplies!

School's ID Number
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Coaches Corner

By The PE Coaches



The month of October will be an eventful one for the PE and Health department. Cherene Castillo will be rejoining the staff on October 20th. Welcome back, Cherene! The High School Boy's soccer team will be finishing up their season, the High school cross country team will compete in their first meet, and the volleyball teams will also be finishing up their seasons with playoffs starting this month. The swim team will continue their busy schedule with 3 meets this month. And ending our month of October will be Girl's High school soccer tryouts, Girl's middle school and high school basketball tryouts on the same day, and Boys middle school soccer tryouts. Check the PE bulletin board at second circle and listen for weekly updates on the morning and afternoon announcements.

The 7th grade health classes are finishing up a Nutrition unit this month. To finish the topic, we are holding a healthy snack get together in class on Friday, October 3rd. The students will be making their favorite healthy snack to share with the class and all recipes will be put together in a Healthy snack book. The 7th grade health classes will also be joining forces with Officer Darrell this month to help advocate for Red Ribbon week. The students will be creating posters to promote the Red Ribbon week message and the events that will be going on in school for the week. The week will kick off on October 20th with the handing out of wrist bands to students in the school. Tuesday will be red socks days and Wednesday will be red shirt day. There will also be a pledge banner in the cafeteria for Middle School students to sign.

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 Calder Alfano, Jessica Shen, Randy Hache, and Kadah Marshall for being the Star Students of September. Keep up the hard work and continue to be an excellent example and leader for your classmates.

SCHEDULE

October 2nd Boys HS soccer game vs. South Florida Heat
Girls MS volleyball vs. North Broward Prep @ Henderson
October 6th Boys HS soccer – Playoffs
Girls MS volleyball vs. Pine Crest Boca
October 7th HS Cross Country meet
October 8th Girls MS volleyball vs. St. Joan
October 13th Boys Flag Football – Playoffs
October 15th Girls HS volleyball vs. Boca Prep
October 16th Girls HS volleyball vs. Grandview Prep
October 17th Girls MS volleyball – Playoffs
October 20th Girls HS volleyball vs. Donna Klein
HS Swim meet
October 23rd Girls HS soccer tryouts
Girls HS and MS basketball tryouts
October 27th HS Swim meet
October 28th HS Cross Country meet



Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville
Reading Resource Room

Our new reading series, *Treasures*, offers a wealth of on line literacy experiences for our students. Students in grades 1-6 should have received log-in information to access their reading textbook on line. The students are able to listen to the story, highlight key words, and review vocabulary in the comfort of their home!

K-5 parents and students can visit the Macmillan website at <http://treasures.macmillanmh.com/florida/> to find enjoyable activities for students and resources for families to reinforce reading skills learned at school. There are activities in oral language, spelling, vocabulary, and research to accompany each story. There are also computer literacy lessons and information about the story's author and illustrator. A parent night to help parents navigate through this informative website is currently being planned!

Get ready to "giggle, giggle, snicker, and laugh" by viewing our upcoming visiting author's website at <http://www.robertpottle.com/> The website highlights Robert Pottle's funny poems and books, including his most recent publication *I'm Allergic to School*. The presentation is scheduled for January 29th, 2009. Mr. Pottle will present several funny poetry performances for our K-5 students throughout the day. Information on ordering signed books by this entertaining author will be forthcoming.

To keep your child excited about reading, it's always a great idea to share a special book together. 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!



Thanks go to all of the generous 5th grade parents who provided food and helped set-up for the September Teacher/Staff lunch. The lunch was a great success and very much appreciated by those in attendance. Our next lunch will be sponsored by 3rd and 8th grades and is scheduled for October 17 at noon. Please look for the teacher appreciation lunch sign-up sheet in your Friday folders and return them as soon as possible if you will be able to assist us

with this event.

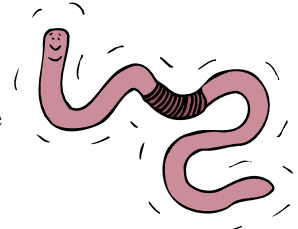
We are always looking for new volunteers. If you have any questions regarding the committee, or would like to assist us, please feel free to contact us.

Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs
Suzanne Wilbor and Carolyn Bethmann
(561) 716-1689 (561) 997-6209

GOING GREEN IN THE 3RD GRADE GARDEN

By Jenny O'Sullivan

There is a lot of wriggling going on in third grade, but not from our students! Each third grade classroom now contains a Can-O-Worms holding 2-4 pounds of redworms. We peek in from time to time to see that our new friends are eating away at our organic food waste and classroom scrap paper.



Thanks to a Golden Bell Grant from the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, we are "Going Green in the Third Grade Garden." Our goal is to use sustainable vermicomposting and square foot gardening to teach grade level reading, writing, and math skills using hands on, real life experiences. We also hope to reduce the amount of waste produced by third grade students by increasing the use of reusable bottles or containers, composting organic food waste and classroom paper, and encouraging recycling.

We began our project with a lunch trash audit to call attention to the trash each class produces on a daily basis. After a social studies unit on conserving natural resources, our students have created displays on low waste lunch options, recycling, and what redworms eat. At the moment, students are gathering follow up data on the lunch trash audit. Students will display this information and share their findings with the school community.

Thank you to the PTO and parent volunteers who have helped us in our endeavors. We are just getting started, but we have lots of plans for the year. We are thrilled with the support that is making our green efforts a success!

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A NOTE FROM OFFICER DARRELL

A couple of weeks ago we started a 10 lesson program called, “**Too Good for Drugs**” (TGFD) for 6th graders. This program is to promote healthy decision making and positive healthy youth development. It teaches students about goal setting, decision-making, bullying,

bonding with others, identifying and managing emotions, and communicating effectively.

The 7th graders started their 13 lesson program called, “**G.R.E.A.T.**” (**Gang Resistance Education and Training**). This program is a violence prevention curriculum that teaches students important skills to help them avoid gangs, violence, drug abuse, and crime. We talk about bullying, and who to talk to when you are being bullied. The purpose of G.R.E.A.T. is to help students develop beliefs and practice behaviors that will help them avoid destructive habits.

I have gone into all of the **Kindergarten through 5th grade** classes and spoken to them about **strangers, bullying, guns, internet safety, and being home alone**. After FCAT I will be teaching 6 lessons of G.R.E.A.T. to the 4th graders and 10 lessons of TGFD to the 5th graders.

We will be celebrating **Fire Prevention Week (10/6/08-10/10/08)** and **Red Ribbon Week (10/20/08-10/24/08)**.

2008 Fire Safety Tips

- ▶ Test your smoke detectors once a month and replace your batteries at least once a year.
- ▶ Plan and practice two escape routes out of your house. Designate an outside meeting area.
- ▶ Keep matches, lighters and other heat sources out of children’s reach.
- ▶ Teach children to crawl low under smoke. Two thirds of all childhood fire related deaths are from smoke inhalation.
- ▶ Teach children to “STOP, DROP, AND ROLL”; upon leaving a burning house or building if their clothes have caught on fire.
- ▶ In homes with small children, use plastic safety covers on unused electrical outlets
- ▶ When using candles, keep them at least 1 foot away from things that can burn. Use flashlights, not candles during power outages.
- ▶ Don’t run extension cords across doorways or under carpets.

Upromise - - Keeps Its Promise!

This program is a WIN-WIN for everyone involved! Thank you to ALL the families that have participated in this simple fundraiser. The revenue continues to grow!

With **36** registered names linked to our school, not only have those families earned savings for college, but **our school has received over \$230!!!** That is money that goes towards PTO sponsored events. The best part is once you have signed on, it is easy. If you are not yet taking advantage of this opportunity to save money for you own or your child’s education, consider this an ideal time to start!

Go to www.upromise.com/schools for details. If you have ANY questions or concerns, please contact the school coordinator Daphne Smolka (561) 289-0380 or felixanddaphne@hotmail.com.



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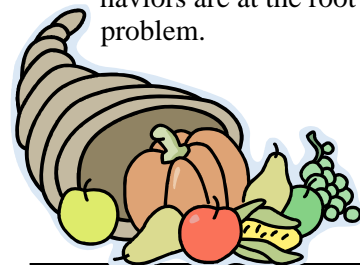
Terry Clark, SLP, ADHUS

THE HOARSE-SOUNDING VOICE

Q: My child has a hoarse-sounding voice. He doesn’t have a cold, and I’m wondering if this is normal.

A: Several conditions may be at the cause of a hoarse-sounding voice. Allergies, persistent (gastric) reflux, excessive coughing or clearing of throat, and lack of fluid intake, to name a few. Another possible cause comes from behaviors, or use of the voice. Does your child make “animal noises” or “vehicle noises” when playing? Does your child yell across the room or scream, as a habit? Even changing voices when “acting” or reading books, especially in a “squeaky” voice could be damaging to the vocal folds.

What do you, as a parent, do about it? **FIRST:** Get your child to a pediatric ENT. This doctor can check for possible vocal nodules. You may also be told to “put your child on vocal rest” (not an easy thing!) or to make sure your child gets speech therapy, if behaviors are at the root of the problem.



Look for information
about the Thanksgiving
Feast coming in the
November *HawkTalk*.