

June 2008

Mark your Calendar

June 3^d

All library books due

June 4th

PTA Meeting, 7pm, Library

June 9th

Drama Production, 7pm,
Auditorium

June 10th

Band Awards Ceremony, 7pm,
Auditorium

June 11th

Drama Production, 7pm,
Auditorium

June 12th

Awards Ceremony, 7pm,
Auditorium

7th Grade Team Day

8th Grade Locker Clean-Out

June 13th

8th grade Team Day

7th Grade Locker Clean-Out

Last day of school, regular
dismissal

8th grade Dance, 3-6pm, Cafeteria

Herndon Middle School and PTA Newsletter

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The faculty, staff and students at Herndon Middle School extend our sincere thanks to the PTA Board and all the parents, family members and friends who have supported us this school year. Your hard work and dedication have made the 2007-2008 school year a successful one. The HMS family is grateful for the time, effort and resources you provided to our school to keep academic achievement the primary focus of the school.

With several weeks of school still remaining, we are working to ensure that your child has a positive and productive completion of the school year. Teachers will continue to challenge students with school work through the last week of school and our expectations for student performance, behavior and attendance will remain as high as ever. During the final weeks of this school year, continued support is essential for a smooth closing and transition to a new principal.

As our school year winds down and with the revised date for the last day of school, we are changing and rearranging many activities for the students. Evening activities at this time of the year involve extra efforts from all of us, staff and families, so make sure of the dates and times (see calendar) and please pick up students promptly when the event is over.

This year, Fairfax County Public Schools is providing a summer program for students who need additional academic support. We will be hosting a remediation program at Herndon Middle School this summer. The program participation is limited to only 105 middle school students. Recently, our teachers, counselors, and administrators have developed a list of potential students who could benefit from the summer remediation program and we are in the process of notifying parents that their child has been recommended. The summer remediation program is designed to run only three weeks in duration and will focus on mathematics and literacy skills.

I would like to thank all of the parents and family members for their continued support during my twelve years as principal of Herndon Middle School. I will always remember your kindness, your children, and this great community. I hope you have a restful summer, with just the right amount of fun, sun, and excitement. Remember, always treasure the time you have with your children. I enjoyed every moment and appreciate the privilege of serving as the Herndon Middle School principal.

Best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Jenkins, Ed.D.

PTA Officers

President - Nancy DerSimonian
Vice President - Kerri Gilmore
Mesiah
Secretary – Carol Sinclair
Treasurer - Diana Fields

On behalf of Herndon Middle School, the HMS PTA and all the families of HMS, we would like to thank the 2007-2008 PTA Officers for their leadership. We couldn't have done it without you.

On May 7th, the PTA held its elections and the current officers were re-elected for the 2008-2009 HMS PTA School Year. We look forward to another successful year from our PTA leaders.

Open PTA Positions for next year

There are still many opportunities to volunteer for the PTA for next year: Some of the more urgent openings include: Directory, Newsletter, 7th Grade Liaison, Membership, Touching Bases and Hospitality co-chair. See the article on page 7 for a complete listing and details on the positions. If you're interested in any of these positions, contact Nancy DerSimonian.

Grade-level PTA Liaisons

7th grade next year
Position available

7th grade (8th grade next year)
Kathy Blystone
bblystone@cox.net
Karen Temple
gtempl@msn.com

8th grade (HHS Class of 2012 next year)
Ann Marie Ruskin
AMR9000@aol.com
Lesley Aschenbach
Lesleyasch@prodigy.net

From Your PTA President

We're in the final stretch.....

The school year is winding down and by the time you read this, our kids would have finished their SOLs. What a great year it has been! We still have one big event left and that is the 8th grade dance to be held on June 13th.

For those of you with 8th graders, it is a bittersweet time as you look forward to Herndon High School and say goodbye to the quick 2 years at HMS. For those of you with 7th graders, this is the big transition summer. They come back as 8th graders and more confident than ever. For those of you with rising 7th graders, we look forward to having you join the HMS family next year!

Thanks to all who have come to our monthly PTA meetings. I trust you found them informative. We had a wonderful presentation on May 7th from the FAIRGRADE organizers who discussed their findings regarding the current grading scale in Fairfax County. If you were not able to attend this presentation, the Power Point slides are on the HMS PTA website. I highly recommend you taking the time to review their data. It is truly eye-opening.

The PTA accomplished many of its goals this year, and that would not have been possible without the collective efforts of so many of you. To those of you who I have not thanked in previous newsletters, I would like to do that now. First and foremost, I must thank Lee Fortna, the PTA Immediate Past President, for all of her hard work and support, her willingness to always help, her ever-present cheerful smile, and for giving me the confidence I very much lacked. Lee, you are amazing. I also wish to thank the PTA officers, Kerri Gilmore Mesiah, Carol Sinclair and Diana Fields, for working so hard to help our PTA run smoothly. It's been a pleasure. A big THANK YOU goes out to Jeanne Loveland who diligently worked long hours to produce, staple and label an informative and professional newsletter. I also want to thank Rita Ahearn and Elaine Vollaro who helped with all the library projects and the Book Fair; Amy Peterson who helped organize all our wonderful volunteers for Picture Day, Health Screening, Career Day, and the Magazine Drive; Lesley Aschenbach who recruited our PTA members; Sue Altschuler, Joan Indyke, and Lisa Fagan, the Chorus, Band and Special Education liaisons, respectively, who kept us informed; Kathy Pursifull, the PTA Website coordinator, who did an outstanding job updating our PTA website; Cindy Wei, our Superintendent's Council representative, who relayed information to us from Dr. Dale; Lesley Aschenbach and Liz Rearden, our 8th grade dance coordinators, who have been working hard to make this event special; and Courtney and Lindsey Linden, who did a great job coordinating the HMS vs. Langston Hughes Basketball game, where everyone had a fun time. And, finally, I must also thank our parent liaisons - 7th grade - Kathy Blystone and Karen Temple, and 8th grade - Ann Marie Ruskin and Lesley Aschenbach, who have done an outstanding job communicating with our families about HMS events. Thanks to all of you and those who helped on your committee.

A GREAT BIG THANKS goes to our Faculty Rep, Ms. Bobby Biddle, who is such an important member of the PTA team and helps us in countless ways to make HMS a better place. And THANK YOU to the administrative staff for all of your efforts throughout the school year.

And, of course, much thanks goes to Dr. Jenkins for his support to the PTA. Dr. Jenkins was always the first to arrive at the PTA meetings and the last to leave! It was a pleasure working with him and we appreciate all that he did for the PTA. He will be greatly missed.

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PTA President (continued)

I want to also thank the 359 members who joined the PTA this year. It is so important to stay involved with your children's education, and we appreciate your support. Also, the GO FOR THE GOLD fundraiser that ran all year brought in \$5,120 which was used for Learning Enrichment and Principal's Fund, and the many events and activities that the PTA does for HMS. Thanks to all who donated!!!!

I have enjoyed working with the HMS PTA this year, and I look forward to returning with the current officers next year. It has been a very rewarding experience for me to get to know so many of you (both parents and staff)! Thanks again for everything! Our final PTA meeting will be June 4th at 7pm in the Library. All are welcome to join us!

Please remember that we will need volunteers to help us stuff Back-to-School packets in August, so watch your emails and check with the HMS office in early August if you are available to help.

Good Luck to the Class of 2012 as you move up to Herndon High School!!!

Have a safe and relaxing summer and take care of your adolescents – Keep them safe and monitor their Internet use this summer! We'll see you back in the fall!!!

Nancy DerSimonian
HMS PTA President
ndersimonian@cox.com, 703.437.8254

8th Grade Dance

The 8th Grade Dance will be held on **Friday, June 13th from 3 to 6 pm** in the Cafeteria. See the flyer on page 9 for more information.

Donations - Gift Cards: Please consider making a gift card donation to the 8th Grade Dance!! Kids love receiving door prize drawings for store gift certificates (clothes stores, Target, Blockbuster, etc.) as well as for

restaurants (Dairy Queen, Starbucks, etc.) and activities (movies, bowling, etc.).

Donations - Refreshments:

Please consider making a refreshment donation for the 8th Grade Dance. We depend on parents to provide the refreshments. Drop off details will be sent later. It is important to note that it must be a "finger food", easy to serve and "teen-friendly". We need the following items:

- Tortilla Chips
- Potato Chips
- Candy
- Cupcakes
- Brownies or Blondies
- Fruit Platter
- Bottled Water
- Canned Sodas

Chaperones Needed:

Ten chaperones are needed for the dance, five for each shift - 3:00 to 4:30 pm or 4:30 to 6:00 pm shift.

To volunteer or donate, contact:

Door Prizes - Lesley Aschenbach at lesleyasch@prodigy.net, or 703-283-3243.

Refreshments and chaperones, contact: Cindy Brasington at r.a.brasington@cox.net or 703-444-7053.

Herndon vs. Langston Hughes Basketball Game

The basketball games against our arch rival, the Panthers of Langston Hughes MS, were amazing thrillers. The 7th grade team led by guard Ryan Griffin won a resounding victory. Other standout players like Kent Auslander and Cameron Reynolds pressed the charging Panther players into turnovers that the rest of the team converted into easy baskets. Every seventh grade player contributed tremendously and Langston once again was defeated at home.



The 8th graders also outperformed the Langston side. Led by the defensive play of Matt Smith and the inside game of Marques Berry, the Hawks were untouchable. Oray Nicolai played excellently and his deft moves pleased the crowd. They helped lead the team to victory.

The teachers, one year older and with sore muscles, battled hard. In the end, the quicker faculty of Langston Hughes prevailed. At the end of the evening, after icing bumps and bruises, the Hawks sailed to the overall victory against the Panthers winning 2 out of 3 games.

Our teams were cheered on by the HMS cheerleaders and the HMS "pep band" led by Ms. Bonneau. Both cheerleading squads performed at half-time of the 7th grade game. **Go Herndon!**

Representing the Herndon Hawks were:

7th Grade Team: Sean Arney, Matt Arace, Kent Aulander, Ky Gilmore Parrott, Ryan Griffin, Andrew Hatch, Amelia Johnson, Keenan Jordan, Conner Keesling, Callie Pfeffer-Hahn, Erik McLeod, Tori Morris, Cameron Reynolds, Mayumi Shill, and Steve Skorcki.

8th Grade Team: Jenna Aschenbach, Alex Bednarek, Marques Berry, Elena Currence, Dean DerSimonian, Brian Fortna, Jack Hamrick, Elliot Johnson, Elijah McCarthy, Patrick McLaughlin, Ashkan Naderi, Oray Nicolai, and Matt Smith.

Faculty: Dean Ciccirelli, Stephanie Haley, Kent Harris, Kevin Harris, Jonathan Hudson, and Mike Thomas.

Cheerleaders

7th Grade: Macie Huring, Taty Harkey, Ashley Lightner, Maragaret Schaaf, Lisa Sheffer, and Rebecca Spriggs. **8th Grade:** Kiera Andrews, Dominique Wallace, and Mikala Wallis.

HMS RoboHawks Take First

Herndon Middle School's RoboHawks Lego Team took part in the first Fairfax County Lego robotic competition held at Robinson High School on May 17th. Twenty four middle school teams turned out for an exciting day as robots and students were put through their paces.

The competition involved students collecting colored ping pong balls and delivering them to the corresponding areas on an 8'x 4' playing field. Every team had a different robot and programming solution to the challenge. Herndon's team won their division, beating 11 other teams and gaining the highest overall score of the competition.

The HMS RoboHawks robotics team includes: Nick Black, Megan Lavery, Mark Lemmon, Maggie Middleton, Dominic Napoleon, Alex Polk, and Nathan Smith.



HMS After-School Programs

This year we focused on Character Education with our after-school programs. We bought character education workbooks for our students involved in our after-school sports activities. We reviewed a different character trait each week as a warm-up before they started to play. Students took part in interactive discussions about different character traits and how to practice them in their everyday lives.

The After School Programs have been very busy at HMS. The Basketball League competed in a three on three tournament. The team

of Marques Berry, Oray Nicolai, and Pat McLaughlin's emerged as the strongest team. The Soccer League enjoyed indoor soccer. Victor Jovel scored numerous goals. The Cricket League, a new program, has caught on. The Survivors and the DJ Club remained popular activities.

At the Herndon Community Center, the After School Program is offering free weight room and fitness training on Tuesdays. The HCC trainers have been encouraging more exercise and many students have benefited. Soccer is also played on Tuesdays and basketball is always offered. Abdi Yusuf had been a stand out.

If you have any questions concerning our after-school programs please contact Michael Thomas at 703-904-4834.

HMS Band News

On May 2nd, the Concert and Symphonic Bands performed at the "Musicale" music festival in Williamsburg, VA. After the students completed their performances, they went to Busch Gardens Amusement Park to enjoy several hours of fun and to participate in a Music Awards Ceremony. This very special event is a great band competition experience and the kids had a terrific time!

The Concert Band received an "Excellent" rating and placed 2nd in Division 1C. Symphonic Band was rated "Superior" and placed 2nd in their Division, 1D. Denise Lee (flute) and Caitlin Williams (trumpet), both players in Symphonic Band, won Outstanding Soloist Awards. The Symphonic Band percussion section was awarded a special trophy for their incredible performance in the piece "Blanco Canyon Sketches", which features them.

All of the HMS bands performed wonderfully in the Spring Band Concert on May 13th. The final event of the year will be the Band Celebration and Awards Ceremony on June 10th at 7:00pm. This event

will feature a culminating performance by our Jazz Band, along with awards presentations and a reception. Invitations have been sent home and replies are due June 4th. Congratulations to the entire band program for yet another extremely successful and musical year!

HMS Choir Notes

Congratulations are in order! All four HMS Choirs participated in the *Festival!* Competition on May 2nd in Williamsburg then went to a fun-filled day at Busch Gardens. The HMS Mixed Choir took a "Superior" rating and a 5th place trophy, while the HMS Advanced Women's Ensemble also received a "Superior" rating and walked away with a huge 2nd place trophy!

The beautiful trophies and plaques were proudly displayed at our annual Spring Chorus Concert which was held on Thursday, May 15th. All the choirs sang beautifully, and made Ms. McCann very proud!

Special congratulations to program soloists: Abigail Michael, Ella Rutanen, Nicole Ollerhead, Ashleigh Dixon, Lillie Hicks, Jonelle Bonny and Megan Lavery. Also, kudos to Emma Withers who "guest conducted" the popular "Down to the River to Pray" from the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Colin Curtis assisted on wood blocks, while Cameron Copland, Zach Taylor, Brandon Timbrook, Cody Riggs and Conlan Miller backed up the Men's Choir on real-live kazoos.

Thank you to all the parents who provide their ongoing support and enthusiasm to the HMS Choral Program. Without your help this year would not have been the success that it has.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Vanessa Jackson for supporting us and singing with us! Also thanks to Claire Simanski, the HMSCPA board (Diana Fields, Sue Altschuler, and Carol Lavery), and Lynda Jacobus. And finally special thanks to Marilyn

Daines and our wonderful and accomplished accompanist Shauna Leavitt, without whom the Williamsburg trophies may not be in our hands today!

We have had a great time and are making beautiful music. Thank you for the privilege.
Ms. McCann

HMS Orchestra News

Congratulations to the HMS Orchestras on their success at Busch Gardens! The HMS Symphonic Orchestra achieved great success at Busch Gardens on their annual Spring Trip on May 2nd as they earned a "Superior" rating and took 2nd place in a field of very tough competitors. The Concert Orchestra also earned a well deserved "Superior" rating and placed 4th while performing their toughest program of the year. Afterwards, the students had a relaxing and enjoyable day at Busch Gardens.

HMS Orchestras performed their annual Spring Concert on May 21st.

Drama Productions

The 7th grade drama classes will be performing their end-of-class plays on June 9th and 11th at 7pm in the auditorium. There will be several performances of a scene from the *Diary of Anne Frank* and the plays *The Care and Feeding of the Dragon* and *Hairum Scarem* on both nights. The performances are scheduled by

class so check that your student has the information sent home about performance nights. For more information contact Ms. Williams.

HMS Yearbook

Don't miss out on Yearbook Signing Day. The yearbooks will be delivered on **June 11th during 7th period**. Don't let your student miss out on the fun! There are a limited number of books, and we will run out, so don't delay~!

Use the form below to order. We will send a receipt through your child's 3rd period teacher.

Sing to Save Fundraiser

Kick off the summer at "Sing to Save" -- a karaoke fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis and American Cancer Society. Each singer pays \$3 for a song of their choice. You can also pledge \$\$\$ to hear your friends or teachers sing. Five HMS teachers are already signed up to sing! So get your friends and teachers to sing or get a group together! Donations can be designated for one charity or both. This event is for all ages. There will be a great buffet, too. A buffet ticket is \$12 and 10% of the food proceeds also goes to the fundraiser.

The fundraiser will be Wednesday, June 18th from 4 to 8pm at Champps Restaurant 11694 Plaza America Drive. Hope to see you there! It'll be a fun, summer-kickoff party.
Ayla Peacock, 8th grade HMS

College Partnership Program

First, I would like to thank Dr. Frank Jenkins, Charles Thomas and the Delta Academy Ladies for all they have done this school year to support the mission of the HMS College Partnership Program. Dr. Jenkins contributed money for pizza; Mr. Thomas contributed monthly snacks and provided a bus for our field trip; and the Delta Ladies contributed time and money to help make this year's program successful.

This year I would like to congratulate Danith Suraweera for being accepted into the College Partnership Program's Summer Academy Program from June 23 to July 2 at Longwood University in Farmville, VA. "The mission of the College Partnership Program (CPP) Summer Academy is to provide students with intensive academic, social and emotional preparation to facilitate their successful transition to the next grade level." Congratulations Danith and good luck in high school!

Three other CPP members also need to be congratulated this year. These young ladies are also members of the Delta Academy, a program developed by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority that instills in young women the values of maintaining good grades, social skills and community service. These three students participated in and won an essay contest provided by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Fairfax

2007-2008 Herndon Middle School Yearbook

Cost for the 2007-2008 Yearbook is now \$40.

Please fill out the information below to ensure we can keep track of your information:

Name as Appears on Check _____ Check # _____

Student's Legal Name _____

Student's 3rd Period Teacher _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please make your check payable to Herndon Middle School. Memo *Yearbook* on your check. Checks can be mailed to the school; **Casson Hersh; Yearbook Advisor; 901 Locust St., Herndon, Va. 20170** or sent in with your child in a sealed envelope and delivered to the *front office*.

Alumnae Chapter. Domonique Collins was awarded the first place prize of \$100. Brandi Delgado placed second and won a \$50 gift card. Katerin Perez came in 3rd place and picked up a \$25 gift card. Congratulations Domonique, Brandi and Katerin for a job well done!
Theresa Cooke

Herndon Middle Literacy

The final activity for Herndon Middle Literacy will be the Battle of the Books on Wednesday, June 4 in the Media Center after school. We have extended the deadline so the competition will be held after SOL testing. The school teams have been practicing with their members and sponsors and this will be an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of the assigned books.

The Reading Committee would like to thank parents, community members and the Reston Regional Library for their donations to our classroom libraries. Have a great summer and Read! Read! Read!

Summer Reading Assignment

Every student who will be entering grades 6 through 12 in the fall must read at least one book over the summer. The follow-up assignment for rising 7th and 8th graders will be determined by each HMS English teacher once school begins.

The summer reading lists contain suggestions for reading; however, a student may read any other book that is approved by his or her parents. The Grade 7-8 Summer Reading List can be found on the FCPS website at www.fcps.edu/DIS/readlist/78.htm.

From the Library

All library books are due back to the library on or before **June 3rd**. Please help your student locate and remember to



return their library books. If your student receives a notice about

overdue materials that he or she believes to be in error, please have them speak with a library staff member. Thanks so much for your help.

Some of my favorite reads from this school year may make good summer reading selections:

- Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin
- The Fire Within* by Chris D'Lacey (two sequels: *Icerefire* and *Fire Star*)
- Enthusiasm* by Polly Shulman
- True Talents* by David Lubar (sequel to *Hidden Talents*)
- Schooled* by Gordon Korman
- Book of a Thousand Days* by Shannon Hale

Here are some of my favorites from the FCPS Suggested Summer Reading List:

- Nonfiction:** *Growing Up in Coal Country* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth* by James Cross Giblin
- Historical Fiction:** *Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue* by Julius Lester
- Mary, Bloody Mary* by Carolyn Meyer
- Science Fiction:** *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
- Adventure:** *The Wreckers* by Iain Lawrence
- Biography:** *My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen
- Bull's Eye: A Photobiography of Annie Oakley* by Sue Macy

This year I've noticed many more students sharing recommendations with others and finding books they really love. So ask your friends: "What have you read lately that is good?"

Thank you to all of the dedicated parent volunteers that made the library a neater, more welcoming and user-friendly place to be this year. We cannot thank you enough.

Have a relaxing and safe summer and keep reading!
Mrs. Ruffle, Librarian

2008 HHS Sports Summer Camps

A number of sports camps are being offered at Herndon High School this

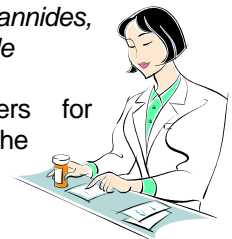
summer. These include field hockey, volleyball, baseball, cheerleading, and basketball. The Herndon Athletics Summer Camps website has details and registrations forms for all camps, at www.herndonathletics.org.

FAIRGRADE Grading Policy

If you were unable to attend the May 7th program of the FAIRGRADE Presentation, you can check their web site at www.FAIRGRADE.org to find out what you can do on behalf of your children.

Notes from the HMS Clinic

Virginia Wilkinson, MSN, RN, NCSN
School Public Health Nurse
Mercy Caloyannides,
Clinic Room Aide



Some reminders for spring and the end of the school year....

Parents whose students have medications in the clinic: You will be getting a reminder in early June to pick up meds from the clinic. We urge you to make time for this end of year task. Please note that we **cannot** keep medicines in the clinic during the summer. If they are not picked up, they **will be destroyed**.

The Fairfax County Health Department reminds you to FIGHT THE BITE! We have had a wet spring. Please be aware that the most effective way to control mosquitoes is to eliminate or treat the standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs and their larvae live and grow. Some things that you can do:

- o Clean leaves and debris out of gutters frequently to ensure that water flows freely and does not accumulate.
- o Buckets and watering cans should be stored indoors or turned over.
- o Cans, containers or trash around your home should also be stored, recycled, or disposed of. Or drill holes in the bottom to allow

drainage or empty them after rain showers.

- o Tires should be recycled or stored where they won't collect rainwater.
- o In areas of your yard where water puddles or does not drain properly, the area may be filled with dirt or other landscaping material. These areas may also be treated with a larvicide as needed.
- o The water in bird baths should be changed or flushed out using a garden hose at least once a week.
- o Protect yourself:
 - Choose and use a repellent that contains one of these active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Always follow label instructions
 - Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing to avoid mosquito bites.

Be safe from bites this summer.

7th Grade Parent Liaisons

We hope the emails have been helpful for your planning this school year. We will continue as the 8th grade Parent Liaisons next year and look forward to helping again. Please tell your friends that if they have not yet signed up for this service that it not too late. We want to get school info out to as many parents/guardians as possible in a timely manner. If you do not wish to receive further emails or want to add/change emails, please reply to bblystone@cox.net. Have a fun and safe summer!

Kathy Blystone and Karen Temple
HMS PTA 7th Grade Parent Liaisons

Hospitality

The PTA Hospitality Committee hosted the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 8th. The teachers and staff were very grateful for everything you contributed! The food was wonderful and the door prizes were plentiful. Everyone went home happy! Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the luncheon and to

those who once again, donated food, money and door prizes.

As the 2007-2008 school year draws to an end, we would like to express our gratitude to all the HMS families who supported the PTA Hospitality Committee this year. We hosted many events that always ended in success because of your support. Thank you so much for your generosity this year. Great job HMS community!

And a special, heart-felt thanks from Jeanne to Marilyn who moves to the high school. Thanks for those early morning grocery trips, finding the best donut deals in town, and for washing all those dishes! You will be greatly missed next year.

Jeanne Talbot & Marilyn Currence
Hospitality Committee Co-Chairs

2008 - 2009 HMS PTA

There are still openings available for the following positions for next year:

Directory - Generates the school phone directory

Newsletter - works with school staff and PTA committee chairs to gather articles, creates the bi-monthly newsletter and works with a committee to mail the newsletter.

Touching Bases - Organizes the twice yearly Touching Bases (mini-teacher conferences) held in November and March. Organizes the volunteers for all teams and electives.

7th grade Liaison - Disseminates school related information that pertains to 7th grade students and parents via email.

Membership - Recruits members to the PTA and maintains a database of all members,

PTA Website Administrator - Maintains the PTA website and posts pertinent data

Orchestra Liaison- Acts as liaison to the PTA from the Orchestra Parent's Association

7th & 8th grade Honor Roll - works with Hospitality Committee to organize 3 Honor Roll assemblies throughout the year.

Superintendent's Council - Attends Dr. Dale's council meetings and reports findings at the PTA meetings.

Special Education Liaison - Acts as liaison to the PTA from the Special Education Parents' Association.

County Council Rep - Represents HMS PTA at Fairfax County Council of PTAs meetings

Library & Book Fair - Coordinates schedule of volunteers to help in library and assists with annual Book Fair (volunteers) in December

Anyone interested in serving on the PTA, please contact Nancy DerSimonian at 703-437-8254 or ndersimonian@cox.net.

Reflections 2008 - 2009

HMS would like to increase the student participation in the Reflections program for next year. With some extra free time this summer - get a head start on your Reflections entry for next year. The theme for next year is **WOW!**

2008-2009 Important HMS Dates

In mid-August, school packets will be mailed to each student's home. They will include required forms, bus assignments and information about Orientation and upcoming events. Students will receive their team assignments and class schedules at Orientation or on the first day of school.

Orientation, for students only, will be held on **Friday, August 29th from 9-11am**. This is for 7th graders and new 8th graders, to walk to their classrooms and to meet their teachers. Bus transportation will be provided from their former elementary school.

Open House is for **students and parents/guardians** to tour the school. It will also be held on **August 29th from 4:00-6:00pm**. Teachers will not at Open House, but the administrators will be available.

First Day of School for students is **Tuesday, September 2nd**. This is the

first day of classes, which begin at 7:20am.

Back-To-School Night is for Parents/Guardians only, and will be held on **Thursday, September 25th at 7pm.** This gives parents/guardians a chance to follow their child's schedule and meet the teachers and staff at HMS.

Please make every effort to attend these important events at HMS.

2008-2009 HMS School Calendar

Sept 2, 2008	School begins
Sept 25	Back to School Night
Oct 13	Columbus Day
Oct 18	Herndon Homecoming
Oct 31	1 st Grading Per. Ends
Nov 3-4	Student holidays
Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving break
Dec 24-Jan 2	Winter vacation
Jan 19	MLK B-day holiday
Jan 20	Inauguration holiday
Jan 23	2 nd Grading Per. Ends
Jan 26-27	Student holidays
Feb 16	Pres. Day holiday
April 2	3 rd Grading Per. Ends
April 3	Student holiday
April 6-10	Spring Break
May 25	Memorial Day holiday
June 18	Last day of school

The calendar for the 2008-2009 school year is available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/cal.htm>.

Attention ESOL Students

The ESOL department requests that all ESOL students purchase a bilingual dictionary before the first day of school.

Jackie Rossell, ESOL Dept Co-Chair
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jackie.rossell@fcps.edu

Herndon Homecoming

The Herndon High School Homecoming and Parade is October 18, 2008. Our very own HMS Marching Band will be marching in the parade and performing at the game. HMS usually has a float in the parade as well. It's a fun day for the entire Herndon community. Look for more information in the fall.

From HMS to HHS

8th Grade Parents and Guardians,

Now that our kids have almost completed their middle school years, the "news" for 8th grade parents is all about high school.

Parent Email Database: If you have not received parent emails this year, and your child will be attending Herndon High School next year, be sure to send your email address to AMR9000@aol.com to be included in the Class of 2012 parent database. Emails will be sent periodically throughout the year. Those on the 8th grade parent list will automatically be transferred and will be added to the Herndon High School full parent database as well.

Check the Herndon HS website <http://www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/> regularly throughout the summer. It is updated almost daily. Take some time to surf through the award-winning site. It's a wonderful resource for parents.

*Ann Marie Ruskin and
Lesley Aschenbach
HMS PTA 8th Grade Parent Liaisons*

Mark your calendar...

HHS Freshman Orientation: Wednesday, August 27th (approx. 8:30 am) Bus transportation is provided for students. During Orientation, students will receive their class schedules and will be introduced to the administration. If a student misses Orientation, they may pick up their schedule after Orientation. More information on dates and times will be mailed during the summer.

HHS Freshman Parent Orientation: Wednesday, August 27th 6pm. This includes a building tour and information on clubs and activities. More information will be mailed this summer.

Student Records

If your child is **re-taking** a high school level course (foreign language, Algebra or Geometry) as a freshman next year, be sure to send a letter to

the high school Guidance Department requesting that their grade from this year be expunged from their high school record. This is only for 8th grade students who took a high school level course and are **re-taking** the class next year. Direct the letter to the HHS Director of Guidance.

Fall Sports and Activities

If your child plans to participate in a fall sport/activity at Herndon High School, please note the start dates of the fall sport and activity schedule. Many coaches and advisors do not allow students to miss practices/tryouts for summer vacation plans. Check your plans now and make adjustments if necessary.

Students participating in sports must have a VHSL physical form completed by a doctor and dated after May 1, 2008.

Start dates for sports and activities are:

August 5: Cross Country, Volleyball, Varsity & JV Football, Cheerleading, Dance Team, Field Hockey, Golf

August 6: Freshman Marching Band Camp

August 18: Freshman Football

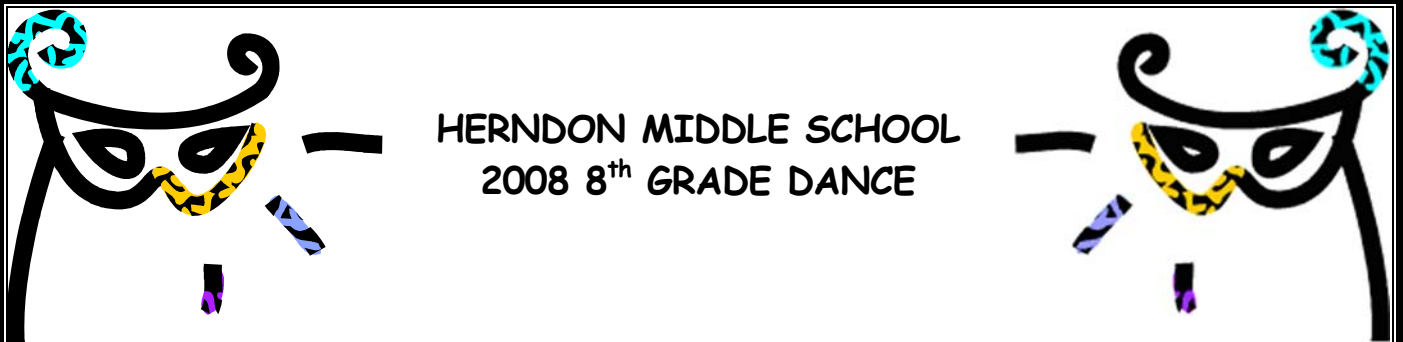
NJROTC: NJROTC students will be advised of August activities.

Make a note of the dates below:

- Aug 27 Freshman & New Student Orientation (~8:30 am)
- Aug 27 Freshman / New Parent Orientation 6pm
- Sept 18 Herndon High School Back to School Night
- Oct 18 HHS Homecoming Parade, 9:30 am
Football Game, 1 pm
Dance, 8:30 pm

Summer Assignments

Rising 9th graders have summer assignments to complete, including reading at least one book. Be sure to check the HHS website after school is out for a list of the summer assignments, which are due on the first day of school, September 2nd.



**HERNDON MIDDLE SCHOOL
2008 8th GRADE DANCE**

BLACK AND WHITE MASQUERADE

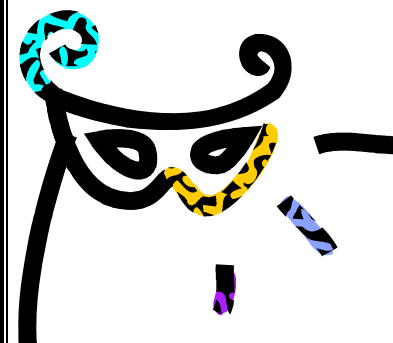
**GREAT DJ!!!
DOOR PRIZES!
HAVE FUN TOGETHER!**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008
3:00 TO 6:00 PM
HMS Cafeteria (in disguise!)
Dress Code: Casual and Comfortable
Come as you are in school!**

\$5.00 per ticket

Tickets will be sold Monday, June 9 to Friday, June 13 in the cafeteria during A and B lunches.

Students must be picked up at 6:00 pm promptly.



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703-787-9159/703-283-3243 or
Lesleyasch@prodigy.net to volunteer.



8th GRADE HONOR ROLL

3rd Quarter

A Honor Roll

Emily Clark
Brendan Craig
Ryan Culberson
Ashley Grupenhoff
Claribel Hernandez Martinez

Thomas Huang
Denise Lee
Clark Madden
Nicole Ollerhead
Amanda Pascarelli

Prateek Sharma
Nathan Smith
Avery Wauben

A/B Honor Roll

Nadia Ahmadi
Shamim Ahmed
David Alas Romero
Joshua Albertson
Samantha Allen
Kiera Andrews
Megan Anthony
Syed Arshad
Syed Arshad
Waqas Asif
Matthew Banks
Rachel Barood
Emily Beacham
Alexander Bednarek
Nicholas Black
Jorge Bonilla Lopez
Sarah Brasington
Corinne Burtschi
Nathan Caballero
Nicholas Capsalis
Georgia Cartmill
Crystal Chu
Domonique Collins
Elena Currence
Robin Falci
Kaija Flood
Brian Fortna
Mario Gagarin
Kathleen Garcia
Armon Ghaffari
Christopher Glazier
Andrew Goldin
Caitlin Graney
Courtney Guengerich
Jack Hamrick
Zachary Harold
Sarah Haskell
Eddie Henriquez

Eric Hensley
Parker Hill
Thomas Hitchings
Kylee Horstman
Victor Jovel
Hannah Kaplan
Victoria Kelly
Kayla Kent
Leta Kent
Shakeela Kheri
Rasneek Kochhar
Sri Ranga Kodakalla
Elle Krueger
Melissa Kujat
Zachary Landrum
Paul Latimer
Ariana-Sophia Lauer
Nicole Lee
Walter Little
Julia Lloyd
Max Luong
Caroline Mann
Lia-Marie Marmolejos
Jessica Merrill
Patrick Miller
Emma Miller-Cvilikas
Katherine Morales Corcios
Dominic Napoleon
Bridget Newell
Oray Nicolai
Timothy Nixon
Ella Novoselsky
Emily O'Rourke
Carrie Ortel
Anastasia Pechler
Elizabeth Pelishek
Elizabeth Peterson
Brett Petty

Samantha Posey
Jayanth Prathipati
Anne Pursifull
Ariane Rahim
Sophia Rahman
Layla Rahmani
Brooklyn Rains
Suresh Rajan
Tyler Reif
Melkin Rivas Hernandez
Peter Roberts
Eunice Rodriguez Serpas
Edgar Roque Fernandez
Alexis Salgado
Benjamin Salvai
Christopher Sawatzki
Taylor Shannon
Maria Silva
Jasjeet Singh
Sapna Singh
Faris Sleem
Matthew Smith
Alexis Sneed
Grace Starinieri
Hameed Talebian
An Thai
Andrew Thaler
Carolyn Tran
Andrew Vogt
Brigitte Waugaman
Nathan Wei
Caitlin Williams
Spencer Wilson
Emma Withers
Edward Yanosky
Joseph Yanosky
Rasha Yousifauni
Rahib Zaman

7th GRADE HONOR ROLL

3rd Quarter

A Honor Roll

Sean Arney
 Emily Blum
 Olivia Brady
 Tarryn Chichester
 Erin Conner
 Nicole Dubishar
 Allison Dyke
 Silviu Florea

Amy Freeman
 Lauren Gabriel
 Joshua Glazier
 Samuel Jens
 Katherine Lang
 Gillian Linden
 Kurt Meyers
 Noelle Muha

Harshini Pyata
 Ahmed Radwan
 Katherine Reilly
 An Robinson
 Adam Rosenberg
 Marguerite Sagan
 Margaret Schaaf
 Jonathan Seng

Ellie Shelton
 Nicole Sherman
 Rachael Stempfley
 Kaitlynn Temple
 Brandon Timbrook
 Thomas Vollaro
 Ryan White

A/B Honor Roll

Rehan Ahmed
 Kyle Alger
 Sarosh Aqeel
 Matthew Arace
 Steven Archambeault
 Kent Auslander
 Valerie Beacham
 Rebeca Bonilla
 Robert Borde
 Kaitlin Bradford
 Stephanie Brininstool
 Patrick Candia
 John Carlson
 Jo Chontal Coenen
 Ivania Constanza
 Cameron Copeland
 Hannah Coyne
 Meghan Craig
 Colin Curtis
 John Druitt
 Anmol Dua
 Olivia Dunne
 Sarah Durette
 Gabriel Elmisurati
 Jonathan Ericson
 Carson Etienne
 Gregory Eubank
 Emily Evans

Keegan Fairchild
 Jamie Fico
 Jonathan Fleming
 Stefany Flores Salazar
 Bilel Gdoura
 Sydnee Gordon
 Georgina Greenleaf
 Anidith Guevara Chira
 Daniela Guillen
 Melissa Guzman Turcios
 Tatyana Harkey
 Bradley Heuer
 Karsten Highberg
 Katherine Hinders
 Faizah Hoque
 Syed Hossain
 Brian Hrozencik
 Christopher Hrozencik
 Curtis Indyke
 Whitney Irish
 Jessica Jacob
 Megan Janowski
 Nina Kappel
 Katherine Kashinsky
 Conner Keesling
 Cynthia Kim
 Jacob Kudeviz
 Olivia Leshock

Reina Lopez Aguirre
 Grant Luong
 Yasmine Maggio
 Gabriel Mayers
 Elizabeth McCauley
 Deirdre McDonough
 Erik McLeod
 Brian Medrano
 Lauren Michaely
 Margaret Middleton
 Conlan Miller
 Wei Mo
 Tavgeh Najad
 Kate Morris
 Brianna Moses
 Talha Muhammad
 Andy Najarro
 Trang Tiffany Ngo
 David Norton
 Andrew O'Connell
 Jeffrey O'Connell
 Joy Oti
 Natalia Palacios
 Frank Henry Paredes
 Matthew Pavlecka
 Britney Phekoo
 Matthew Phillips
 Claudia Quinteros Rivas

Emily Radomski
 Yenni Ramos Lara
 Nevia Ramos Villaelvir
 Ketkanok Ratana
 Helen Reyes
 Oscar Reyes Rivas
 Cameron Reynolds
 Joanpaola Rodriguez
 Olivia Savage
 Clayton Sayre
 Valerie Seidel
 Jessica Serrao
 Yana Seryakova
 Margaret Shaw
 Mayumi Shill
 Farah Siddiqui
 Wray Sinclair
 Fatimah Siraj-Miah
 Eric Stewart
 Sarah Strangfeld
 Anna Szima
 Adam Ward
 Nathan Wycoff
 Arol Yanez Banos
 Paul Zettersten
 Lijia Zhang



Hawks of the Month

March and April

These students were selected based on how well they demonstrate the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness and Citizenship.

Thunderbirds

March Hawk: Pranjala Singh

Pranjala is a student who consistently completes his assignments, works cooperatively with his peers, strives to achieve excellence, and brings a positive attitude and respect for all people to class each day!!!

April Hawk: Mario Sorto

Mario is a quiet and considerate student who focuses on learning the material presented in class. He completes all his assignments consistently and strives to do his best always! We are lucky to have him as part of our team!

Roadrunners

March Hawk: Elizabeth McCauley

Elizabeth is a very intelligent, diligent, student. She is always on task and gives her best effort on every assignment. She is helpful to her peers and is definitely a leader among them!

April Hawk: Gabriel Elmisurati

Gabe is a great student who loves to participate in class. He makes friends easily and is respectful to teachers. He is such a great asset to every class he's in!!

Raptors

March Hawk: Grant Luong

Grant is a hard working, driven, and positive member of our team. It is an absolute pleasure to see his smiling face in class! For his great attitude, excellent work habits, and overall awesomeness Grant Luong gets an A!!!

March Hawk: Maggie Middleton

Maggie is an exceptional student who exceeds academically and socially. Equally adept in Math and Language Arts, she is a classroom star! She is a leader in Lego league and has created her own comic book series. Her enthusiasm is infectious

April Hawk: Stefany Flores

Stefany is an outstanding student who demonstrates all the desirable traits of a Raptor. She is a capable, diligent student who leads by quiet example and is always willing to help her peers. Stefany is a delightful young lady who successfully balances the academic and social aspects of school. She is a pleasure to have on our team.

April Hawk: Jeff O'Connell:

Jeff is an exemplary student who leads by the outstanding example that he sets for his peers. He is a quiet, mature young man who is directed and focused in his academics.

Jeff has a good sense of humor and works well with his peers. He is consistent and dependable, and is a great example of a Raptor.

ESOL

March Hawk: Jose Portillo

Jose is an extremely hard worker who gets to class early, is always ready and prepared, and puts in 100% effort to all his assignments. He is friendly and always willing to help support his peers. Jose will succeed at anything he tries! Way to go Jose!!! We are so proud of you! ☺

April Hawk: Nevia Ramos Villaelvir

Throughout the year, Nevia has shown a high level of academic standards. Her progression in ESOL is acknowledged by all her teachers. She is a kind and courteous young lady who is a joy to teach!!

Falcons

March Hawk: Paul Latimer

Paul is a very dependable and genuinely nice person who consistently has good grades, good behavior, good attendance, and a great smile! Paul is modest yet we all know that we can expect terrific things in his future! We are proud to have him on the Falcon team!

April Hawk: Nikki Russell

Nikki is very sharp and her grades reflect that in all areas. She is well organized, super helpful, and a good role model for other students. We hope Nikki remembers the old Falcons when she is rich and famous!!

Kestrels

March Hawk: Eddy Yanosky

A complete gentleman, Eddy is an enthusiastic participant in academic activities, such as Battle of the Books and essay contests. He is generous with his time offering spontaneous tutoring in math and we know, would help anyone who asked!

April Hawk: Jenna Aschenbach

Jenna has exhibited remarkable personal growth and has logged significant academic progress this semester. Prompt, thorough and competent in her work, she is also a model for conduct most becoming a rising 9th Grader – organized, disciplined, creative and gregarious!!

Eagles

March Hawk: Kiera Andrews

Kiera is a conscientious student who takes pride in academic achievement and is also a student whom it is a pleasure to have in class!!! We are so lucky to have her as part of our team!

April Hawk: Alex Bednarek

Alex epitomizes the qualities of an ideal student. He is socially conscious, holds himself to high standards, and always behaves in an exemplary fashion!

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Pelicans

March Hawk: Colvin Rayburn

Colvin works diligently to keep up with assignments and takes his academics seriously. He participated in our version of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and did such a great job! In addition, he did an extensive amount of work landscaping around the school. He has made a positive effort in our classes and we are very proud of him!

April Hawk: Amanda Pascarelli

Amanda is a wonderful student who is always doing great work! She not only has excellent grades and does her work diligently but she is always available to help her peers. Her participation in our version of *The Diary of Anne Frank* shows that she is multi-talented and always prepared!

National Junior Honor Society

In April 2008 the following students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations!

7th grade

Mayra Alas Romero
Kyle Alger
Erin Altschuler
Matthew Arace
Steven Archambeault
Joseph Bartlam
Emily Blum
Olivia Brady
Stephanie Brininstool
Tarryn Chichester
Conor Cudahy
Colin Curtis
Nicole Dubishar
Olivia Dunne
Amy Freeman
Lauren Gabriel
Michael Gjormand

Joshua Glazier
Anidith Guevara Chira
Bradley Heuer
Katherine Hinders
Faizah Hoque
Brian Hrozencik
Amanda Huelskamp
Whitney Irish
Samuel Jens
Nina Kappel
Gillian Linden
Yasmine Maggio
Sean Mathews
Gabriel Mayers
Elizabeth McCauley
Megan McCoy
Lauren Michaely
Margaret Middleton

Conlan Miller
Kate Morris
Brianna Moses
Harshini Pyata
Nevia Ramos Villaelv
Irene Regalaro
Katherine Reilly
Adam Rosenberg
Marguerite Sagan
Jonathan Seng
Jessica Serrao
Ellie Shelton
Nicole Sherman
Farah Siddiqui
Pranjala Singh
Anna Szima
Kaitlynne Temple
Brandon Timbrook

Thomas Vollaro
Jordan Vollenweider
Lijia Zhang

8th grade

Alexander Bednarek
Robin Falci
Hannah Kaplan
Caroline Mann
Emma Miller-Cvilikas
Dominic Napoleon
Nicole Ollerhead
Matthew Smith
Nathan Smith
Zachary Talbot
Hameed Talebian
Caitlin Williams
Emma Withers

The following 2007 NJHS members completed all the requirements for NJHS school and community service hours and helped with the can food drive in November and Unicef in October. Well done for these members.

Megan Anthony
Jenna Aschenbach
Matthew Banks
Emily Beacham
Jorge Bonilla Lopez
Scott Booma
Taylor Brininstool
Corinne Burtschi
Sophia Campos
Crystal Chu
Domonique Collins
Ryan Culberson

Kaija Flood
Brian Fortna
Christopher Glazier
Andrew Goldin
Caitlin Graney
Sanam Hashemi
Adonay(Eddie)
Henriquez Iraheta
Michael Hepfinger
Parker Hill
Thomas Hitchings
Kylee Horstman

Thomas Huang
Mandar Kulkarni
Paul Latimer
Denise Lee
Jack Madden
Aaron Meland
Philip Meyers
Abigale Mullet
Brigdet Newell
Timothy Nixon
Emily O'Rourke
Amanda Pascarelli

Gabriel Ryan Pike
Ryan Proctor
Nicole Russell
Ella Rutanen
Ben Salvail
Alexis Sneed
Carolyn Tran
Avery Wauben
Kat Zobeck



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Congratulations and Good Luck to the Class of 2012



Have a safe and happy summer

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