

Panther Tales
Hollywood Park Elementary
December 2004

Mr. Charpentier's Corner

The holidays are a special time of the year.

During the two week school vacation I encourage all of you to take a trip, read a book, or enjoy spending time with your loved ones. Leave the hustle and bustle of school and work behind. Share the moment with your children. And most of all, be safe. See you next year!

Ms. White: ESE Specialist

I am currently scheduling IEP Annual Review meetings for ESE students. You might be wondering what you can do to prepare yourself to be an active participant at the staffing. Here are a few ideas and suggestions that may help you prepare:

1. Be prepared to share your vision for your child. This will be addressed on the Present Level of Performance page. It is called the "Desired School/Post School Outcome."
2. Make an appointment to visit your child's classroom to observe him or her in the instructional setting.
3. Try to have all relevant information and records about your child organized and ready for quick reference.
4. If possible, talk to your child. Get some first hand information on how your child feels about school.
5. Be ready to share information such as what your child does best; what problems your child has at home; how your child helps at home; how your child gets along with other children, brothers and sisters; and what your child needs most to learn at school.
6. Develop a list of questions that you want to ask the team members regarding your child's needs.

Broward School District E.S.E. Advisory Council will meet on January 10, 2005 at Plantation Middle School. For more information please call: 754-321-2252.

**WE ARE PROUD TO BE A
TITLE ONE SCHOOL!
NEW SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER:
754-323-6250**

Coming Soon!

December 22 - Early Release Day

December 23- January 9 - Winter Break/No School

"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery" Mark Van Doren

Ellen Halem: Reading Resource
Specialist

The children at Hollywood Park Elementary are making great strides. Our Power Hour tutoring has been a huge success and the children are working hard. Power Hour is taking a break beginning December 10, but we will be starting again on January 10. The Scholastic Book Fair was amazing and the Parent Technology event was well attended. Beginning January 19, and continuing for six weeks, Ms. Cacabelos, Ms. Richards, Ms. VanDerEems, and I will be facilitating Mega Skills, a Title One parent training program. Mark your calendars now for every Wednesday night starting January 19. We will be serving dinner each night and giving out prizes for all who attend. Parents and students are welcome. Look for more information coming home with your child soon. I wish the students and their families at Hollywood Park Elementary a healthy and happy holiday season. Enjoy!

Mrs. Fishman:

ESE Resource Teacher

The students in the Varying Exceptionalities classroom have been working diligently on their reading skills. As we all look forward to the winter break, please remember to read with your children every night. Use every opportunity to ask them questions to increase their comprehension. Even their favorite television show can be a learning experience. Happy Holidays!

Sharon Frier and Jill Bazel:

Speech and Language Pathologists

Children acquire the skill to produce sounds differently from one to another and at different rates. As children mature, they learn to use more speech sounds that may have once been difficult to produce in their earlier years. When a child has not yet acquired certain articulation skills at an expected age it is referred to as a delay or disorder. A delay refers to the difference in time of the child's acquisition of certain speech skills. A disorder refers to a child whose speech development varies from the normal speech acquisition of children.

Amanda Muir: Technology Specialist

November was an exciting month for technology at Hollywood Park Elementary. First of all, our Second Annual Parent Technology Night was a great success! Thank you to all the parents who attended and to our Partner in Education, Anthony's Florist, for providing goodies for the parents and staff.

Teachers in grades three through five have reviewed your student's progress in CCC and are moving forward with those results. Teachers in kindergarten, first, and second grade are using Riverdeep and Starfall to enhance your child's reading curriculum. We are also proud of our second graders for starting CCC so early this year. We expect great things from them!

Remember we have many tools your children can use at home or the library. Starting with Atomic Learning, Riverdeep, and FCAT Explorer. Your students should know their personal login codes for each of these. If not, please see your child's classroom teacher for assistance. These are great tools for your students to utilize over the winter break!

Jacqueline Pena:
School Social Worker

Healthy Kids and Kid Care will be accepting applications starting January 1, 2005. The requirements have changed and they are requesting that parents submit the following:

1. Last year's tax return (Form 1040).
2. Last year's Wage and Earning statement (W-2 Form).
3. Current pay stubs for the last four weeks, or a letter from your employer.
4. If you get unearned income, copy of the award letter or check stub.
5. If you get child support payments, a copy of the court order or the most recent check received.
6. The cost to add your child or children to health insurance coverage if your employer offers it.

Please send in your application as soon as possible since the open enrollment is based on a first come first serve basis. You can download an application starting December 30, 2004 at www.healthykids.org or by calling 1-888-540-5437. Remember that applications must be received before January 30, 2005. If you have a renewal notice you do not have to wait until January 1, 2005 to submit your application. If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to call me at 954-680-5444.

Mrs. Landers
Reading Teacher

A book is a present you open over and over again. This is our bulletin board's theme for December. Stop by and view the gift book reports represented by grades two through five. You will enjoy multicultural legends, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Brer Rabbit stories, and cranes.

Congratulations to the winners of the Fifth Grade Spelling Bee. Chris Moore from Mr. Isaackson's homeroom won the spelling bee and he will represent our school at the Miami Herald Spelling Bee in March. Our second place winner, Nakala Hemingway is from Ms. Rivera's classroom. All of the participants did a great job! Enjoy your winter break and read, read, read!

Raquel Seguinot
School Psychologist

Since parenting is one of the most difficult jobs we will ever be asked to do we may wish to consider using different strategies to discipline our children. The most important strategy is prevention. In behavioral theory one of the most effective behavioral strategies is to catch the child being good and to praise them for exhibiting appropriate and responsible behavior. During the first years of your child's life, the best strategy will be distracting and redirecting the child. As children get older, you will have to develop a bag of tricks depending on the situation. Here are just a few approaches to take:

1. Get to eye level and maintain eye contact before giving directions.
2. Begin with the child's name: "Johnny, please..."
3. Make it brief. You may want to keep it to one sentence. The longer you preach the more likely your child's attention will wander. When your child gets that blank look, you know you have lost them.
4. Ask your child to repeat the directions back to you. If they are not able to then you know they were too complicated to too long.

Sometimes it seems hard to catch the child being good. However, it is worth the effort since praise is one of the most effective ways to influence your child. Get into the habit of praising the behavior and not the child. Finally, there is selective ignoring which will only work if you have been making time to acknowledge positive behaviors.

POWER HOUR will not be in session as of December 9. We will resume POWER HOUR on January 10.

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Dates to Remember

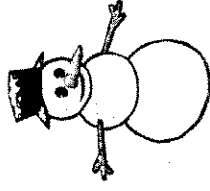
Parent Mega-Skills - Free Dinner,
Childcare provided for school
age children, PRIZE DRAWINGS
February 2nd, 9th, 16th &
23rd


Fourth Grade FCAT Writing Test -
February 8th & 9th

No School - Teacher Planning
Day - February 18th

No School - Presidents Day
February 21st

FCAT Begins -
February 28th



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 School Closed	4 School Closed	5 School Closed	6 School Closed	9 School Closed	8
9	10 Welcome Back! Third Quarter Begins	11 School Closed	12 School Closed	13 School Closed	14 Report Cards Issued 	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Day School Closed	18 School Closed	19 MEGA-SKILL PARENT NITE Childcare provided Free Dinner Prize Drawings	20 School Closed	21 School Closed	22
23	24 School Closed	25 CLASS PICTURES	26 MEGA-SKILL PARENT NITE Childcare provided Free Dinner Prize Drawings	27 School Closed	28 School Closed	29
30	31 School Closed					

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Our new phone number is:

754-323-6250