



HawkTalk

A Newsletter from FAUS, PTO for the parents and children of A. D. H. U. S. & FAU High

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6:30 p.m. Cafeteria

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Noon Dismissal

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Midterms to be sent home!

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No School – Fall Holiday

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School Picture Day

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Golf Tournament

Oct. 19, 2006

Middle School Fright Night

Oct. 19, 2006

End of 1st Quarter

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No School – Teacher Work Day

Oct. 23 - 27, 2006

Great Pumpkin

Oct. 26, 2006

Noon Dismissal

Oct. 27, 2006

Halloween Howl

Oct. 27, 2006

Report Cards sent home

A Message from FAUS, PTO Board...

Can you believe that a month has passed already? Where does the time go. Thankfully, we all survived Tropical Storm Ernesto. His bark was bigger than his bite.

Now that the kids are back in school and hopefully back into their school routine, it's time to get back to business. The Open Houses were a huge success. Having separate evenings for the Elementary and Middle/High School was a great idea. Thanks to everyone who came out to support our students and meet the teachers and administration. The faculty and staff did a wonderful job. We really appreciate you.

Last week, we fulfilled all the spirit shirts orders and they were sent home with your children on Friday. Unfortunately, we were not able to fill all the orders for the small (6-8) and large (10-12) shirts. We have ordered additional shirts and hope to have them soon. If you ordered a shirt and did not receive it, please contact us at the PTO office. Remember, Spirit Day is every Friday and it's not too late to order your spirit shirts and show your support. Thanks for all your orders. Our 1st Family Fun Night of 2006 was held on September 8th for the Kindergarten students and they had a blast. The weather held and everyone had fun. There was a huge turnout. Look for additional information and details in the Friday folders for upcoming Family Fun Nights.

Our Gift Wrap fundraiser ended this week, we appreciate everyone who participated in this event. Elizabeth Ingalls, Krista Wagner, and all the volunteers that helped out did a fabulous job. The kids really enjoyed the Wild Wednesdays. Thank you so much. The Directory is under construction and we will communicate the delivery date as soon as possible. A huge thanks goes to Helene Arancon, Heather Coltman and everyone else who has volunteer to take on this huge project.

October is going to be a very busy month; we have three big events and will need your help. The Golf Tournament will be held on October 14th, your entire family can join this fun event. If you have

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A Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The first few weeks of school have been quite eventful. We have already had a trial run on hurricane preparedness. Hopefully, we all have worked out the kinks in our hurricane safety plan so that we will be better prepared for the next one. The traffic situation will probably continue into the second quarter, so remember to give yourselves time to navigate the morning crunch. The earlier you arrive the easier it is to maneuver through the FAU traffic. The sports program is well under way and there are currently several sports teams actively competing. Please remember to check the website for updates to the sports schedule. If there is a sporting event scheduled, but poor weather conditions are present, there is a good chance that those events will be canceled. Please contact Mike Thomas at (561)236-0057 for questions or concerns. Finally, we will have the scheduled early release day on September 21, 2006. At this time we are seeking a waiver for the missed school days due to the hurricane. School will end at 12:30 p.m. for all students. There will be aftercare. Please call the office for additional information. We are off to a great start this year. Let's keep the momentum going!

Patricia Hodge, Acting Principal



FAUS, PTO 2006-2007 Calendar and Event Information

(dates are tentative and
subject to change)

AUGUST 18: Gift Wrap fund-raiser begins
- Volunteers needed to check and distribute orders.

OCTOBER 14: Golf Tournament - Our fifth annual tournament. Volunteers needed to sell tickets, secure donations, prizes, and sponsorships.

OCTOBER 19: Middle School Fright Night - A fun evening for middle school students with D.J. and dancing. Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, secure D.J., arrange food, and chaperone.

OCTOBER 23-27: Great Pumpkin - Help the Great Pumpkin fill goody bags and hide them for the students.

OCTOBER 27: Halloween Howl - A family event with games, food, and fun. Volunteers needed to work booths, set up, clean up, etc.

NOVEMBER 13-17: Book Fair - Annual fair to benefit the Media Center. Help with book sales and monitoring.

NOVEMBER 21: 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 4-8: Week of Giving - Help collect gifts and toys to be donated to needy families.

FEBRUARY 9: Middle School Valentine's Day Social - A fun event for middle school students with D.J. and dancing. Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, secure D.J., arrange food, and chaperone.

FEBRUARY 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, plan evening, sell tickets, etc.

MAY 5: Spring Fling - A family event with activities, food, and fun. Many volunteers are needed to set up, supervise, and clean up.

MAY 7-11: Teacher Appreciation Week - Work with Teacher Appreciation Committee to show teachers how much they are appreciated.

MAY 10: Mother's Day Breakfast for Kindergarten Moms - Help is needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Volunteers are needed to set up, supervise, and clean up.

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any question, please contact Jerry Alfano. The Middle School Fright Night is scheduled for October 19th and we are still looking for a chair. If you are interested, please contact Janet Hopin. Next is the Halloween Howl, October 27th. Preparations are underway, but it is never too late to help out. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Miss Steele or Kris Moser. In addition to these events, the Great Pumpkin will visit the children from October 23rd - October 27th. The PTO will be funding the entire event this year thanks to the great success of our fundraising events.

Our next PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20th and will include an FCAT presentation. Hope to see you there!!! Babysitting is available at no cost to you for the duration of the meeting. Please call the PTO Office at (561) 297-0491 or email us at fauspto@fau.edu to reserve your spot.

Your 2006 - 2007 PTO Board

Scott Busey, Lynette Williams, Hank Ayotte, Heather Coltman, Janice Cunningham



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School Advisory Council

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The latest SAC meeting will have taken place on 9/13/06, which is after the Hawk Talk deadline. On the agenda for this meeting was the election of five parent / guardians, approval of the 2006-2007 school improvement plan, approval of the PTO budget, a review of the school budget and approval of the distribution of the School Recognition (A+) Funds.

A report on the above will be made in the next Hawk Talk. Information about the SAC can always be found on the SAC web page on the school's web site. SAC meetings are open to the public and members of the public are encouraged to attend. The next SAC meeting will be October 11th in the Media Center at 6 PM.

Middle School Reading Adventures

By Debra Vance Noelk, reading coach

The September Reading Tip of the Month is to Read With Your Kids no matter their age! Statistics show a child who reads only 7 minutes a day will have read about 21,000 words in a year. While a child who reads just 15 minutes a day will have read about 1,146,000 words a year. That's a big difference. Students who read more consistently score higher on all tests - not just the FCATs but the SATs and other achievement tests. Keep in mind that they do not have to read just books. Children should be encouraged to read newspapers, magazines, cereal boxes, almanacs, comic books, and poetry. Those 'easy' picture books are often written at a fourth grade reading level and above. They are perfect for a 15 minute read!! Make reading a family event - share the funniest, most unusual thing you've read each week.

SRI scores will be available by September 15th. If your child does not know his/her score, feel free to contact Ms. Noelk at dnoelk@fau.edu for the scores and information. All middle school students will take the SRI four times this school year to track and monitor reading comprehension abilities and growth.

A lunchtime reading club is being planned. Information about this club will be available mid September.



Great Idea!

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

The Volunteer Spirit

By Janet Hopin, Volunteer Coordinator
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The spirit of volunteering is alive and well at the Henderson School! Thanks to many of you, our volunteer program has really come together. Each and every day volunteer parents /guardians are helping make our school a better place for our children.

Key members of the Volunteer Corps are the room parents. They are the link between the teachers and the other parents in the class. The room parents are fulfilling new requests by teachers for extra help as those needs arise. Thank you to all of our room parents for the spirited way in which they perform their tasks.

And speaking of spirits, the Halloween Howl will be upon us before you know it. The room parents will be meeting Tuesday, September 19 at 2:30 pm in Miss Steele s classroom, room 46.

This is a very important meeting. We will discuss and pick booths. Please make sure your class is represented by at least one room parent. The Howl covers grades K-5 and will take place Friday, October 27th.

On Howl night we will need parents to man the booths. Please get in touch with the room parent for your child s class and ask what you can do to help make this year s Halloween Howl the best ever. Remember, all the funds earned that night by the booths go directly back to the classrooms.

Are you ready to catch the volunteer spirit? Do you have some time to spare? Help is needed in the Computer Lab, Media Center and the Art Department. Please give me a call at 561-498-3745 to discuss these volunteer opportunities and others that are currently available.

Volunteer Milestone Achieved

Congratulations to Alison Viva on recently surpassing the 100 volunteer hour mark! In recognition of this accomplishment, Alison received at the last PTO meeting a 100 hours of service pin. Thank you Alison for making a difference. so we can explore how your volunteering can help make this year even greater.

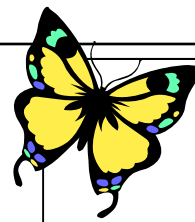
Halloween Howl!

For a Howling Good Time At
Henderson School!

October 27th
From 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
K-5 ONLY



Every year there are over 20 different games & booths, a D J., a food court, and if someone is daring a haunted house! This Is a FAUS Family Fun Event (all children must be supervised and attend with an adult)—100% of the proceeds go back to the class, clubs and organizations that are participating! Don't miss the fun! Order forms will go home in October!



Buy a Brick!

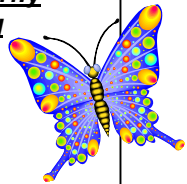
**We are working on this
year's brick installation!**

Don't miss the boat!

Forms available in the
FAUS, PTO office, or contact
Karen Corso, Chair
561-271-3935

**ADHUS HASA Butterfly
Garden Brick Fundraising
Committee**

ButterflyGarden-
Bricks@kleinbit.us
Phone (954) 571-2327
Fax (209) 439-3475



Facts about FCAT

FAUS PTO and Faculty will sponsor an FCAT information presentation directly following this month's September 20th PTO meeting scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.. This informational meeting is designed to acquaint you with scoring rubrics, grade level requirements and performance tasks. The first informational meeting will be a general overview and provide you with easy ways to support your child's learning and gain a better understanding of the requirements facing your child. A time commitment now will provide a productive year of learning.



A NOTE FROM OFFICER DARRELL

Question: Do I have to stop for the stopped school bus when I am traveling in the opposite direction?

The driver of a vehicle upon a divided highway with an unpaved space of at least 5 feet, a raised median, or a physical barrier is not required to stop when traveling in the opposite direction of a school bus which is stopped.

Question: Can I park in a handicap spot and use someone else's handicap placard?

NO. A police officer or traffic and parking officer can ask you at any time to see if the placard and your driver's license matches. If it does not, you will be given a citation, the placard taken away and a report sent to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Art News

I hope that your summer was lots of fun and that it included a trip to an art museum or some other art activity. The students have been busy creating some beautiful art. The middle school has worked with pastels and created some relief reptiles. They are now working on tessellations and art history. Elementary students have worked on sequencing and we are learning about applying watercolors. We have also created some beautiful art with tissue paper. Watch our bulletin board for all the latest art work!

All your extra materials, buttons, etc. are always appreciated.

Thank you,
Elaine Sattler, Art Department



FAU High School Guidance

I'd like to welcome all returning and new FAU HS students as we look forward to a great year!

Testing Information:

The PSAT will be given here at Henderson School on Saturday October 21. More details will be sent home in Friday folders and via email. While it is required of 10th graders to take the PSAT, it is highly recommended that all students in grades 9-11 take it as well.

10th graders must take the PSAT and have passed the CPT.

11th graders must take the ACT/SAT.

12th graders must take the ACT/SAT.

All high school students are encouraged to take the ACT and/or SAT once or twice each year. The FAU high school will pay for one admission of the ACT/SAT per year and for up to two advanced placement (AP) exams per year for every student in grades 10, 11, and 12 (FAUS Pupil Progression Plan 2006-07, pg 45).

For SAT National Test Dates and PSAT information visit www.collegeboard.com
For ACT National Test Dates and information visit www.actstudent.org

Please contact Debra Reichenbach (reichenb@fau.edu/ 561.297.0768) to register for the SAT or ACT, or if you have any other questions or concerns.



HELP WANTED

I am a parent of a new FAU HS freshman. At a few of the meetings/mixers we've had, several parents have expressed an interest in making carpool arrangements for ride sharing. As a way to get that started, if you are interested in a carpool, would you please send me:

Your name

Your child's name

Your general location (i.e., southwest Boca Raton, or Lake Worth near the turnpike)

Your contact information (phone and/or email - email is preferred)

Any schedule deviations from 8am-2:45pm at the Henderson campus

I will then "introduce" geographically compatible potential carpools to each other and you can take it from there. Hopefully, this will give us all an opportunity to save time and gas this school year.

Elise LaTorre

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Saturday, October 14, 2006

Ocean Breeze Country Club

FUN! FOOD! PRIZES!

We are still accepting applications for golfers. We are also still looking for sponsors and raffle prizes.

If you can help, or for more information, please call Jerry Alfano at 561-843-5102 or FAUS, PTO office at 561-297-0491

