Dear Hawk Families,

With the holidays quickly approaching, we have a lot to be thankful for AND a lot of school happenings which I hope you’ll put on your calendars (see Newsletter Calendar of Events section).

Thank you to teachers, Michele Erickson and Shannon Sugrue, for sponsoring our Student Council and for coordinating our candidate speeches and student elections on November 4th. Congratulations to our new officers: President Sally Newbold, Vice President Ashley Herbert, Secretary Sage Villavisanis and Treasurer Ernest Cortez. The student council sponsors most of our school’s community service projects, so we are very thankful for all their hard work.

Thank you to Counselor Brigid Garbini for coordinating our Kids’ Clothing Closet activity this last week, to all our volunteers who assisted before, during and after the successful event and to those who came out to support it. Many families were able purchase lots of clothes at bargain prices, and over $1,000 was raised for the media center, so we’re very thankful for everyone’s contributions.

Finally, I want to urge everyone to attend our School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd, from 3:15-5 PM. Dr. Craig Davis and wife, Michelle, both educators in our District, will be sharing an outstanding presentation about nurturing intellectual stamina in our children. Their work centers on what parents can do to manage their children’s access to, and immersion in, a technology-saturated society (worldwide web, cell phones, Facebook, etc.) and what we all can do to help our children/students to stay safe and to develop grit and stamina when facing academic and real-world challenges. I was able to attend the Davis’ presentation on a professional development day and can promise you that you’re not going to want to miss this! See Beth Purtill’s SAC update in the newsletter for more information and note that this meeting is being held at Shores United Methodist Church in order to accommodate seating for all who attend. I hope to see you there!

Parents,

Please refrain from checking out your child between 2:30-3:10 (1:30-2:00 Wednesday) PM. In an effort to reduce congestion in the front office and to keep our children safe, students must be picked up either in the parent pick-up car loop or at the walker’s gate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

News Flash!!

Our next Hartley newsletter will go out on December 8th, after our Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please do not request courtesy rides unless it’s an emergency.

**Calendar of Events**

**Nov. 18th** – Fall Photo Retakes

**Nov. 19th** – Interims Go Home

**Nov. 20th** – **Thanksgiving Lunch**

- Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd
- Adults- $3.50
- Visiting Children-$2.90

Please come early to sign in for lunch.

**Nov. 26-28th** – Thanksgiving Holidays

**NO SCHOOL**

**December 1st** - Return to school

**December 2nd** – Sac Mtg. 3:15 -5:00 pm

At Shores United Methodist Church
Kindergarten: Aiden Calhoun, Kami Harris, Phoenix Godwin, Althea Stokes, Layla Burch, Charlie Gruver, Amal Sabbag, Dominick Knuden, Ella Smith, Evan Chatterton, Shelby Ambieli, Bianca Allie, Tae’ Shon Grace

First Grade: Nicholas Mendoza, Maeve Mc Kenney, Gabe Mesch, Sthena Dale, Allen Girard, Kody Wilkinson, Vanessa Conigliaro, Nobel Fissehaya

Second Grade: Catherine Glese, Riley Tiller, Danielle Harris, Ava Hayes, Ashton Couper, Brett Walsh, Eden Rowland, Christian Coleman, Makayla Reid, Julia Garra, Elijah Durdan, Lincoln Sullivan

Third Grade: Isabella Stahr, Max Sherman, Ashlyn Wilkerson, Alivia Cruce

Fourth Grade: Makenzie Byrd, Ryan Harris, Kaylee Marks, Jack Bamford, Bradyn Roy, Hailey Timmons, Kiersten Taylor, Henry Purtill, Marvin Friedman, Gracie Adams

Fifth Grade: Lillian McDonlad, Dominic Young, Jovien Hamilton, Ryan Fields, Abigail Morgan-Bedsole, Jason Story, David Martinez, Abigail Tunkus, David Martinez

P.E: Grace Tomkins, Anderson Davis, Madison Tiller, William O’Toole

Art: Maria Rovira

Music: Ryan Jones, Luc Gillan

Media: Skylar Hudson, Donald Moody

LIL HAWK CAFÉ
904-547-8396

Lunch is $2.45
Breakfast is $1.25

Breakfast is served daily from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Nov. 17th – Mac & Cheese, BBQ Chicken Max Snax, Steamed Broccoli, Green Beans, Juice

Nov. 18th – Mini Corn Dogs, Mini Cheese Ravioli or Chicken Nuggets, Spinach/Romaine Salad, Corn Garlic Bread Fruit

Nov. 19th – Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza or Fajita Chicken Salad, Carrot & Cucumber Dippers, Sweet Peas, Garlic Bread, Apple Slices

Nov. 20th – Holiday Luncheon: Roasted Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, White Wheat Roll, Apple Crisp, Cranberry Sauce

Adult - $3.50 - Visiting Child - $2.90

Nov. 21st – Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dog, Cherry Tomato & Celery Dippers, Sweet Potato Puffs, White Wheat roll, Juice

Nov. 24th – Chicken Quesadilla or Cheese Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Steamed Broccoli Florets, Juice

Nov. 25th – Cheese or Pepperoni Calzonettes, Crunchy Beef Tacos or Chicken Nuggets, Marinara Sauce, Corn Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Cup, Fruit

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W.D. Hartley Canned Food Drive
November 12th - November 21st

During the next two weeks, Student Council will be collecting cans for people in our community who are in need. We would love for all students at Hartley Elementary to participate in this event. Please bring in cans or boxes of food to donate to this cause. Please fill up the box in your classroom with dry foods that are boxed and/or canned goods. Some ideas are canned soups, vegetables, pasta noodles, rice, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, jelly and tuna.

All donations will go to needy Hartley families and the food pantry affiliated with St. Francis House.

Thank you for helping families in need in our community!

Wordplay

Use these activities to build your child’s phonemic awareness—his ability to hear sounds in words:

- Choose a three-letter word, such as cap. Have your youngster substitute different beginning sounds from the alphabet to make new words (lap, map, nap, rap, sap, tap, zap). How many can she think of?

- Pick a long word, and tell her to clap once as she says each syllable. For mozzarella, she would clap four times: Moz - za - rel-la.

- Ask your child to say a word without the first sound. Ex: “Can you say sit without the s?” (Answer: It)

- Think of a word and give your youngster a “sound” clue to figure it out. For instance, “I’m thinking of a word for something that you chew. The word has an uh sound in the middle.” (Answer: Gum)

Home & School Connection

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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School Advisory Council
Beth Purtill, SAC Chair
11/17/14

Please mark your calendar now to attend Hartley’s School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. The location has moved to Shores Methodist Church on Shores Drive from 3:15-5 pm, in order to accommodate seating for all who attend. The topic presented is on technology’s impact on our children: Intellectual Stamina by Craig and Michelle Davis. You won’t want to miss! Childcare is provided, with RSVP only, by 11/21 to Beth Purtill by e-mail at Elizabeth.Purtill@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call the school at 547-8400.

Hartley Staff children will be in portable 1 with Ms. Sankey and assistants. All other Hartley children will be in a classroom at the church.

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is comprised of parents, teachers, staff and community members to provide input on school related activities. Have a question? Please contact our SAC chair, Beth Purtill.

Hartley PTO News!!

Mark your calendars for the Scholastic Book Fair coming to Hartley the week of December 8th - 12th. Classes will have scheduled times during the week to view and shop at the Book Fair.

Hartley PTO would like to wish all our Hartley families a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

Pam Head, Hartley PTO
794-2726 home ~ 814-7335 Cell
gleader945@yahoo.com

Ms. Garbini, Guidance Counselor

I know we have some Hartley families that could use some assistance with the approaching holidays. We are planning to do the “Giving Tree” again this year. Students are able to purchase an ornament for $1, and we then use the money to help our families in need. Last year we had several businesses, organizations and even families that adopted some of our children and helped to brighten their holidays. I am always amazed at the incredible generosity of our Hartley family. Last year, we provided gifts and food for 23 families which included 72 children!

If you are in need of assistance or if you would like to make a donation, please email me at Brigid.Garbini@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call me at 547-8387. Remember that your information is confidential.

Music Request from Ms. Dizney

The Music Bulletin Board needs your help. Please bring in a picture of yourself enjoying music outside of school. Suggestions: Playing an instrument, Singing in a Choir or Play, Dancing, or Listening......attending an indoor or outdoor Concert.

Hartley Hawks
Let’s Share our Love of Music Everywhere!!

Congratulations to our new Student Council Officers!!

President – Sally Newbold
Vice-President – Ashley Herbert
Secretary – Sage Villavisanis
Treasurer – Ernest Cortez
Character Counts

Kindergarten
Maddie Koshinski
Teagan Kraft
Marleanna McCutcheon
Kiyah Miller
Ava Marshall
Cole Simpson
Luke Tanner

First Grade
Amelia Britten
Jase Gillan
Ella McDaniel
Drew Medearis
Noah Sicuranza
Reagan Weihs

Second Grade
Riley Chance
Jonathan Dubowski
Olivia Gooden
Hunter Hall
Shelby Hodges
Elsa Shortlidge

Third Grade
Tanner Beggs
Brianna Boston
Brody Haeussner
Ashlynn Kraft
Kayla Sisk
Zainab Zori

Fourth Grade
Charles Anselmo
Rosie Carmichael
Camryn Jones
Dane Morgan
Jake Orr
Sara Roquett

Fifth Grade
Kareem Barakzoy
Autumn Deitrick
Steven Klingner
Anna Kubart
Jessica Marino
Grace Tompkins
Sally Newbold
Easton Greene

“Mini” Performance of the “Nutcracker”
By the St. Augustine Ballet
December 4, 2014
6:00 – 7:00 pm
$1.00 Entrance donation per person
Enjoy cider and a treat for .50 cents

All proceeds from the evening go to the Wishing Tree (our version for Toys for Tots or Stocking fund). The proceeds are used to help our own needy Hartley families enjoy the holidays!

Each child gets to decorate a Wishing Tree Ornament.

We need donations of pastries and apple cider.
If you’re able to help, drop off donations at the front office on December 3rd or 4th.

St. Augustine Youth Services
3rd Annual
“Santa Suits on the Loose”
Family 5K Run/Walk/Jog

December 12~13~14
St. Augustine Beach Pier

Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.
Run begins at 8:00 a.m.
Registration Fee: $35 (No refunds)
Sign up early to receive a Santa Suit!
Guaranteed for the first 300 adult registrants. Children will receive a Santa-inspired T-shirt. Children in strollers do not have to register.

For more information or to sign up online:
www.@racesmith.com

HOLIDAY HAT DAY
$1.00 to wear your hat
December 12th
Proceeds benefit our WISHING TREE!

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FLORIDA KIDCARE
If you are interested in purchasing affordable health care insurance through Florida KidCare and would like to know more about the program, informational brochures are available at the front office. Ask for Mrs. Houghton, and she will share copies of the literature with you.

VERY IMPORTANT!!
You need to be an approved volunteer to assist in your child’s classroom, chaperone a field trip or even to have lunch, or go down the hall for a conference with your child’s teacher. This is very important. Please take the time to fill out your school access form.
You may go on to the St. Johns County web page to get your school access form.
www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/cr/volunteer

The First Tee
After School Program

Teaching Life Skills through the Game of Golf
Participants will gain basic Golf Knowledge and Core Values associated with the Game.

St. Johns County 3-Hole Facility
For all Boys and Girls grades 2nd – 5th
(14 available spots)
4 week session - $39 Fee
Begins Nov. 20th

You may pick-up your application from Coach Beach or the front office

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Hartley’s Business Partners

Bozard Ford is a Hartley Business Partner that has woven their way into the fabric of Hartley's nest. Many of the activities that make Hartley what it is have been helped along by such things as mulch for the gardens or funds for helping those in need. We are so fortunate to connect with such willing helpers.

Coastal Foot and Ankle returns to walk another year as one of Hartley's valued Business Partners. If you need solutions or advice about feet and legs, Coastal is the place to be. Thank you for your ongoing help as we keep our Hawks soaring!

Hartley's Business Partner Program welcomes newcomer Radcraft Construction. We are excited to join with this company to help build our students into wonderful citizens of our community.

Please keep these and all our Hartley Business Partners in mind as you do business in our community. We want our community to excel as much as our kids. A strong network between Hartley parents and Hartley businesses can only work to everyone's benefit. For more information on our Business Partner Program, contact Jan Anderson at fueanderson@bellsouth.net or 904-540-0976.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

The St. Johns Education Association is continuing to promote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and celebration activities in St. Johns County.

Essay Guidelines:


The essay contest is designed to create awareness among students in Grades 4-12 of the efforts by Dr. King and how they (the student) can help make a better America by keeping his dream alive. As we prepare to celebrate The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday, on January 19, 2015, we believe this essay contest will encourage students to think beyond the dream and plan for the future.

Eligibility:
Three categories: Students in grades 4-5: Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12

Criteria:
The essay must be typed or handwritten in ink by the student. (Exception - Students with physical handicap) A cover sheet containing the name of the participant, complete home address, school, grade, teacher, and telephone number must accompany the essay. Use word count to include the number of words on your cover sheet.

The writing is focused on topic, has a logical organized pattern, and has ample development of the supporting ideals using a mature command of the language for appropriate grade level. All of the essay must be the student’s original work.