

HawkTalk

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

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Calendar

May 17, 2008

Spring Fling—Henderson
Hard Court & Field

May 21, 2008

Volunteer Appreciation
Night—Cafeteria

May 22, 2008

Talent Show—Cafeteria

May 26, 2008

No school—Memorial Day

May 28, 2008

K-5 Class Picture Day

June 6, 2008

Last Day of School—Noon
Dismissal

August 19, 2008

First Day of School

Spring

Fling

Saturday

Henderson

Hard Court & Fields

11:00Am—3:00 PM

Bounce House, Rock Wall, Field
Games, and so much more!
Fund for the whole family!

A Message from the FAUS, PTO Board...

We hope to see you at the Spring Fling, scheduled this Saturday! This is a fun family event with many great activities and food for the kids. Please look out for more information in the Friday folder.

Our Teacher Appreciation Week was a great success. Many thanks to Kim Brown, Elisabeth Ingalls and those who assisted with the Teacher Appreciation Week activities. Thanks to John Miller for the fantastic lunch! Ms. Lambe of Tricia's Skin Care who treated the faculty to manicures. And, thanks to the students who brought flowers, recipes and thank you notes. Everything was very much appreciated!

We also thank the kindergarten moms who made our annual breakfast a special occasion. We had a great turn-out and appreciate those who were able to attend. WEEK

Our final PTO meeting for this school year will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 right before we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation. We will be taking nominations and holding elections for the 2008-2009 PTO Board. This is a great way to get involved in the school. We are always looking for new ideas and fresh faces. Babysitting is available at no cost for the duration of the meeting. Please email us at fauspto@fau.edu to reserve your spot.

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I begin this edition of Hawk Talk by extending Congratulations to our 6 seniors graduating from FAU High School. Three of the six began with us as freshmen, but all are recipients of various scholarships and credits on their Florida Atlantic University transcript. They are remarkable young people with diverse talents and dreams. I know you join me in wishing them good luck in their continued journey.

I also extend Congratulations to our students and teachers on their recent scores for the Florida Writes. Our 4th, 8th and 10th grade students had some of the highest scores in the state. As a district, we took top honors in all three grade levels! Congratulations also need to be extended to parents for their support and to all teachers who have had these children as it is a combined effort over multiple years and learning experiences and quality teaching.

Finally, I want to thank PTO and all of our parents for making Teacher Appreciation Week and the Kindergarten Mothers' Day celebration such wonderful successes. The notes from students, recipes, flowers, candles and fabulous lunch on Friday were statements of your thanks to all of the faculty and staff. Participation at the Mothers' Day breakfast was great and Janet Hopin always makes sure it is an event that is well planned and enjoyed by all who attend. Our kindergarteners and their teachers performed loving songs and presented moms with roses at the end. Thank you to all for making so many people feel so special.

Sincerely,
Marla Brady, Ed.D.

Elementary Music Notes

Mrs. Schram

We've been busy performing! The elementary choruses finished the a very good year concert April 22. The kindergarten classes performed 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' with original songs on May 1 and the fourth grade showed off their singing and recorder skills May 8. The Upper Elementary Talent Show (grades 3-5) will be held May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Grades 1-3 are working hard on their compositions—composing a story with illustrations and music to go along with it. We plan on recording this music in the next few weeks.

Please remember to turn in all chorus shirts.



Reading Update!

Mrs. Linville

Reading Resource Room



It's hard to believe that it's that time of year again! SUMMER reading lists for grades K-5 will be placed in Friday folders and posted on the school website. Reading Lexile levels have been included for recommended books on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade lists; these levels will better help you and your child select appropriate books for independent reading. All students in grades 2-5 take the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI), a quarterly progress monitoring assessment; the inventory provides each student with his/her lexile score. The program also provides students with a list of recommended books based on interest and lexile level. The *Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program* books have just been selected and the list is available at <http://www.myssyra.org> The winning book for grades 3-5 was *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Katie DiCamillo.

A very **special** thank you to our PTO for the **generous** purchase order at the annual Scholastic Book Fair! All teachers received funds to purchase reading selections for their classrooms. Funds were also provided for reading materials for our Reading Resource Room! These resources will be available for teachers to use in their classrooms for whole group and small group activities. The resource room continues to **expa**nd thanks to PTO's generous contributions and continuing support—your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Prior to the end of the school year, the most famous question from parents always seems to be "What can I do to help my child over the summer?" The lazy days of summer and reading for pleasure go hand in hand; enjoy this special time of year by sharing a special book with your child. If you have summer plans, consider books that will help your child learn more about an anticipated trip or event. 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!

SAC News

Dr. Marla Brady, Principal

Elections for new Parent / Guardian SAC members take place at the first SAC meeting in September. At least five positions will be elected. If you are interested in more information about this volunteer opportunity you can go to the SAC web page at the school web site or contact the SAC Chairman, Marc Hopin (561-498-3745 or mdhopin@bellsouth.net.) The next SAC meeting will be in August at a date to be determined. SAC meetings are open to the public and members of the public are encouraged to attend. Notice of meetings are posted on the SAC web page at the school web site and on the SAC bulletin board outside the Aftercare office.

Great Idea!

If you have a great idea for the school submit it to SAC in the Suggestion Box at the Main School Entrance.

Opportunity Knocks!

We are accepting nominations for next year's PTO Board. We will accept nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you are interested, fill out below and send in to the school's front office, or to your child's teacher. Serving on the board is a great way to get involved and make new friends. As a board member you will help to make key decisions on budget items, event dates, and PTO expenditures. Now is the time to get involved and make a difference in your child's school!

Name _____ Phone _____

Position interested in _____

4320—Volunteer Update

by Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator
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Twenty four hours times one hundred and eighty days equals 4,320 hours. That is the maximum number of volunteer hours you would have if you volunteered all day and night for every day of school this year. (Sleep? Over the weekend, of course.)

While no one put in those kind of hours I am pleased to report that collectively the Volunteer Corp of our school was always available when we needed them. You did a terrific job this year and you helped the school do things that it would otherwise not have been able to do. Volunteers were busy chairing and assisting with the major PTO events, scooping ice cream for our honor roll students and FCAT participants, stuffing the Friday folders, cooking food during Family Fun Nights, being room parents, blending milk shakes, shelving books in the media center, chaperoning field trips, helping in the classrooms, filling in for the nurse and working in the front office.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered this year. If you have not done so already please submit your hours to Linda Donev either by email, lindadonev@yahoo.com or by filling out a volunteer time form in the front office.

With 4,320 available volunteer hours I hope you will consider spending a few of those hours supporting your school. I promise you it will be among the most satisfying time you will spend all year.

Teacher Appreciation Committee & ADHUS Students

Thank You—We had a wonderful
week!

Warm Regards,
The ADHUS / FAUS Faculty

WEEK

A NOTE FROM OFFICER DARRELL



We are nearing the end of school and I wish I have enjoyed teaching your child/children and life skills. I hope they retain and apply and skills that they learned during the school year. I look forward to seeing everyone next year. Be safe and make the right choices.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Sincerely

Remember to collect
your Box Tops!



FAUS, PTO 2007-2008 Calendar and Event Information

(dates are tentative and subject to change)

MAY 17: Spring Fling - A family event with activities, food, and fun. Many volunteers are needed to set up, supervise, and clean up.

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