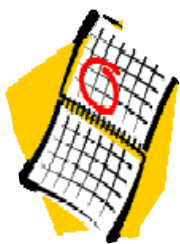




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School Calendar

- Nov. 19, 2008**
PTO Meeting—
Cafeteria 6:00 p.m.
- November 21, 2008**
Noon Dismissal - PDD
- November 25, 2008**
Thanksgiving Feast
- November 26-28, 2008**
Thanksgiving Break
- December 8-12, 2008**
Holiday Shop
- December 15-19, 2008**
Week of Giving
- December 5, 2008**
Midterm Reports
- December 19, 2008**
No After School
- Dec. 22, 2008—Jan. 2, 2009**
Winter Break



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

A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

All who attended had a wonderful time at The Howl. Funds raised from this event will go directly to the classes who participated. Thank you to Tami Noland and Agnes Nemeth for all their hard work in putting this event together this year.

Middle school students enjoyed their own Spooktacular dance after school on Oct 31. Please thank Ms. Tuzzolino who graciously stepped forward to chair this event.

The Green Machine participated in FAU's sustainability day Oct 22. We are excited about our progress. The book fair was held this past week and was a great success. Thanks to the many parent volunteers and Christy Kian for chairing this event.

Our traditional Thanksgiving feast will be on Nov 25. Please call Marc and Janet Hopin who are chairing and have volunteer opportunities available. Parents must be on the volunteer list to attend the feast. Submit a Boxtop Turkey to help! The winning class will receive an ice cream party. Contest ends NOV 21!! The Holiday Gift shop (Dec 8 - 12) is gearing up for the holidays. Look for information coming soon.

For the presentation at our last meeting, Christine Walsh and Sonnia Rothgery from Pampered Chef prepared a delicious snack. We look forward to trying their tasty treats at our future meetings. Thank you, Christine and Sonnia. This month's featured cookbook items are The Delicious Dip (again) and Pumpkin Bread.

Lisa Foxman and Pam McClellan were our volunteers of the month for October in recognition of their hard work for the gift wrap fundraiser. They raised over \$13,000 dollars for our school. THANK YOU LISA AND PAM!! Kailah McCray-Townsend was our top seller this year. Estee and Errol Shaw came in second and third place respectively. We would like to thank all students and their families for their hard work and generosity. The Mega Party is scheduled for Nov 14.

Please be sure to come to the PTO meeting November 19th at 6:00 PM for your updates on The Green Machine's progress and PTO events! Lots of fun and raffles, the parking spot raffle is only \$1.00. Our guest speaker, Suzanne Morton will provide guidance throughout this time about mortgages. You can find her in the advertiser section of your directory! A babysitter will be available, no need to call for reservations...AND you can pick up your 2008-2009 directory!! Be sure and catch up with what's going on at our link [FAUS,PTO on Homework Hero](#).

*We hope that all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and look forward to the joyous holidays before us. Best regards from The PTO Board.
Happy Thanksgiving!*



Thanksgiving Feast

By Janet & Marc Hopin, Co-chairs, 561-498-3745 bocajanet@yahoo.com

On November 25th the students and staff of FAU High and Alexander D. Henderson will take a break from the regular school routine to celebrate one of our countries most meaningful holidays, Thanksgiving. The festivities begin with a musical performance produced by our Music Department Faculty and performed by our students. Following the performance the students, staff and some special guests will enjoy a freshly cooked Thanksgiving meal. The Feast is prepared by Chef Joe and our cafeteria staff and is served by parent / guardian volunteers.

This is one of the most special days of the whole school year and one of the most unique events that take place at any school, anywhere. However, it does not take place without the help of a lot of volunteers. Last week a Volunteer Signup Form was sent home, however, if you did not fill out the form then you now need to call or email Janet.

In addition to help the day of the Feast, a lot of help is needed the evening before the Feast for setup. This is a great opportunity for our dads to volunteer and we can use the muscle for setting up the tables. Community service hours for our students can be earned Monday night as well. We also need help the day of the Feast for additional setup and after the Feast for cleanup.

If you want to volunteer to serve during the Feast you must sign up in advance. This restriction is necessary in order to insure the efficiency of the event. Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact Janet if you have any questions.

Attention Henderson Families:

8th grade is the final of nine years at Henderson! Lots of fundraising is done to help offset the costs of our graduation party and class trip. Please help support our efforts. Here are some ongoing and upcoming 8th grade events that YOU might be interested in :

Car Wash-Saturday, Nov. 15th at Ocean Breeze (2nd Ave. just north of Yamato) 8am-12:30 \$7

Poinsettia Sale-going on now! Big, beautiful poinsettias on sale for the holidays. \$20 Order now, pick up poinsettias on Dec. 3. See any 8th grade student or parent to order yours now.



Candy Gram-December. Send a holiday candy message to your child, teacher or friends. Look for the flyers soon!

Teacher Appreciation Committee News

We apologize for the misprint in last month's article. October's lunch was sponsored by Kindergarten, not 3rd and 8th grades. Thank you to all of the Kindergarten parents who donated fabulous lunch items. It was a great success, the teachers and staff loved it!

Our next lunch will be sponsored by 6th and 7th grade and is scheduled for November 21 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) 347-1503 (561) 997-6209

Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville

Reading Resource Room

Our new reading series, Treasures, offers a wealth of online literacy experiences for our students. Students in grades 1-5 are able to listen to the story, highlight key words, and review vocabulary in the comfort of their

home! K-5 students and parents can also visit the Macmillan website at <http://treasures.macmillanmh.com/florida/> to find enjoyable activities and resources for families to reinforce reading skills learned at school. If you would like to learn more about these online literacy components, plan to attend the PTO meeting on November 19th for an informative technology presentation and demonstration!

Students and faculty are looking forward to special author presentations in December and January! A local author from Delray Beach is coming to Henderson on December 15th. John Tkac has written a very special book, Whispers from the Bay. This fiction story takes place in Key Biscayne in the 1940's. While relating the adventures of a young boy who has a special connection with the dolphins, Mr. Tkac includes lots of interesting facts about dolphins and the Keys. Mr. Tkac will present his novel to students in 5th-8th grades and will also make a presentation to our high school students on the writing process and creating a good story. John Tkac is offering Henderson families a 40% discount on an autographed hardcover edition of his book; just fill out the order form sent home in your child's Friday folder and return it to your child's teacher. You may view additional information by visiting John Tkac's website at <http://www.whispersfromthebay.com/>

K-6 students, get ready to "giggle, giggle, snicker, and laugh" by viewing Robert Pottle'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. Mr. Pottle will visit our school on January 29th, 2009. Mr. Pottle will present several funny poetry performances for our K-6 students throughout the day. Order forms for purchasing autographed books at a reduced price by this entertaining author will be sent home in Friday folders.

I will have additional order forms for books by both authors in the Reading Resource Room. Just a reminder that sharing a special book is a wonderful way to get your child excited about reading!



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Media Center News

Wow! What a wonderful November it has been in our media center. The Scholastic Book Fair has been the main focus and the children had a great time purchasing the many books that were available.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Christy Kian and all the wonderful parent volunteers for their help in making it the success it was. Thank you parents for purchasing books for the teacher's off of their wish list. This is an excellent way to build the classroom libraries. We appreciate all the help and could not have done it without Mrs. Kian and our parent volunteers....thanks once again parents for helping to support our media center.

Our money profits will be used to purchase new hardback books and media supplies.



Happy Reading to All!!!
Ms. Lebair

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An Indoor Howl...Again

By Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator
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For the second year in a row we had to move the Howl indoors. And for the second year in a row we proved that no matter where we hold the Howl, the Howl is a fun event.

Thank you to all the room parents and volunteers for helping make the 2008 edition of the Howl the great event that it was. The booths looked great and provided hours of entertainment. Most importantly, the boys and girls had a good time and we raised some money for all of the K-5 classrooms.

A special thank you to Howl co-Chairs Agnes Nemeth and Tami Noland for their great work in pulling the Howl together and thank you to all the administration, faculty and staff for your assistance and cooperation. The Howl is a team effort and would not have been possible without everyone working together to make it a success.

As for next year...let's hope the spirits are so moved to let us move the Howl back outside in 2009!



FAUS, PTO 2008-2009 Calendar and Event Information

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

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.

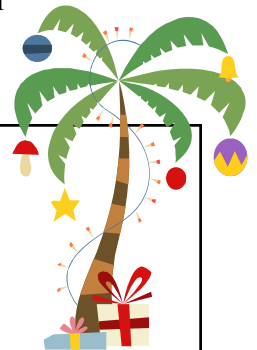
MAY 8: Mother's Day Breakfast for Kindergarten Moms - Help is needed to set up, serve, and clean up.

Middle & High School Chorus

Ms. Sally Brown

Congratulations to Anthony Namnum, Kristina Platt, Zoe Hammond, Christine Joseph, and Valerie Cantave for passing the final All State Music Exams. Their hard work and dedication were evident in their success. The High School students will be participating in the FAU Honor Choir Festival on November 13,14, and 15. They will have the opportunity to perform with other high school students as well as the FAU Chamber Singers.

Middle School Chorus students have been busy working on an integrated project involving poetry, bookmaking, and patriotic song. The project is off to a fantastic start and their books look stunning!



Look for information
about the Week of
Giving
coming in the
December *HawkTalk*.

PE / HEALTH HAWK TALK

November is off to a busy start for the Athletic Department. The winter sports season kicked off with wins for Girl's HS soccer, and MS Girl's Basketball. Also, the Swimming and Cross Country teams are finishing up the season with their respective District meets. Boy's MS soccer is also starting up along with Girl's HS basketball and Boy's Basketball. Good luck to all athletes and coaches who are participating this season. Congratulations to Savanna Gornisiewicz, Frankie Moser, and Adam Stone for being selected as Athletes of the week in the month of October.

Another congratulations goes out to Victoria Zukowski and Adam Stone in middle school and Victoria Cardoso and Michael Checo of first and third grade for being selected as October's PE Star Students of the Month. All showed great effort and participation in their PE classes. Keep up the hard work and continue to be an excellent example and leader for your classmates.

The PE and Health staff have started elementary Health classes for grades 2 – 5. In an effort to increase the wellness of students and our community, the students will be working on various health related projects once a week during PE classes. It is a great opportunity to start healthy behaviors at a young age. The health and wellness committee also participated in a beach cleanup on Friday, November 7th.

November Sports Schedule

- November 14: Girl's HS Soccer @ FAU 4:00
November 17: Boy's MS JV @ Henderson
November 18: Boy's MS Soccer @ Henderson
November 20: Girl's HS Soccer @ FAU 4:00
Girl's HS Basketball @ Sheridan Hill Christian
Girl's MS Basketball @ St. Jude
Boy's MS Soccer @ Henderson
November 22: Girl's HS Soccer @ Jupiter Christian 10:30am
November 24: Girl's MS Basketball @ Pine Crest Boca
Boy's MS Soccer @ Henderson 4:00
November 25: Girl's HS Basketball @ Donna Klein 4:00
Boy's HS Basketball @ Donna Klein 4:00

Art Room News

By Elaine Sattler



Kindergarten is working on their cutting and gluing skills by making paper turkeys for Thanksgiving. They were really excited with this project and the result was wonderful. They did a great job!!

The first graders have been learning about patterns. Each class made their own bridges from cereal and craft sticks. Thank you for all your generous contributions of cereal and boxes. It is really appreciated. Right now we are busy painting boxes for the big bridge they are building on the stage.

Second grade is learning about reading art and describing what the artist was telling us in their paintings. Third grade is working with clay in conjunction with our cross curriculum project. They are so creative!

My middle school classes have worked on Mission Green Posters and are very interested and educated in ways to save the universe. We also have been learning about the proportions of the face. They also made a special treat for the Kindergarten classes for our Thanksgiving Feast program.

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Boca High proudly presents a production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

by William Shakespeare

November 13th-15th, 2008 @ 7 pm, with an additional 2 pm matinee on the 15th
Presale tickets are on sale NOW for \$8, tickets will be sold for \$12 at the door.

Group rates are available. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 561-338-1533

**The show is at Boca High in the Kathryn Lindgren Theatre,
1501 NW 15th Court, Boca Raton, 33486**

Don't miss your Henderson Alumni

- Lauren Fortes (2005)- Titania/Choreographer, Assistant Director
Marc DiCerbo (2005)- Lysander/Choreographer
Shelby Enfield (2008)- Snug
Kailey Catapano (2008)- Cobweb
Barbara Christakis (2008)- Prop crew
Luisa Delina (2008)- Stage crew
Lauren Montgomery (2008)- Sound crew
Bryan Fortes (will graduate in 2010)- Indian Boy



FAU HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

Contact Information:

Mrs. Debra Reichenbach – reichenb@fau.edu

FAU High and Henderson students in grades 8-11 recently took the PSAT. Scores should arrive mid-December. Students are encouraged to use the time over the holiday break to review their score report and utilize the College Board online resources.

FAU High students recently attended the NACAC College Fair at the Broward Co Convention Center where over 200 colleges/universities were in attendance.

Students in grade 10-12 are in the processing of constructing their Spring 09' schedules.

FAU High School held an Open House for prospective students on October 27th and will hold another one on November 17th. For more information about the upcoming Open House or admissions, please feel to contact me at rei-

SPANISH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. M. Dubreuzé

Mrs. M. Douglas

¡Hola!

It's hard to believe the first quarter of the school year has already ended. We are very proud of our students in the progress they are making.

By now you have all seen your child's report card.

What does my child's grade mean?

All students are assessed for mastery in listening/speaking and reading/writing skills. Evaluation criteria are grade level specific with the level of expectation increasing.

In **Grades K-5**, students receive an overall grade of:

E-Excellent: Student *consistently* uses the appropriate structures and vocabulary necessary to communicate.

S-Satisfactory: Student *usually* uses the appropriate structures and vocabulary necessary to communicate.

N-Needs improvement: Student *sometimes* uses the appropriate structures and vocabulary necessary to communicate.

U- Unsatisfactory. Student *uses few* of the appropriate structures and vocabulary necessary to communicate.

In **Grades 6-9** all courses and electives receive number grades:

A=90-100; B=80-89; C=70-79; D=60-69; F=59 and below

If your child received a C or below they should do a self-evaluation to see how they can improve for the next quarter.

We are available for extra help and students are strongly encouraged to make use of established times for extra help or to make an appointment.

"For success, attitude is equally as important as ability." ~ Harry F. Banks~



Running Club Update

Running Club would welcome any donations of soccer balls, footballs, playground balls, hula hoops, jump ropes, etc. There are about 300 students that participate each week in this free club. Funds for equipment are limited, so your support is appreciated. Please send any equipment donations to Mrs. Sands—Room 42.



The dates of Running Club are also posted below with some general reminders.

- All students **must wear proper running shoes.**
- **Kindergarten—Fifth Grade** meet from 2:30—3:30 p.m.
- **Middle / High School** meet from 2:45—3:45 p.m.
- Dismissal will be from the second circle.
- All students **must be picked up by 4:00 p.m.**
- Parents will be charged a \$20.00 late pick-up fee for every 15 minutes the parent is late.
- Students who are picked up late **two times** will be excused from the club.
- If your child attends after-school they must check in with their counselor first.
- Students may use last year's Running Club shirt. If you are a new participant and shirts become available, please complete the form. There are no new shirts because funding is limited.
- Students who choose to participate must attend the majority of the scheduled meetings. Attendance is taken.
- Running Club is a club of choice and students must be respectful and behave appropriately; students may be asked to leave if they are unable to do so.
- Running Club will meet on Friday (dates on reverse), but **does not meet on Noon dismissal days.**
- **Running Club reserves the right to cancel if it is raining or has rained at anytime after 12 Noon.**
- **THE HOMEWORK HERO WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED AND RUNNING CLUB STATUS POSTED. Students will need to be picked up at their regular dismissal time when cancellation has occurred.**

Scheduled Running Club Days.

November 7	November 14
December 5	December 12
January 9	January 16
January 23	January 30
February 6	February 13
February 27	March 6
March 13	March 20

March 27—Ice Cream Party—LAST DAY!

Music Notes

Mrs. Schram, dschram@fau.edu



We have begun our Arts and Literacy research project in grades 1-3. This research project, which is based at the New England Conservatory in Boston and includes schools from across the country, aims at making connections among visual art, language arts, and music. We are looking at shared vocabulary, parallel Sunshine State Standards and the ways in which students transfer learning from one area to another. This month we are working with the Sunshine State Standard of 'listening, analyzing, and describing' I am excited that all twelve classes (K-3) continue to be a part of this exciting research. We will have three Blocks of study, this current block which will be completed before the winter holiday and two more next semester.

Fourth graders have begun playing the recorder. We are working on 'Hot Cross Buns' and 'Mary Had a Little Lamb'. More songs will be added soon. I am pleased that nearly every student bought their own recorder, making at home practice possible.

The Upper Elementary Chorus again performed at the FAU Sustainability Day on campus. They did a great job with the Rap as well as two other songs. The winter holiday concert will be Thursday, December 4. Please mark your calendars.

Nurse's Corner

Gina Dunne RN - School Nurse

REMINDER...PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS!!!

There is an abundance of unlabeled jackets, lunchboxes, swimsuits, and personal items in the lost and found located in the Front hallway in a white box. As space is limited, I will be donating all of these unclaimed articles to twice as nice and a charitable organization the first week of every month. The next donation is scheduled for Friday November 21st the last donation was made in October.

Flu/ Cold Season Is Upon Us!

Let's help our children remember the #1GERM FIGHTER is...**Proper Hand Washing!** Also I am seeing more and more of the Molluscum Contagiosum (please see [online info](#)) which is in the wart family and is spread by **direct contact**, along with many other childhood diseases! Parents I cannot stress enough to everyone how important it is to wash their hands **several times a day!** You would be surprised how many children come into my office to use my bathroom and forget to wash and flush, **even the older ones!** **Let's keep our school as HEALTHY as possible!**

Health/Wellness Committee

Our committee has gotten off to a GREAT start!

*We raised \$440 that went to the American Red Cross disaster relief fund!

*We held a very successful beach clean-up on Nov. 7.

*We are planning to host a Student/Parent or Student/Teacher Healthy cook-off (near future)

*We will be having our annual Health Expo in January

*We are working on our team for the Relay for Life in March of 09'

Healthy minds produce Healthy Bodies!!!

Thanks for all of your cooperation in advance!

G. Dunne RN



Annual Week of Giving

This Henderson tradition of sharing a new toy or unwrapped gift item for those less fortunate will take place during the week of

DECEMBER 15-19.

Look for more information in the coming weeks.



A NOTE

FROM OFFICER DARRELL

Reminder: Parking in the RED AREAS is for Faculty & Staff only. Our teachers and staff pay for parking decals each year. Teachers are having a difficult time trying to get into the school and park because parents are parking in their area. Parent parking is in the yellow area and if that is full, you can park over by the soccer field parking lot. Most of the west and all of the east parking lots is for Faculty and Staff. Also, do not park across sidewalks or any yellow striped area or handicap areas.

There is no parking in the circles for after-care pick up before 3:15pm. If you have to come early to pick up for after-care, you may park in the yellow areas in the west parking lot. Please do not park in any RESERVED parking spots.