

December 14, 2007

Notes to HJCS Parents

Winter Activities Set the Tone at HJCS

Snow, Ice Make for Weather Challenges

Yesterday's snowstorm caused problems on the road that in turn resulted in some of our scholars not boarding buses for home until 6:30 last night. We were not notified that buses were running late until 4:30, our usual boarding time, but once we got the word we started calling families to alert them to the situation.

Our young scholars were remarkably patient and good-natured about their lengthy wait; they enjoyed viewing *Happy Feet* in the Cafeteria until their call came to board, and three of the Durham drivers (Kamesha, TiTi and Matt) are to be commended for going out of their way to help children get home earlier than they otherwise would have; they added children to their runs, traveled longer routes, and ended their day a whole lot later than we had a right to expect. If these are drivers who typically transport your children, please give them a thanks for a job really well done!

Find Out About Closings and Delays

We are told to expect more snow over the weekend (time and materials for building snowmen, snow forts, and snow angels!), so be sure to check school closing/delay listings on the major television stations (6, 10 and 13) anytime you have a question about our status. The rule of thumb: if Albany City Schools are delayed or closed, so are we. Also, it is highly unlikely that we will ever send children home early once they are at school, but you can always pick them up early by calling ahead.

This Week's Northstars: (Back Row) Semaj Highsmith, Areonia Green, Dynasty McCormick-Bass, Jabari Lawson, (Front Row) Paige Lewis, Jocelyn Lopez, Jameesah Highsmith.

Winter Concert and Art Show on December 19 at 6:30. Please have your child at school by 6:15. We look forward to seeing you!

Report Cards Reflect More Than Academics

As you know, this is report card and parent / teacher conference season. Thanks for coming in to meet with your teachers to talk about your scholar's progress. A few of the areas we report on may not get a lot of attention, though: these are the notations in the lower right corner of the card regarding uniform and discipline deposits as well as attendance for the term.

We talked about these areas at this morning's assembly, reminding students that following the rules (wearing proper uniforms, managing behaviors) is part of showing respect for the community (our December Proactivity Virtue), and that regular attendance is critical to solidifying learning. Every day we do important things in the classroom: missing even only a few days means missing opportunities to learn new things, reinforce past learning, and practice new skills.

To emphasize how important these areas are, we asked all children with no uniform deposits to stand and be recognized, and the same for those with no discipline deposits. And, because attendance is so crucial, we awarded certificates and pins to the thirty HJCS students who had perfect attendance for the term. (Special congratulations to the eighteen scholars who appear on all three lists.)

On the reverse side, you will find the names of all these scholars (very convenient for posting on the refrigerator!). For next term, we will set goals for even higher numbers in all areas, with a special celebration at the end of Term 2 if we reach our goals! Thanks for your help at home, and please keep it up.



No Discipline Deposits for Term 1

Kindergarten

Brandon Akuoko
Zafeir-Orion Alexander
Aishah Alshoga
Christopher Baker
Saniyah Bell
Jaquavia Bellamy
Chyinah Bobbitt
TyJa'h Bolton
Denny Bryant Jr.
Olivia Carter
Mia Christian
Tamia Curtis
Hec-Queon DeJesus
El-Sire Douglas
Jameir Drake
Anthony Fernandes
Angelica Flores
Isaac Fong
Da'Jon Ford
Adriana Garcia
Jaquez Green
Kiera Griffith
Emahrion Guerrero
Hassani Hamilton
Xzayvion Hay
Jameesah Highsmith
Beatrice Johnson
Janiah Johnson
Venice Johnson
Ny'Shara Johnson
Shymere Jones

Amani Jones
Jabari Lawson
Paige Lewis
Adonis Luzunaris
Osian Lasefe Masterson
Oszowin Matthews
ZyQuavia Mayo
ZyQuaveone Mayo
Ju'lion McLeod
Keilani Milligan
Antwon Moore
Kayla Moore
Tre-Wuan Morris
Nathaniel Neal-
Washington
Chimaobi Nwosu
John Quick-Cherry
Taliq Ramos-Moore
ReyAmalet Reynoso
Yasin Sidig
Da'moni Sierra-
McGraw
Ahzamia Smythe
Tayonna Speight
Amoi Thompson
Mazziah Thorpe
Ashavion Turner
Zymeir Walton
Nyzharae Williams
Tiera Wilmot
Theresa Wilson

Grade 1

Derrick Beason
Zuchariah Bellamy
Dahjae Blocker
Sania Cooper
Privina Dean
Zaliyah Edwards
Shayla Farris
Gregory Flanagan Jr.
Osumanu Garba
Areonia Green
Shawanna Hayes
Semaj Highsmith
Tyasia Johnson
Chyann Johnson
ReiAnna Johnson
Dasia Jones
Ashanti Ligons
Jocelyn Lopez
Brooke Marsh
Remi Martin
Jaheem Miller
Nazzeona Nobles
Samaria Ross
Azariah Sierra-Jemison
Ja-syiah Tomlin
Julian Wallace
Kevin Williams

Perfect Attendance for Term 1

Kindergarten

Brandon Akuoko
Saniyah Bell
Jaquavia Bellamy
TyJa'h Bolton
Tamia Cousins
Hec-Queon DeJesus
El-Sire Douglas
Jameir Drake
Isaac Fong
Jaquez Green
Janyah Herbert
Beatrice Johnson
Amani Jones
Paige Lewis
ZyQuavia Mayo
ZyQuaveone Mayo
Monique McNabb
Kayla Moore
Chimaobi Nwosu
Mazziah Thorpe

Grade 1

Dahjae Blocker
Sade Cole
Areonia Green
Sean Hardy
Dasia Jones
Jocelyn Lopez
Brooke Marsh
Remi Martin
Jaheem Miller
Kevin Williams

No Uniform Deposits for Term 1

Kindergarten

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Saniyah Bell
Jaquavia Bellamy
TyJa'h Bolton
Imanni Boykin
Denny Bryant Jr.
Mia Christian
Tamia Cousins
Tamia Curtis
Anthony Davis
Hec-Queon DeJesus
El-Sire Douglas
Jameir Drake
Anthony Fernandes
Angelica Flores
Isaac Fong

Da'Jon Ford
Daunte Franklin
Adriana Garcia
Tayshawn Glover
Jaquez Green
Emahrion Guerrero
Hassani Hamilton
Xzayvion Hay
Janyah Herbert
Jameesah Highsmith
Beatrice Johnson
Janiah Johnson
Venice Johnson
Ny'Shara Johnson
Shymere Jones
Amani Jones
Jabari Lawson

Paige Lewis
Adonis Luzunaris
Osian Lasefe
Masterson
ZyQuavia Mayo
ZyQuaveone Mayo
Ju'lion McLeod
Monique McNabb
Keilani Milligan
Michael Mima Jr.
Antwon Moore
Timothy Moore Jr.
Tre-Wuan Morris
Nathaniel Neal-
Washington
Chimaobi Nwosu
John Quick-Cherry

Taliq Ramos-Moore
ReyAmalet Reynoso
Yasin Sidig
Da'moni Sierra-
McGraw
Tayonna Speight
Takhia Taylor
Amoi Thompson
Marcel Traynham
Ashavion Turner
Vernon Vanderhall Jr.
Nyzharae Williams
Tiera Wilmot
Theresa Wilson

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Dahjae Blocker
Sade Cole
Sania Cooper
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