

September 21, 2007

Notes to HJCS Parents

"Open Meetings Policy" and "Offender Notification"

Please see the attached policy statement regarding meetings held at the school that are open to the public. This applies specifically to the meetings conducted by our Board of Trustees and the notices that we post to announce their time and date. Informing our families about this policy puts the school in compliance with the law governing open meetings. The next Board meeting will occur on Thursday, October 18, at 5 pm. Also attached, notification regarding how you can access information about offenders in your area.

Proactivity Values and Awards

Just a reminder that at our Friday assembly this week (10 a.m.), we will be honoring our Henry Johnson scholars who have earned the September "Respect Yourself" Proactivity Award. Children who have demonstrated that they do indeed understand what self-respect means and who have achieved three other goals will earn a Star Student Pin that can be worn to school every day! The three other goals 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 Respect Proactivity Values for the rest of the year are the following:

October: Respect Others	November: Respect for Learning	December: Respect for Community
January: Respect the Rules	February: Respect the Past	March: Respect Differences
April: Respect Challenges	May: Respect Your Body	June: Respect Nature

Picture Day Scheduled for Tuesday, October 2

Next week we will send home information and order forms for school pictures that will be taken on October 2. In addition to individual shots, we will take class pictures, so it is especially important that children are dressed in proper uniform for that day. Pictures will be taken in the morning, so everyone should be in pretty good shape for the photographer! If your child needs a sweater for the day, he/she should wear the "official" brown school sweater. Thank you for signing up to help if you did volunteer. Ms Penn is contacting you to confirm the schedule.

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 (required by NCLB law) 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.

Reminder: If you have not done so, please send back your signed "Commitment to Excellence Form." We need it for your child's records and to know that you are on board with Henry Johnson Charter School. ***Thank you so much!!***