



HawkTalk

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School Calendar

March 10-18, 2009
FCAT Testing Grades 3-12

March 18, 2009
PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

March 27, 2009
Quarter Ends

**March 30-
April 3, 2009**
Spring Break

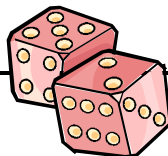


April 8, 2009
School Advisory Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

April 13-17, 2009
K-3 SAT 10 Testing

April 17, 2009
Report Cards

April 18, 2009
Auction



**SAVE
THE
DATE!!!**

**2009
AUCTION &
CASINO
NIGHT**

**Saturday,
April 18th**

**Ocean Breeze
Country Club**

*Please join us on
Wednesday, at the
PTO General meeting
for information!

A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

It is already March, and three quarters of the school year has ended! Nevertheless, we still have exciting activities to look forward to. Spring Fling is coming up in early May. This is a fun spring carnival for all Henderson students. If any one would like to help, call Lee Hill at 561-542-2797. Our kindergarten mothers' breakfast will also be held in early May. All kindergarten mothers are invited.

April 18th is the date of the Annual Henderson Silent Auction. Your attendance and support will benefit our students! It will be held at the Ocean Breeze Country Club, and again many thanks to Dennis Taback for donating the facilities. Enjoy a "Taste of Boca" and casino night is returning! Room parents are working hard on class projects and baskets. Contact Lynette Williams at 561-702-9743 to help. One does not need to be a Henderson parent to attend. Please invite friends and relatives for a most enjoyable evening.

Our next PTO meeting will be held March 18th at 6:00 p.m. We invite all Henderson parents to participate. Babysitting will be provided, and Christine and Sonnia from The Pampered Chef will serve something tasty that they have prepared using a recipe from our own Henderson Cookbook. We hope to see you there!

Volunteer of the Month

February's Volunteer of the Month goes to Sonnia Rothgery for all her hard work with the Holiday Gift Shop and Cookie Dough sales. These events brought in much needed funds to our school this year. Always a smile and pleasant attitude comes from Sonnia. These are events the students truly enjoy! Thank you Sonnia!

A Message from the Principal / Director...

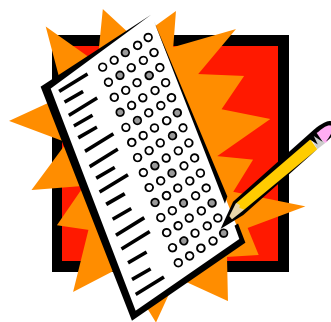
Dear Parents and Guardians,

The majority of the FCAT is behind us. The science portion of the FCAT will be administered to the 5th, 8th, and 11th grade on Monday (3/16) and Tuesday (3/17). Remind your child to get plenty of rest and eat a healthy breakfast. Make-ups will be given on Friday (3/13), Wednesday (3/18), and Thursday (3/19). FCAT results will begin coming towards the end of the school year. The SAT10 is up next for grades K-3. SAT10 will be administered the week of April 13.

The end of the school year continues to be rigorous months regarding the curriculum. By and large the content is nearing the end of grade level, and in some cases, the students are working on material that is moving into the next grade. Children need to be challenged throughout the school year. As we near the end of the year, you will be notified of reading material for the summer so that students can continue to be engaged in the learning process. A balance of physical activity and brain activity makes for a summer of fun and optimal learning.

Please note the various camps that are provided here at Henderson during the summer months as notices will be coming home in Friday Folders, and they will be noted on the school website or in the office.

Sincerely,
Patricia Hodge, Ph.D.



PE / HEALTH HAWK TALK



The PE and Health staff would like to send a big thanks to all those who participated in raising money for Jump Rope for Heart. We set a school goal of \$1,000 and are proud to say we raised a little over \$1,400. We held our event on February 26 and had over 100 students participate. Ms Steele and Ms Sutton's classes each raised over \$200 with Bianca Festa raising the most money for the entire school. Thanks for all your help and support!

The spring sport season is in full swing this month. The boy's and girl's middle school lacrosse teams kick off their season as well as the middle school swimming and high school track teams. Good luck to all the teams and athletes!

The PE staff would also like to congratulate Tynese Thompson 5th grade and Ricky Fretes in 1st grade. Keep up the hard work and continue to be an example to the rest of your class.

March 9 – Girl's Lacrosse @ Henderson 4:00

Boy's Lacrosse @ Christian's Catholic School 4:00

March 10 – High School Track Meet @ Park Vista 4:00

March 11 – Girl's Lacrosse @ Henderson 3:45

March 12 – Boy's Lacrosse @ Pine Crest Boca 4:00

March 16 – Girl's Lacrosse @ Henderson 4:00

March 17 – High School Track Meet @ Park Vista 4:00

March 18 – Girl's Lacrosse @ Pine Crest Boca 4:00

Boy's Lacrosse @ Henderson 4:00

Middle School Swim Meet @ University School 4:00

March 23 – Boy's Lacrosse @ Henderson 4:00

March 25 – Middle School Swim Meet @ Henderson 4:00

March 27 – High School Track Meet @ Westminster @ 4:00

Media Moments

By Peggy Lebar

Primary and Intermediate Grades

This month we learned about the life of Theodor Seuss Geisel...better known as Dr. Seuss. Students learned both pseudonyms that he wrote under. The first being Dr. Seuss (his middle name & mother's maiden name.) He also wrote under Theo LeSieg which is Geisel spelled backwards.

The next person we studied was Alexander Graham Bell. Student's read his biography in small groups---each group had their own biography book. Worksheets were distributed as a follow-up with fun-filled crossword puzzles, codes & search-a-words.

We are also learning about the many women in history to help celebrate Women's History Month.

Middle School

The middle school student's are finishing their books and binding them. They were all shown several ways to bind books and each chose their own way. They also learned the formats of bibliographies



GreenEd Team

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A group of FAU High School students have launched a nonprofit organization that we have called Project GreenEd. The purpose of the project is to provide working computers and laptops to schools in disadvantaged communities in Brazil. We do this by removing surplus electronic equipment from homes in our area that may otherwise end up in landfills. Our team refurbishes this equipment and then ships it to our client schools.

Equipment that we cannot use is sold to specialized recycling companies, and the proceeds are employed to cover the cost of spare parts and shipping. We are confident that while we offer a service that you will find of value, your participation in this project will serve an important dual purpose: Providing needy students with access to technology they could not otherwise obtain, while reducing waste going to our landfills. Donated equipment should be in good working condition. Below is a list of electronics that we remove:

Equipment
Desktops/Laptops min. specs. 256 MB RAM, etc.....)
Televisions
Cell Phones
Digital Cameras

If you would like to donate any of these items, please visit our website (URL....) and fill out the application form, or contact Nicholas Yonezawa, Project Manager, at nyonezawa@gmail.com. We will review the items and coordinate a pick-up time. There is a flat fee of \$5 (Boca Raton area) and \$10 (Remaining Palm Beach County) for pick up in order to cover the cost of gas.

We do hope that you will join us in this great venture.

Yours sincerely,
The GreenED Team



Running Club Update

Running Club is coming to an end on March 27th. We need your help for the ice cream party. Unfortunately, with little funding, we are looking for donations to help with our annual year-end ice cream party.

Please send in ice cream toppings, whipped cream, sprinkles, chocolate syrup, etc. for the year-end party. Our funding sources are limited, so any help is greatly appreciated. Please send any donations to Mrs. Sands—Room 42. We can also use parent volunteers to help scoop and serve that day! Any questions contact Mrs. Sands (rsands@fau.edu) or Ms. Noelk (dvance@fau.edu).

Please remember to pick-up your child on time at 3:45 p.m. in the 2nd circle and make sure to send your child in appropriate footwear.

As always if the weather changes, please be prepared to pick up your child. Check out the homework hero link for information.

Scheduled Running Club Days.

March 13

March 20

March 27—Ice Cream Party—LAST DAY!

SPANISH CONNECTION

Mrs. M. Dubreuze & Mrs. M. Douglas

¡Hola!

Elementary classes continue to learn about the Spanish calendar. Students in Mrs. Dubreuze's class are just about finishing up their calendars. In Mrs. Douglas' classes, those students are getting their projects started.

Middle School classes have completed some projects of their own. The seventh and eighth grade Advance Spanish classes created books in Spanish about themselves. In the Spanish I class, students gave oral presentations enhanced by Power point about their Spanish restaurants.

With Spring Break around the corner and the end of the school year on the horizon students are quite naturally excited. We know that they look forward to the activities and field trips. However, we have seen a slump in some students' grades. Students are reminded that they need to complete and turn in assignments on-time. There should be time set aside for studying at home. We urge students who are having difficulties to see their respective teacher for extra help.

Motivation is a fire from within. If someone else tries to light that fire under you, chances are it will burn very briefly.

-- Stephen R. Covey



The Art Department

The Kindergarten students helped to wish a happy birthday to Dr. Seuss with hats made by the 6th grade students. We hope that they enjoyed them. We just completed Block 2 with grades K through 3rd. in the art room with mobiles, music makers and books about colors. Fifth grade students are learning about showing overlapping objects in their art and the difference between hard and soft edges.

In middle school we have completed some geometric art and then turned to Great Escape Landscapes to show our versatility.

Elaine Sattler

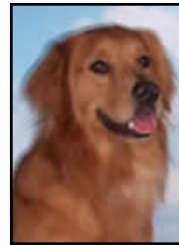
Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville

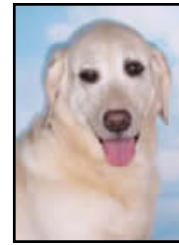
Reading Resource Room

The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests for Grades 3-8 have begun! Testing began Tuesday, March 10th and will continue through Tuesday, March 17th. All grades complete Sunshine State Standards tests in reading and math; 5th and 8th grade students are also assessed on the Sunshine State Standards in science. A special thanks to SAC for sponsoring an after school tutoring program to provide students with additional instruction and test taking strategies. Kindergarten, 1st graders, and 2nd graders will take their annual assessment, SAT10, the week of April 13th. Thanks to our parents for their cooperation in bringing the children to school on time each day.

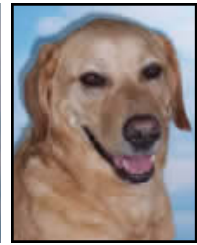
We have a new addition to our reading support program each Wednesday morning—the Therapy Dogs of South Florida listen to our students read a special story. The purpose of the program, Pet P.A.L.S. (Pets Accelerating Literacy Skills), is to provide a motivating and non-threatening experience for students to improve fluency and comprehension skills. The children were thrilled to share their stories with Kelly and Charley! For more information on the therapy dogs, please visit the following website: <http://www.therapydogsofsouthflorida.org>



Harris



Kelly



Charley

A well deserved Spring Break is right around the corner! Vacation is a wonderful time to encourage independent reading at home; it's also a great time to share books and read aloud to your child. If your child is not motivated to read independently, reading experts agree that reading aloud offers the easiest and most effective way to inspire children to become independent lifelong readers. There is no age limit to reading to your children—children of all ages enjoy a wonderful story!

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Volunteers Reach Milestones

By Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator

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Congratulations to the following volunteers that have reached a milestone for their many hours of service to the school:

3,000+ hours Kris Moser
500+ hours Lisa Foxman and Karen Corso
100+ hours Deb Brooks, Vicky Keating,
Pam McLellan, Tami Noland,
Lissa Rothstein & Daphne Smolka.

We hope you all attend the next PTO meeting during which time your hours of service name badge will be presented to you. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to our school. Way to go volunteers!

Did we miss you? Please let me know if you feel you should have received a name badge and have not. Also, if you would like to double check on your hours you can email or call me. Let's try and get everyone to submit their volunteer hours. You can leave volunteer hours by the sign-in at the front office or email them to Linda Donev at lindadonev@yahoo.com.

Class Baskets and Projects

The auction is just around the corner. Room Parents please firm up your thoughts on the class project and baskets. This information needs to be given to Tami Noland, coordinator, at (954)290-5583 or taminoland@automatedlife.com.

As always, your help at the school is most appreciated.



Chorus, Middle and High School

Sally Brown

Our Henderson Mixed Choral Ensemble (7/8/9th graders) have been invited to perform at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:15pm. They will perform on the Grand Staircase and serve as "The Opening Act" for that evening's performance of *Simply Ballroom*. We are extremely excited and honored with this special invitation.

Our students' plans are underway for their second annual special night of song. This year we will transform the cafeteria into an Evening in Roma! We will hold this event in May – be watching for the date.

Music Notes

Mrs. Schram, dschram@fau.edu

Mr. Leguizamon has been working with kindergarten through second grade on reading and writing rhythms. Kindergarteners are writing in 'Morse Code' ('long' and 'short-short'), first graders are writing quarter and eighth notes and second graders have added sixteenth notes.

Fourth graders continue to work on the recorder. They can read songs containing the notes B, A, G, and E. Please remember to bring your recorder on music days.

All fifth graders can play 'Ode To Joy' on the keyboard J. They are now working on a collection of 'Mystery Tunes'.

Elementary Chorus and Upper Elementary Chorus will present their Spring Concert on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Singers need to report to the music room no later than 6:45 for our warm-up.



SPEECH ISSUE: STUTTERING

Terry Clark, SLP, ADHUS

Q: My son is 3 yrs. Old and he just started stuttering. How do I know if he'll outgrow it, or if he needs help?

A: At this age, it's often difficult to know. One suggestion: keep track of his stuttering every day over a month's time—much trouble talking, some trouble, and little or no trouble talking. If "little or no trouble" is happening more often as the month goes by, it's a good sign that perhaps he will outgrow it.

What are the signs that he may need speech therapy? If he has a family member who stutters, if he has stuttered for 6-12 months, if he started stuttering at or after age 3 ½, if his pattern of stuttering is cyclical—much trouble, little trouble, much trouble, etc.; if when interrupted, he keeps talking; if he has a perfectionist temperament; if he is hesitant to talk with others and seems aware of his speech—these are signs (not all have to be "positive") that he probably needs therapy. In addition, boys are more prone to stutter than girls.

Current research has found that if a child is stuttering at age 3 ½ and has not had any speech therapy, he will most likely need to learn techniques to control his disfluencies for the rest of his life.

Teacher Appreciation Committee Update

We would like to thank all of the 3rd and 8th grade families who donated lunch items and helped set up for the PPD lunch in February. This lunch included staff from FAU, so we were able to extend our generosity to a larger audience.

There is no PDD day scheduled for March, so our next lunch is scheduled for April 24. It will be sponsored by the 1st and 4th grades.

We will be participating in Teacher Appreciation week in May and are reviewing themes for that week to show our appreciation to our teachers and staff. Please forward any of your ideas.

And, 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

FAUS, PTO 2008-2009 Calendar and Event Information

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

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