

November 16, 2007

Notes to HJCS Parents

'Tis the Holiday Season

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanks to all our Henry Johnson Charter School families who have so generously donated to our Adopt-a-Family Thanksgiving Baskets. Turkey with all the trimmings will be part of Thanksgiving Day for the four HJCS families who will benefit from your contributions!

And Thanks to You Again

We at Henry Johnson Charter School do not want this wonderful American holiday to pass without expressing our thanks to all of you for your faith in our school, for entrusting your children to our care, and for the many ways in which you have already supported our endeavors. We wish you a blissful time with loved ones next week and look forward to celebrating all the other special days with you and your child throughout the year!

Mittens, Hats, and Scarves Donated to HJCS Children

Thanks to a generous donation from all the SEFCU employees in Albany, Henry Johnson scholars will have toasty fingers, warm heads, and cuddled necks as they face the winds and cold of our Albany winter. These items will adorn our Mitten Tree in December and be distributed to our young ones before December break, but if your scholar needs a hat, scarf, or mittens right now, please let Ms Penn in our Main Office know. Many thanks to HJCS School Nurse Beth Haggerty, who arranged for this gift to the school!



Turkey Day Is On Its Way

Proud KGB Scholars show off their November Art Wall in the Cafeteria. Each feather on the bird tells what a particular KGB scholar is thankful for. Looks like Kiera, Amoi, Maziah, Anthony, Monique, and Lonzo are happy with the colorful work of their classmates!



Photo Gallery

(From top left): The River Rats read to all students during an EA Activities Assembly last Friday organized by Mrs. Mitchell; Ashanti greets the day with a smile; Ms Petruska assists 1A Scholars Brooke, Shayla, and Tyasia tell the school about the tiger their homeroom has adopted; students in 1B demonstrate the properties of air during their recitation of "Air" last week; and ladies from Seal-a-Smile talk to classes about the importance of good oral health.



Assembly Alert

This morning KGB sang "Five Fat Turkeys" for us, a little song about how these SMART fat turkeys made it past Thanksgiving! Ask your scholar how they did it. Teachers named the following as extra bright Northstars for the week: Anthony Davis, Ja'syiah Tomlin, Venice Johnson, Angelica Flores, and Julian Wallace.



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.
- **Girls' and boys' ties** will be available for purchase for \$2.99 in the school's Main Office beginning Monday. We note that a number of children are coming to school without their ties, resulting in a uniform infraction. We hope that having the ties available at school will be a convenient way for families to replace the lost articles.