



# HawkTalk

## School Calendar

### February 16, 2009

No School -  
Presidents' Day

### February 18, 2009

PTO Meeting 6:00 PM—  
Cafeteria



### February 20, 2009

PDD—Noon Dismissal  
Midterm Reports Go Home  
Harlem Ambassador's Game

### March 11, 2009

Advisory Board Meeting  
5:30 p.m.—Media Center

### March 10-18, 2009

FCAT Testing

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

Many things are happening due to the amount of parental support we have from our volunteers. Thank you to our core group of volunteers!! You know who you are!!! We have just completed our first, successful, Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Distribution will be the first of March. Once again, many thanks to Sonnia Rothgery for her contribution to this event!

Kindergarten Fathers and Father figures enjoyed a "Big Dawg" breakfast with their children last week. Thank you to Daphne Smolka who did a great job chairing this wonderful event.

Please mark your calendars for February 20th when the Harlem Ambassadors come to FAU.

Tickets are available through the PTO for only \$15.00. Bring your whole family to this exciting event!



Have you visited our beautiful Butterfly Garden? Our goal is to have the brick sales fund the yearly maintenance. The deadline is March 10th, so don't forget to order your brick. Last chance to order brick forms will be distributed soon. If you need a form, contact anyone on the PTO Board.

Twice As Nice Sales are now the first Thursday of every month from 3 – 6 in the west hallway by the afterschool pick up desk. In these economic times, it helps to get your growing child uniforms at incredibly reasonable prices!

We encourage all parents to attend our next PTO meeting on February 18th. All members are eligible to vote on how we will distribute future Howl monies, i.e. will funds be split evenly between grades K-5, or will they remain with the grades that raised them? Baby-sitting is available, and our Pampered Chef representatives, Christine Walsh and Sonnia Rothgery, will again prepare delicious refreshments from our cookbook. This month's featured recipe just won the Top Prize in our Health Expo two weeks ago!

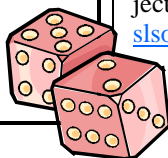
Lee Hill is January's Volunteer of the Month. For many years now, she has made Spring Fling the wonderful event that it is. She also organized the winter dance last December for our middle school students. Thank you, Lee!



# SAVE THE DATE!!!

## 2009 AUCTION & CASINO NIGHT Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

\*Please join us on  
Wednesday, at  
the PTO  
General meeting  
for up-to-date  
information!



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

Henderson Families,

I wanted to tell you about two wonderful projects going on at school. The first is a third grade project called Going Green. The students participating in this project are involved in studying conservation and waste. The students collect their waste from their lunches. First, they 'audited' their waste and talked about the best way to reduce non-recyclable waste. Then they used the leftover food from their lunches to feed worms kept in a large container. The worms turned the leftover food into soil. The students will use this soil in their container gardens to grow plants. This is such a great idea!

The second program is the Penny Harvest project. This project involves the students in fourth and fifth grades. If you can recall, the students collected pennies earlier this year so that they could make mini grants to other students, teachers and organizations with worth while causes. The students collected enough pennies to fill 25 bags which equals about 1,000. This money will be used to help others in our community. Wow, what a great project.

The students of both of these projects entered a national service learning contest that rewards the best service learning project with \$500. Many other schools entered the contest, but both of our projects were selected as finalist! Now here is how you can help. The winner is selected by getting online votes. The project that generates the most votes wins. This is similar to the voting process for American Idol. We are asking that each of you get on line and vote for your favorite Henderson project. There is only one vote per allowed per computer so I would encourage you to look at the projects and vote on your favorite. This is the website on which you can vote: <http://solutionshowcase.blogspot.com>

Please go on and support our service learning projects.

Regards,  
Dr. Patricia Hodge



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## PE / HEALTH HAWK TALK

The month of February will bring several sports season to an end and see the start up of a few others. The Girl's and Boy's basketball teams will be playing in districts to bring their season to an end as well as the Middle School girl's soccer team. On February 11, tryouts for the middle school swim team will be held and on February 12 tryouts for boy's and girl's middle school lacrosse as well as High School track and field will be held.



This month, the PE and Health staff will be hosting a Jump Rope for Heart event to support the American Heart Association. Collection envelopes have been sent home and will be collected on Monday, February 23. We are challenging our students to raise at least \$5 to get over our goal of \$1,000 total. The students, who do participate in raising money, will be able to partake in our event which will be held at 1:30 on Thursday, February 26.



The PE staff would also like to congratulate Christian Flint in 5th grade and Libby Nieporte in 1st grade. Keep up the hard work and continue to be an example to the rest of your class.

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## *Media Moments*

By Peggy Lebair

### Primary & Intermediate Grades

Stories are being read during the month of February about Famous Black Americans. Worksheets were distributed as a follow-up question and answer to check their comprehension of the story. Answers were discussed when all completed their work.

Stories about Groundhog's Day and Valentine's Day were also read with activities after the story.

A presidential unit was done with all grade levels. Many facts were learned about our presidents, honing in especially Abraham Lincoln which marks his 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth and our newly elected President Obama. Some classes made George Washington and Abraham Lincoln booklets.

Middle School students are learning about the Reference Section while learning the 10 Steps to Writing a Research Paper. With all the facts that are being collected within the Non-fiction section, each student will produce their own bound books as an end result. They were also taught many different ways to bind books and each will choose how they want their books bound.

Until next month, keep READING !!!



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## *The Volunteer Arrow*

By Janet Hopin, Volunteer

Coordinator

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Yes, it is that time of the year again when parents need to be on the lookout for Cupid taking aim at them with one of his Volunteer arrows. Should you be fortunate enough to be struck, you will be overcome by a burning desire to spend time volunteering at our school.

Luckily, there are as many volunteer opportunities at Henderson as there are chocolates in a one-pound box from Russell Stover. Unlike the box of chocolates, there are no surprises on the inside and all volunteer opportunities will leave you with a great feeling.



Volunteers are always needed with the many activities that are on going at our school. We could always use more Friday folder stuffers. We have opportunities in the cafeteria, media center, running club and the list goes on. With the auction right around the corner, April 18th, 2009, volunteers are needed to assist the Room Parents in putting together baskets and projects. Room Parents should be in touch with Tami Noland to let her know what your grade and class will be doing. Tami can be reached at (954)290-5583 and her email address is [taminoland@automatedlife.com](mailto:taminoland@automatedlife.com).

A special Valentine's Day hug and kiss goes out to all who have volunteered this school year. Please remember to get your volunteer hours to Linda Donev. You can email Linda at [lindadonev@yahoo.com](mailto:lindadonev@yahoo.com).

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## **A NOTE FROM OFFICER DARRELL**

REMINDER: Please do not park in the RED or RESERVED parking spaces. These are for faculty and staff who pay for their parking. Parents/visitors should park in the parking lot across from the soccer fields. During large events, you may park in the grass lot on the east side of Henderson but make sure that you do not block the entrance/exit.

G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) I will be teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> graders G.R.E.A.T. after FCAT.

T.G.F.D. (Too Good For Drugs) I will be teaching the 5<sup>th</sup> graders T.G.F.D. after FCAT.

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## Chorus, Middle and High School

Chorus has been very busy since coming back from the winter break. We began with the Allstate trip to Tampa where our students performed with 200 other students from within the state. Congratulations to our Allstate winners: Anthony Namnum, Kristina Platt, Zoe Hammond, Christine Joseph, and Valeria Cantave.

In addition, six students participated in the solo and ensemble festival at the end of January. Our high school ensemble consisting of Rachel Chapman, Ariana Corrao, Nico DiPerna, Aubrey Mallinger, Luizetta Nau-rzhnylin, and Naila Rosaria performed two selections for the judge and received high praise for their performance. They received an award of excellence – go FAU High! Zoe Hammond, Kristina Platt, Christine Joseph, Maggie Wilkinson, and Jackie Slack represented middle school and Nico Diperna was our high school representative in the solo category. All students received high ratings of excellence and superior and demonstrated extreme poise and confidence. Nico will represent FAU High at the state solo competition in May. Congratulations to all and good luck Nico!

Our student teacher, Mauricio Leiguzamon is working hard with the students on their sight singing and theory skills as we prepare for District Performance Assessment in April. The students are thrilled with the technology Mr. Leiguzamon has brought to our rehearsal room.

### The Art Department

This past month has been another creative one in the art room. From Kindergarten through third grade we are making connections with the music department and the homerooms with our projects. These classes are visiting the museums this week.

The fourth and fifth grades have been drawing and painting beautiful art.

Middle school classes made wonderful character masks and painted beautiful hearts. Hope you like all the wonderful art they are bringing home. Stop by when you are here to view their gallery outside of the art room.

### Music Notes

Mrs. Schram, [dschram@fau.edu](mailto:dschram@fau.edu)

We are fortunate to have a very fine student teacher with us this semester. Mauricio Leguizamon, or Mr. L as the students know him, is from Columbia and is in his final semester at FAU. He will be working with the Middle School Chorus classes in the mornings and grades 1, 2, and 4 in the afternoons. Welcome, Mr. L!

Second grade has begun rehearsing the musical play 'Tikki Tikki Tembo'. The performance schedule is as follows: Feb. 25, Ms. Howell's class; Feb. 26, Ms. Henderson's class; Feb. 27, Ms. Barzey's class. Each will perform at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Fifth grade are moving right along on the keyboards—nearly every student can play 'Ode To Joy'. They are now busy figuring out some 'Mystery Tunes'.

For those second and third graders interested in singing, Elementary Chorus will resume on Monday, March 2, 2:35 – 3:30. Please see Mrs. Schram if you plan to attend.



## Harlem Ambassadors

Professional Basketball Team

### Charity Basketball Game

February 20, 2009

FAU Gym

Tickets—\$15

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Game Begins at 7:00 p.m.

**Don't Miss the FUN!**

Benefits the  
FAUS PTO,  
"Gift of Life" and other local charities!



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

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

**MARCH TBA:** Henderson vs. PAL Basketball Game - Changed to attending Harlem Ambassadors game at FAU

**APRIL 18:** Silent Auction - Committee people to secure donations, plan evening, sell tickets, etc.

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

**MAY 9:** Spring Fling - A family event with activities, food, and fun. Many volunteers are needed to set up, supervise, and clean up.

**MAY 11 - 15:** Teacher Appreciation Week - Work with Teacher Appreciation Committee to show teachers how much they are appreciated.

**MAY 20:** Final PTO meeting and Teacher Volunteer Appreciation Gala