

GATOR AID

October 30, 2009



Saturday evening don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

Monday 2nd (A – Day) – 2nd Quarter Begins

Tuesday 3rd (B-Day)

Wednesday 4th (C-Day) – Early Dismissal 1:00 PM SGA School Spirit Day “Football Day”

Thursday 5th – Conference Day Schools Closed for Students

Friday 6th - Schools Closed for Students

Dear Parents,

Next week we are looking forward to seeing you at the Parent-Teacher Conferences that are scheduled for Thursday, November 4th. Our teachers will put every effort into staying on schedule. You can help by being on time for your appointment so that you and the teacher will have the time necessary to share as much information as possible about your child's performance.

Be advised that there is some construction going on in front of the primary building that will provide some, much needed, additional parking spaces. The work may not be completed before Conference Day.

American Education Week is being celebrated this year during the week of November 16th. Monday, November 16th, is a day for visiting any grade level with a special invitation going out to grandparents. On Tuesday, November 17th, Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades will welcome guests to their rooms. Grades 1, 3 and 5 are expecting most of their guests on Wednesday, November 18th. I hope you will be able to join us some time during that week.

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. Again this year, there will be an **EARLY DISMISSAL** on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, which is November 25th. Students will be dismissed two hours early that day in the following sequence:

High School - 12:00 PM

Middle School - 12:45 PM

Elementary School - 1:30 PM

Have a wonderful weekend.

Angela Morton

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all the parent volunteers who assisted in the primary and intermediate vision and hearing screening. And a special thanks to the PTA for their great organization of all the volunteers. It couldn't have been done without your help!

PTA GATOR BITE

YBES School Directory, Yearbook, Gator Gear, Spring Bazaar, Reflections Program, Barnes & Noble Night and Ice World Family Fun...

What do all of these things have in common??

YBES PTA!!

Your annual membership dues enable us to provide many great services!! Please join today by visiting <http://www.hcps.org/YBES> to print out a membership form or pick one up from the envelopes outside of each office, so we can continue these great programs and services for your children and grandchildren!

A reminder that our PTA membership class contest is ongoing. Any class that reaches 100% parent membership **by Oct. 30, 2009** will receive an ice cream treat. Thank you for your support!

PTA SPECIAL REQUESTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for a few good volunteers to help fill the PTA positions listed below:

Secretary Shadow

Book Fair Chair and Committee

Spring Bazaar Games Chair

New Dad Committee Chair

Summer Challenge Chair

If interested, please contact any PTA Board member for more information. Thank you for your help and support!

DIRECTORY

The YBES Student Directory is getting ready to go to print. Last call for Directory Forms! If you have not sent in your family's information please complete and send in a directory form by **October 30th**. Forms can be found on the school website.

<http://www.hcps.org/YBES/PTA/PTA%20Directory%20form2009-2010.pdf>

BOOKFAIR UPDATE!

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone for another successful Bookfair! At this time, all books and rain-checked items have been delivered to the school, and should be coming home with your child this week. We hope everyone enjoys their purchases.

Thank you to our many, many volunteers .Your support was invaluable and helped this year's fair run more smoothly than ever. Our "Clifford" costume wearers, students and adults that helped with set-up and packing up, the administrative, teaching, and custodial staff, the PTA, the parents and grandparents that volunteered their time and energy during the preview and purchase weeks, and so many others.....**THANK YOU!** This event cannot exist without each and every one of you!

YBES families gave over \$3700 in teacher gift certificates, enabling teachers to purchase books to expand their classroom libraries. YBES also earned an additional \$1000 in books for the libraries, reading specialists, and special educators. Thank you for your generosity!

The continued success of the Scholastic Bookfair depends on you. The entire committee will be moving on to the middle school with their students and the committee **needs a chairperson** for this hugely popular event. There are currently four people ready to be on the new committee, which will make the chairperson's job that much simpler! The chairperson's primary responsibility is to be the liaison between Scholastic and YBES, and to oversee the committee to make sure everything goes smoothly. Please consider this role and feel free to contact Mary Hubner (mchubner@yahoo.com or any PTA officer) with any questions or comments.

The Bookfair Committee,
Mary Hubner, Gail Lukasik and Joelle Rodano

BOX TOPS UPDATE

Due to low numbers and illnesses, we are extending our Box Tops Contest until Friday, **November 13, 2009**. Thanks to all who take the time and effort to rip, clip and cut their box tops. **GO GATORS!**