



HawkTalk

A Newsletter from the FAUS,PTO for the parent and children of A. D. H. U. S. / FAU High School

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School Calendar

- April 17, 2009**
Report Cards Sent Home
- April 18, 2009**
Auction / Casino Night
Ocean Breeze Country Club
- April 22, 2009**
PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- April 24, 2009**
Noon Dismissal—PDD
- May 6, 2009**
School Advisory Board
Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- May 8, 2009**
Midterms
- May 15, 2009**
Noon Dismissal—PDD
- May 25, 2009**
No School—Memorial Day
- May 26, 2009**
Kindergarten Awards—8:30 a.m.
First Grade Awards—9:15 a.m.
- May 27, 2009**
Second Grade Awards—8:30 a.m.
Third Grade Awards—9:15 a.m.
- May 28, 2009**
Fourth Grade Awards—8:30 a.m.
Fifth Grade Awards—9:15 a.m.
- June 4, 2009**
Middle School Awards—7:00 p.m.

A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

Spring break is over, and the students are entering the last quarter of school. It's already time to begin thinking about next year. We are accepting nominations for all positions for next year's PTO board. If you are interested, please contact Lynette Williams to submit your name or the name of anyone who would like to make a difference. It is a great way to take the next step in school involvement. Voting will take place at the May 20th PTO meeting.

Looking ahead to the next few months, the auction, spring fling, kindergarten mothers' breakfast, and teacher appreciation week are coming up soon. We welcome your participation in any or all of these events.

The Henderson auction is our biggest fundraiser. All Henderson families and friends are invited. If you did not receive an invitation please contact Lynette Williams. The Casino themed auction will be held at the Ocean Breeze Country Club, courtesy of the Taback family again. Tickets are thirty dollars, and this includes twenty-five dollars in casino chips. Taste of Boca, a group of leading area restaurants, will be sponsoring the event, along with an open wine and beer bar. Bid on class projects, gift cards, and special events hosted by your child's teacher. Many other fine items will be available while you help raise money for our school. We hope to see you April 18th.

Our Kindergarten Mothers' breakfast is May 8th at 8am in the cafeteria. Any (non-kindergarten) parent who would like to help set up or serve may contact Lisa Foxman at 368-1348 or Lynette O'Leath at 929-0003.

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A Message from the Principal / Director...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your excellent efforts in getting students to school on time during the week of FCAT testing. By the time you receive this letter we will have also completed the SAT10 tests and I am equally confident that the tardies will be minimal this week as well. We had about a 2/3 reduction in tardies during the week of FCAT testing.

April and May continue 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 through out 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 have been going home in Friday Folders and they are also noted on the school website.

The students have worked hard throughout the year and we are planning end-of-year awards ceremonies. Please make a note of the following and know that you are invited to attend any or all:

May 13	FAU High School Graduation	3:00	LLL Center
May 26	Kindergarten Awards	8:30	Cafeteria
	1 st Grade Awards	9:15	Cafeteria
May 27	2 nd Grade Awards	8:30	Cafeteria
	3 rd Grade Awards	9:15	Cafeteria
May 28	4 th Grade Awards	8:30	Cafeteria
	5 th Grade Awards	9:15	Cafeteria
June 4 th	8 th Gr. and Middle School Awards	7:00	Univ. Center

I also want to encourage you to participate and support the PTO Auction. A huge thank you and congratulations go out to the PTO and the Auction Committee for a wonderful job of coordinating and working the Auction. It is a tremendous undertaking. Have a great month and I look forward to seeing you at the spring events.

Regards,
Dr. Patricia Hodge

2009
AUCTION &
CASINO
NIGHT
Saturday,
April 18th
Ocean
Breeze
Country Club
TOMORROW
NIGHT!



PE / HEALTH HAWK TALK

As the year starts to wind down, the Athletics department is still in full swing. April is a busy month as we finish up seasons with lacrosse and swimming. The track team finished off their season at the conference qualifier at the end of March. They had a great meet and every athlete improved their personal times over the course of the season. The boy's and girl's middle school swim team is off to a fantastic start for their season. They will compete in two meets in April.



The PE and health staff would like to congratulate Jayde Jean-Charles in 3rd grade and Asia Strowbridge in 5th grade for being selected as the PE star student's of the month for March. Keep up the hard work and continue to be an example to your classmates.

Keep an eye open in Friday Folders for information on ADHUS Sports summer camp. The camp will be run by Coach Gardiner and Coach Childs this year. If you have any questions about the camp, feel free to e-mail either coach. Also, the swimming school of excellence is in full swing again this year. For further information or to reserve a spot please contact Coach Natalie at nrios@fau.edu. The sports banquet will be held at the end of May. Please look out for more information coming soon.

Sports Schedule

April 8 – Girl's Middle School Lacrosse @ Henderson
April 9 – Boy's Middle School Lacrosse @ Spanish River Christian
April 14 – Boy's Middle School Lacrosse @ Unity School
April 15 – Middle School Swim Meet @ American Heritage Delray
Girl's Middle School Lacrosse @ Gulfstream
April 16 – Boy's Middle School Lacrosse @ Henderson

Media Moments

By Ms. Lebair

In the Media Center we are reading springtime stories with follow-up activities on weather (rain & sunshine), flowers, trees, storms, and rainbows. The students love the crossword puzzles & the unscramble word worksheets too!

The upper grades are reading our weekly issues of Time For Kids.....we have just finished with our space, amphibians and earth day reading and activities.

Some classes have learned about the biographies of : Louis Braille, Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller.....the children wrote their names in Braille and then spelled their names to me in Sign Language. What fun that was!

The middle school students are doing a weekly unit entitled Character Counts. This unit is sponsored by Sun Sentinel using the newspaper to promote good character. I have ordered our newspapers via Internet, so we will go online to read our articles and do our activities.

Until next month, keep on reading!



AD Henderson

Girl Scout Troop #20897

We would like to thank everyone who bought Girl Scout cookies from our girls. We had set a goal of 1,000 boxes and we actually sold 1,908 boxes. We would also like to thank everyone who donated food for the food drive. Our goal was 100 pounds and we collected 157 pounds of food. We couldn't have achieved it without you.

The scouts are currently planning a camping trip to the Keys in the middle of April. They will also be attending a wildlife session in May where they will learn about birds and their habitats. They have meetings once or twice a month on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm to 4:30pm.

Right now the Brownie Troop (2nd and 3rd Grade) has 15 girls enrolled. In the fall we hope to have a Daisy Troop (Kindergarten and 1st Grade) and a Juniors Troop (4th and 5th Grade). In order to have these troops we need LEADERS and of course, more scouts!!! Two of the current Brownies are expected to move up to Juniors next year. Leaders can be Moms, Dads, Aunts, Uncles and friends of AD Henderson.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being a Scout Leader, please contact us immediately so we can get the process rolling. Email us at Troop20897@gmail.com subject: "I'd like to be a Leader".

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

Teacher Appreciation Committee Update

The next PPD lunch that our committee will sponsor is scheduled for April 24. It will be sponsored by the 1st and 4th grades. We will send home letters to the 1st and 4th grade families to request donations next week.

We will be participating in Teacher Appreciation week the second week of May. Our theme will be centered on classroom supplies. We hope that you will join us in showing our appreciation to our teachers and staff.

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

SPANISH CONNECTION

Mrs. M. Dubreuze & Mrs. M. Douglas

¡Hola!

Elementary Spanish classes continue to wrap up project assignments on the calendar. From Kindergarten through 5th grade students have been working on different projects: theme calendars, weather spinners, and calendar placemats. Look for some of these projects to come home between now and the end of the year.

High school students experienced a day at the Spanish Lab at the FAU campus recently. This allowed students to engage in interactive listening and speaking activities on the computer. The 8th grade Spanish I class is working on a final project creating a video news feature about health and nutrition.

Middle school (and soon to be middle school) students, it's almost time to consider course selection for next year. Public schools in the surrounding school districts offer foreign languages starting in middle school. In order to have that competitive edge to get into Choice/Magnet programs or just to keep up with your counterparts in high school we *strongly* recommend that students take Spanish now in middle school.

"It's better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared." Whitney. M Young



The Art Department

Spring is here and with it comes our desire as young artists to celebrate the event, by painting bright large flowers and suns in our art classes. When visiting the school please stop by to see the beautiful pastel flowers in our showcase. The art of all our classes from Kindergarten to 8th grade is on display on our large bulletin board right outside of the art room.

If anyone has any extra material, buttons, or any other odds and ends, we can always use them. We are especially on the look out for cardboard egg crates. If you have any of these items we would appreciate your generosity.

Elaine Sattler
Art Department

Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville

Reading Resource Room

Hope everyone enjoyed a pleasurable and relaxing Spring Break! Kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders completed their annual assessment, SAT10, the week of April 13th. Now that all testing is completed, everyone can breathe a sigh of relief and concentrate on working extra hard throughout the final quarter.

Look for your child's Grade Level Summer Reading Lists in the Friday folder at the end of the month. The lists are being sent home early to give parents and students time to gather books for the inaugural BOOK SWAP. Lists for ALL grade levels will be available on the Henderson website so that parents can also begin collecting books for all grade levels for the Book Swap. The PTO initiative is a wonderful way to save money and give "gently used" books a new home! Please see me or e-mail me at linville@fau.edu if you have any questions.

April is a special month to celebrate reading! National Library Week and International Children's Book Day are both observed this month. It's a great time to set aside time for some special reading activities with your child. Check your local library's schedule for special programs featuring authors or storytellers. Events like these can strengthen your child's interest and love for reading. Don't forget that libraries have more than books; most also have CDs, videotapes, audio-books and software.



Book Swap!

Save the date and your gently used children's books for the PTO's Book Swap! Thursday, May 28th, from 2:30 – 6p.m. bring your books to the cafeteria and trade them for some new gently used books. Just in time for summer reading! Books will be arranged by K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, and middle school. Students will receive a ticket for each book they bring and they can redeem that ticket for a new book. Save money and reuse, reduce and recycle – all at the same time.

Hope to see you there!



Volunteer Coordinator's Report

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

Room parents and many of the classroom moms are busy putting together their basket and class projects for the Auction. Please support their efforts when requested to do so. The Auction is fast approaching and everyone is working hard to complete their baskets and projects. The class projects are always among the most popular items for sale. Thank you to all for your help with this very important task.



We could use more help at the Friday Folders. We meet in the cafeteria at 8:00 a.m. on Fridays and are usually completed before the end of the first period. More hands does help the job go quickly and we are now doing grades K - 9th. Please remember that if we do not have school on a Friday we meet on Thursday at the same time. If you are looking to start to volunteer at the school this is a great entry into volunteering.

As always, if you find yourself with some free time but are not sure what needs to be done, please give me a call or an email. Together we will find a way to make the best use of your time and talents.

Chorus, Middle and High School

Sally Brown

Chorus is very busy preparing for the District Performance Assessments which will be on April 18 at BAK Middle School of the Arts. In addition, we are preparing for our annual special event, this year's theme is: A Night on Broadway. Please be watching for our posters and announcements and join us for a fun evening of song and refreshments.

We would all like to wish our student teacher, Mr. Mauricio Leiguzamon, good luck and many thanks for all he has done to enhance our classroom learning. Mr. Leiguzamon will be missed by all.



Music Notes

Mrs. Schram, dschram@fau.edu

I want to congratulate the Elementary Chorus and the Upper Elementary Chorus on a very fine end of the year performance. You sang beautifully.

Upper Elementary Chorus needs to return the chorus shirt in a baggie with your name on the outside. Please do so by April 27.

It's Talent Show time for grades 3-5. Our talent show will be May 19 at 7:00 in the cafeteria. Auditions will be April 21 with pick up at 3:45. (Please be prompt as I have a university class to teach at 4:00.)

Henderson Enrichment Program

JOIN US THIS YEAR...

INSIDE Outside UPSIDE Down!

Celebrating our 22nd year of camping fun!

Henderson School offers both morning and/or afternoon programs

Attention Parents: Receive a \$30.00 discount when you register for both programs.

***Enrollment Deadline is May 8, 2009.**

Space is limited and the camp fills up early!

Morning Enrichment Program

Kindergarten – Fourth Grade

Academic concepts are presented by certified educators in a unique format that utilizes hands-on activities and technology. Students will have fun reinforcing skills in language arts, social studies / science, and math. Activities will include physical education / swimming experiences and a weekly field trip. This program is open to all children who will **enter** kindergarten through the fourth grade in the 2009-2010 school year. **\$340.00** Morning Kindergarten is **FULL!**

Instructors: Henderson Faculty
(Mon-Fri), June 15th – July 10th*

Four Weeks Only!
8:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon Arts & Recreation Program

Kindergarten – Fourth Grade

Children will have an opportunity to be creative and physically active while developing new friendships in a safe, structured program with certified teachers. Free swim, physical education, computer games, **drama / theater (NEW this year!)**, and creative arts & crafts ensure fun-filled afternoons. This program is open to all children who will **enter** kindergarten through the fourth grade in the 2009-2010 school year. **\$340.00** !

Instructors: Henderson Faculty
(Mon-Fri), June 15th – July 10th 12:30 — 5:30 p.m.**

Four Weeks Only!

Registration form in the front office or available on-line

www.adhus.fau.edu—summer programs!

* No Camp July 3rd in observance of Fourth of July

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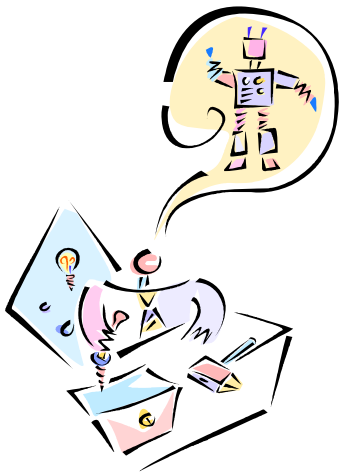
Camp Invention **is coming back to Henderson for two sessions!**

Register now for the week of July 13th
Children will participate in new inventive modules each day,
which include: **Problem Solving on Planet Zak, Spills and
Chills, and Imagination Point**

AND/OR

Register now for the week of July 20th, which includes:
**Viking Treasure Trek, Comic Book Science, and Land
Sled X-treme.**

Both weeks include our popular - **I Can Invent module**



The Camp Invention program integrates science, mathematics, history, and the arts in an exciting environment conducive to learning disguised as fun!

**Register before March 31st to receive
\$20.00 off.**

**Call 1-800-968-4332 Or
www.campinvention.org**

Also, May 9th is the Spring Fling. This is a fun, carnival type event open to all Henderson students. Students can attend for \$3.00, PTO members are free and non-PTO members are \$5.00. Please call Lee Hill at 394-5323 if you want to volunteer. We need many volunteers to make this a success!

Carolyn Bethmann and Suzanne Wilbor have an exciting teacher appreciation week planned for the week of May 11 - 15. They will send a letter home in your child's Friday folder specifying particular themes for each day of the week. This is a great way to thank our teachers for all their hard work and for all the knowledge and patience they have shared with our children. 2nd grade will be sponsoring the luncheon that week, and we would like to encourage anyone wanting to send in a special dessert to add to the 2nd grade lunch items on May 15th to contact Carolyn or Suzanne.

Another "PTO Green Machine" initiative this year is our inaugural "Book Swap". Thanks to Christy Kian and Mary Linville for putting this together. Faculty is busy preparing our summer reading list to send home early so you can gather your gently used books, receive a ticket and attend the swap for your summer reading selections. Please start gathering books that can be used again. We will announce the date at the end of May soon!

Sharon Barcenas was chosen to be our Volunteer of the month for March. Sharon has been a room parent every single year since her daughters came to Henderson. She has also served as a Friday folder stuffer every week, and has always, always helped on numerous committees and fundraisers. Thank you, Sharon!

**Show your School Spirit And
Support the March for Babies
March of Dimes
Spirit Week is April 20 - 24**

Bring a \$1.00 each day & join in the fun

Mismatch Monday – Wear your craziest color combinations

Time Warp Tuesday – Wear clothes from back in time –
the 60's, 70' or 80's

Wacky Wednesday – Wear a silly hat or socks along
with casual dress

TV Thursday – Wear your favorite character t-shirt (like
Dr. Seuss or Hannah Montana) or a
team's t-shirt or jersey

Freaky Friday – Dress like twins or triplets or even octuplets

Super Saturday – Join NJHS and FAU at FAU as we
March for Babies.

Purchase a ADHUS March for Dimes t-shirt designed by Kelley Cunningham, an eighth grade Henderson student. T-shirts are \$10 each and all proceeds will go to the March for Dimes. Bring cash or checks made payable to the March for Dimes. Only a limited number of t-shirts will be available. T-shirts will be sold each morning with the wristbands.

Wear your t-shirt to the March for Babies Walk here at FAU. Park here at Henderson and join the NJHS team at 8:00 a.m. We will walk over to the grounds to get our picture taken.

**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY
THEIR PARENTS. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT!** There is fun for all after the walk – food, bounce house, entertainment, etc. For more information, please contact Ms. Noelk at dvance@fau.edu.

**Support NJHS even more by logging onto
<http://www.marchforbabies.org/teams/708062>
to donate to our school's team.**

Please remember:

1. School dress code policy applies each day
2. No Casual Dress coupons can be used this week.
3. Remember to bring a dollar each day in order to wear casual dress.

The Penny Harvest Helps Henderson!

The Penny Harvest Helping Hawks recently attended the Forgotten Soldiers packing event. We had big card board boxes that we filled with food, magazines and other items for the soldiers. We also put in encouraging letters for the Forgotten Soldiers, some that came from our own classmates here at A.D. Henderson. The Penny Harvest Helping Hawks donated \$240.00 to the Forgotten Soldiers to help with the cost of shipping the care packages to our soldiers.

The Penny Harvest student leaders raised \$1,150.00. We were able to fund 9 mini-grants. The mini-grants were awarded to the 3rd grade, 5th Grade, Barking Buddies, Jr. Science Club, and Miss Steele's Class, Mrs. Sestrich, Mrs. Weldgen, Palm Point Tec. Club, and the Penny Harvest Helping Hawks. Thank you to all who participated!



Congratulations to Darryn Long and all of the Penny Harvest student leaders for winning the ***2009 We are a Solution: Youth Changing the World Through Service-Learning Multimedia Showcase***. We will be awarded

\$500.00 that we will use to continue our Penny Harvest and other service learning projects next year.

The Penny Harvest Helping Hawks

Running Club

Thank you to all of the children and parents that dedicated their Friday afternoons to Running Club. We are very grateful to our volunteers for their help and support during the year, especially Brian Skiff, our kickball coordinator.

The children had a wonderful year and we truly appreciate the commitment and dedication to the program. The club will resume in the fall, so please join us in thanking all of the sponsors that shared their Friday afternoon each week on the fields—Ms.

Bové, Ms. Fishbach, Ms. Moylan, Ms. Noelk, Mrs. Sands, Mr. Schum, Ms. Tuzzolino, and Ms. Yazurlo.

