

November 7, 2008

## Notes to HJCS Parents



### *Veterans Remembered, Election Celebrated at Special Assembly Today*

Staff Sergeant Fred Pedro, US Army, joined HJCS scholars at our assembly this morning to talk about Veterans' Day and his own experiences in the Army. Now working as a recruiter, Staff Sergeant Pedro recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. Here he dons his battle gear, which weighs more than 45 pounds—more than some of our scholars! The Staff Sergeant opened our assembly with a beautiful rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” and answered questions about his uniform and army life. He explained that the American flag patch on his right arm, which may appear to be applied backwards, in fact symbolizes the position of the flag flying from a staff when the army is on the advance. Scholars learned about Sgt. Henry Johnson this week, and we noted how different the two sergeants' uniforms are. Thanks to Mr. Shaw, who invited Staff Sgt. Pedro to be with us. (See story on Election inside.)

### **This Week's Northstars**

These HJCS scholars, appearing pleased as punch to have been named specially-shining-bright Northstars, are, from back, Fabien DeSilva (KGB), Tayonna Speight (1A), Preston Foster III (1C), Julian Wallace (2B), Sean Hardy (2A). In front: John Quick-Cherry (KGC), Lana Schell (KGA), Blessah Johnson (1B).

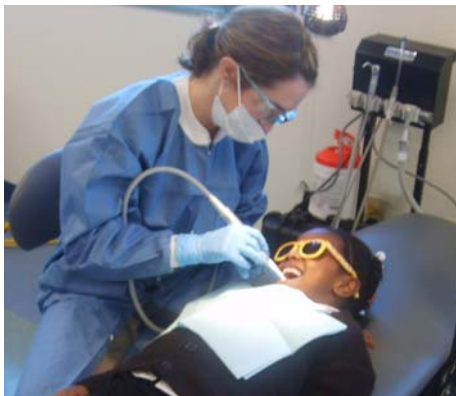




## HJCS Library Up and Running

It's been a while in coming, but finally our Media Center has enough books on the shelves to be called a "Library" when we want to focus on books and reading. Thus far, 1100 books have been processed, with about 200 more to add to the collection. Scholars can now check books out for reading in their classroom and can take Accelerated Reader quizzes to earn points and eventually prizes.

This program focuses on fluency and comprehension, inspiring young ones to read and enjoy. Above, Mrs. Shaw checks reading level for 1B scholars prior to check out; at left, Library Volunteer Mrs. Vonk checks out a book for a scholar; be-



### Annual Teeth Cleaning Under Way

A technician from the Seal-a-Smile Dental Program works on a scholar earlier this week. Many HJCS families took advantage of this free program to assure healthy gums and teeth.



### Coming Up...

**No School**—Nov. 11, observing Veterans' Day

**Kindergarten Movie Night** on Nov. 7, 7-9 pm. \$2 per person for pizza and movie, *The Game Plan*.

**PTA Meetings on Nov. 10** at 8:30 am and 5:30 pm.

**Monday, November 17**—Picture Make-Up Day for retakes and photos for students who missed having picture taken on first Picture Day.

**Tuesday, November 25**—Proactivity Assembly at 8:30 am

**No School**—November 26-28 for Thanksgiving Recess