

November 30, 2007

Notes to HJCS Parents

November Proactivity Awards Celebrated This Morning

Month's Virtue Parallels

HJCS Mission

Since the mission of Henry Johnson Charter School is to provide an outstanding educational experience for our young scholars, it makes sense that a virtue our school would embrace second only to respect for oneself and respect for others would be **respect for learning**. That is the behavior we have been encouraging this month as one of the foundational values of a happy and successful life.

In talking with our students about respect for learning, we have explained that people show that respect by attending to the lessons teachers are teaching and by doing the work—both in school and at home—that is assigned.

Furthermore, scholars who respect learning are concerned that their classmates have the opportunity to learn, too, so they don't interfere with their friends' efforts by distracting them or causing a problem in the classroom.

Lastly, scholars who respect learning also respect their teachers' efforts to teach so that the scholars can learn. Again, they show their teacher that they believe the work is important, they participate appropriately during lessons, and they help rather than hinder the educational process in the classroom. They hold up their end in the learning equation, for as an old Chinese proverb says, "Teachers open the door; you enter by yourself." Our HJCS scholars also know that there is no limit to the number of scholars who can receive the award and that it is they who decide—through their actions—whether or not they will receive it. Congratulations to this month's winners!



Award Recipients

Jocelyn Lopez, Dynasty McCormick-Bass, Brooke Marsh, Gregory Flanagan Jr., Ja-syiah Tomlin, Zuchariah Bellamy, Zaliyah Edwards, Tyasia Johnson, Ashanti Ligons, Xzayvion Hay, Venice Johnson, Isaac Fong, Jabari Lawson, TyJa'h Bolton, Theresa Wilson, Ashavion Turner, Saniyah Bell, El-Sire Douglas, ZyQuaveone Mayo, Kayla Moore, Ahzamia Smythe, Amoi Thompson, Mazziah Thorpe, Tiera Wilmot, Areonia Green, Chyann Johnson, ReiAnna Johnson, Dasia Jones, Remi Martin, Naz'zeona Nobles, Julian Wallace, Kevin Wallace, Aishah Alshoga, Mia Christian, Christopher Baker, Tamia Curtis, Angelica Flores, Emahrión Guerrero, Beatrice Johnson, Jaquez Green, Paige Lewis, Oszowin Matthews, Yasin Sidig.

Staff Star — Ms Virginia Abbruzzese

CAMP Award — Homeroom 1A

Photo Gallery

(From top left): Jocelyn is blissful after getting her ticket to the Ice Cream Social; Julian and Naz'zeona take part in the math chant; Mr. Shaw conducts end-of-day activity in KGB; Tre-wuan gets his teeth cleaned by a Seal-a-Smile technician; Mia contemplates ice cream to come.



Assembly Alert

This morning KGA sang "Albuquerque, My Turkey" for us, and 1A recited "Thank You." Ms Brown led 1A and 1B in a two-part chant that she created—"The Sum and Difference Chant"—to help scholars remember their math vocabulary.

Briefly Noted—But Important

- **A Final Thanks** to the organizations that contributed so generously to our Thanksgiving Baskets: the Delaware Avenue Price Chopper, St. Peter's Hospital, and the NYS Department of Corrections.
- **Parent Report Card Conferences** will be held December 12-14. Your scholar's Homeroom Teacher is currently scheduling these. Please remember that this is your opportunity to receive the Term 1 report card, to talk about your child's progress, and to learn about the areas of HJCS assessments. These conferences are mandatory for parents. We look forward to seeing you, and coffee will be served!