

November 2, 2007

Notes to HJCS Parents

Thirty-Three HJCS Scholars Win Proactivity Award for October

At this morning's assembly thirty-three HJCS scholars received their ticket to the Proactivity Ice Cream Social held today during snack time. These youngsters were named award winners for consistently behaving in a way that shows respect for others. Among the winners:

Kindergarten: Beatrice Johnson, Tamia Curtis, Jaquez Green, Aishah Alshoga, Oszowin Matthews, Emahrión Guerrero, Mia Christian, Yasin Sidig, Christopher Baker, Semaja Walton, Saniyah Bell, Anthony Davis, El-Sire Douglas, ZyQuaveone Mayo, Ahzamia Smythe, Amoi Thompson, Tiera Wilmot, TyJa'h Bolton, Brandon Akuoko, Tamia Cousins, Isaac Fong, ZyQuavia Mayo, Ashavion Turner

First Grade: Gregory Flanagan, Jr., Zuchariah Bellamy, Ashanti Ligons, Tyasia Johnson, Remi Martin, Rei Anna Johnson, Julian Wallace, Areonia Green, Kevin Williams, Dasia Jones

CAMP Award, given to the homeroom that has done the best work in specials classes (Computer, Art, Music, Physical Education) for the month, was a hotly contested prize. All homerooms improved their average monthly score by 15-to-25% from September to October, and only 2% separated the winning homeroom from the runner up. For the month of October, the CAMP Award will reside in Homeroom 1B, taught by Mrs. Karin Shaw, Mrs. Jayna McLoughlin, and Mr. Lesedi Morrison.

Staff Star Award went to Mrs. Marnie Gast, School Counselor, for her many contributions to the welfare of students, to her colleagues in the classroom, and to the culture of the school. Mrs. Gast was selected in part based on the recommendation of several HJCS staff members.

Congratulations to All HJCS October Proactivity, eAMP, and Staff Star Award Winners!

Assembly Alert

This morning we enjoyed the performances of three Homerooms. KGB recited "An Autumn Day," KGA sang "If You Dare to Dream," and 1A and 1B joined together once more to sing "Lean On Me." In addition, all scholars learned the "Make New Friends" round, and we sang "The Henry Johnson Moving Song" both entering and exiting the assembly.

Going Home Today in the Mail —

Please watch your mailbox for our letter introducing Progress Reports from HJCS teachers and, for First Grade, a second set based on the MAP tests we recently completed. MAP results will go home to Kindergarten families at the end of next week. Please call the school if you have questions about the reports or your child's progress.

Also in the mailing—a "Smile Safe Kids" card that is for you to carry in your wallet as a way to identify your child, should that ever become necessary. Provided by our LifeTouch photographer, this safety measure is invaluable, especially since it is reported nationally that fewer than 3% of parents have a current photograph of their child!

For Girls Only—

We need the help of our girls' parents in making sure that our female scholars wear their navy blue knit modesty shorts on any day that they are NOT wearing tights or khaki pants. Girls take part in gym class, play on the playground (climbing equipment and sliding down the slides), and sit criss-cross applesauce (cross-legged) on the carpet in their classrooms several times a day. We are hearing that the good practice of sending them to school with their shorts under their jumpers is somewhat abating. Therefore, we need to ask for your help in assuring that our young ladies can take part in these physical activities without fear of immodest exposure. Thank you VERY much for your help!

Thanks to All

Who are donating to our playroom. The children will love the room come the cold weather. We are still gratefully accepting items.

Briefly Noted—But Important

- **Make-Up Picture Day** for children who did not have photos taken or who would like retakes will occur on November 19. Pictures will be ready for families before the holidays, in case you plan to give them as gifts. A flyer will be sent home about a week before as a reminder.
- **Go-Home-Early Day** will occur next Friday, Nov. 9. Every year the State Education Department mandates an early dismissal to test emergency arrangements. This simply means that you should expect your scholar to arrive home 15 minutes earlier than usual. If you pick up your child, please plan to come for him/her 15 minutes earlier next Friday.
- **No Parade on November 12.** We were hoping to march in the Veteran's Day Parade with the Henry Johnson VFW Post, but unfortunately that will not occur this year. Our next parade opportunity will be in the spring, when we should be able to march with Chocolate Thunder.
- Please register with Price Chopper for the **Tools for Schools** program. The HJCS code number is 41296. We will be credited for money you spend at Price Chopper through December.

Thanksgiving Adopt-a-Family

In today's Life's Work folder you will find a letter regarding our Adopt-a-Family. We plan to provide turkey and all the trimmings for four needy HJCS families, and we are asking you to help out. Please note that contributions may be brought in during the next two weeks. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need!