

September 14, 2007

# Notes to HJCS Parents

## ***Public Meeting on "School Safety Plan" and "Safe and Drug-Free School Plan"***

HJCS family members are invited to attend a public meeting on the "School Safety Plan" and the "Safe and Drug-Free School Plan" that we intend to implement this year. The meeting will be held at the school on Wednesday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m. This will be your opportunity to review the steps we will take in the case of any emergencies that may occur at the school or in the immediate neighborhood as well as the approach we will take to educate our students about the dangers of drug use.

## ***Invitation to Join the HJCS PTA***

Several parents and guardians have indicated their interest in establishing a Parent-Teacher Association to support the work of the school in educating our young scholars and provide opportunities for recreation and family fun. This organization would be led by parents and would include school staff as members. Because we know that families have different schedules, we think it might be a good idea to establish two groups—one that would meet during the school day and one that would meet in the evening. Meetings would probably occur monthly on a schedule that the groups would set at their first meeting. The work of the two groups would be coordinated through a liaison person. We'd like to get started with a PTA before too much of the year goes by, so we're hosting first meetings in late September. If you are interested and would like to join, we'd love to see you at one or the other of the times noted here.

**Wednesday, September 26 at 1 PM OR 6 PM**

The first order of business will be a review of our Consolidated Grant Application and a survey of members for interest in helping in the school office. If you would like to become an active member but cannot make either of these meetings, please call Mrs. Turner at 432-4300.

## ***Blanket for Kindergarten Naptime***

The cots we purchased for Kindergarten Naptime turned out to be too big and cumbersome for our classrooms, so they have been returned to the vendor, and new cots that can be folded and will fit in the rooms have been ordered. Until they arrive, we invite you to send in a crib sheet and light blanket with your Kindergarten on Monday. These will be returned to you on Friday for laundering. These items will be needed only until our cots arrive in a week or so.

## ***Proactivity Values and Awards***

Every month HJCS focuses on a different aspect of the virtue RESPECT. This month, our focus is on respecting ourselves. Students are listening to stories about self-respect, are sharing ideas about the virtue, and are completing activities intended to help them develop and strengthen this critical aspect of personal growth. Students who demonstrate that they do indeed understand what self-respect is and who achieve three other goals over the next two weeks will earn an award that will be given at our assembly on September 28.\* The three other goals for the next few weeks are 1) 0 deposits for Life's Work or behavior (see *Parent Handbook*), 2) 0 uniform violations (child is dressed in the appropriate school uniform every day (see *Parent Handbook*), 3) child has 90% attendance/on time. The award for September, "Respect Yourself," is a Star Student Pin, which can be worn to school every day!

\*Assemblies are held in the gym every Friday at 10 a.m. You are invited to join us.

***Reminders:*** Please send back your signed "Commitment to Excellence Form" and the volunteer slip for Picture Day if you can help us out. Needed: helpers for the 10:30-12:30 slot. ***Thank you!!***