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**THE MISSION OF
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ACADEMY IS TO
PROVIDE AN ARTS
ENRICHED LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT
MERGING CREATIVE
AND ACADEMIC
CONTENT TO
ENHANCE STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AND
TO ENCOURAGE ARTS
RELATED CAREERS
AND LIFELONG ARTS
APPRECIATION.**

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Resolve to Read

Along with the standard New Year's resolutions...get more exercise, eat healthier...here's a suggestion for one that can help your student succeed in school, in higher education, and in the work place...**resolve to read more.**

The ability to read and understand what is read is a major factor in doing well in school, especially for those students who plan to go on to college. The more a student reads, the greater the student's vocabulary and the better writer he or she becomes. According to a review of the research done by Jon Nebor on the effects of parental influence and parental involvement in children's reading, "Studies show that parental role modeling will improve a child's reading, because the child sees reinforcement of the value of education outside of school. Parents who read books and magazines as leisure activities are more likely to have children with a high degree of interest in literature and reading." Having the entire family taking the time to read is also a good way to promote good conversation as each person can share some information about what he or she is reading.

Literacy is the state's major focus this year, too. Oklahoma, along with 43 other states, has adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These are nationally developed criteria per grade in the areas of language and mathematics that all students should know. The CCSS require students to have a higher level of proficiency in reading, writing, mathematics, and analytical thinking. By 2014, Oklahoma students will need to be prepared to be tested over the new standards. Here at Harding Fine Arts, our teachers and administrators have already attended seminars about the new standards and are investigating ways to incorporate them into our existing curriculum now. We want our students to get a head start in preparation for the new requirements.

Books, magazines, newspapers, and internet articles are all good sources for reading. Reluctant readers may even want to start with graphic novels. There are many good ones available. The most important thing is to get into the habit of reading daily, and then gradually build up to material that uses at least some more complex vocabulary.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."
Sir Richard Steele



Firehawk Basketball Fires Up!!



Get ready to cheer! Our teams are doing great this year!

Monday, Jan. 9 HFAA vs. SW Covenant at SW Covenant
JV Boys-5:00 pm, Girls-6:30 pm. Varsity Boys-8 pm.

Tuesday or Wednesday TBA, Jan. 10 or 11 HFAA vs. Classen SAS
at Classen Girls—6 pm, Boys—8 pm

Friday, Jan. 13 HFAA vs. Dove Science Tulsa at HFAA
Girls— 6:30 pm. Boys—8 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 17 HFAA vs. Crossing Christian School at HFAA Girls-6:30 pm, Boys—8 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 24 HFAA vs. Union City at HFAA Girls—6:30 pm, Boys—8 pm

Friday, Jan. 27 HFAA vs. Astec at HFAA JV Boys—5 pm. Girls—6:30, Boys—7:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 2 HOMECOMING! HFAA vs. OKC Knights at HFAA Girls-4:30, Boys— 6:30 pm

More information about Homecoming activities will be forthcoming. Be sure to check the website, www.hardingfinearts.org.

Attention Parents! You will need the new address to access your student's gradebook and attendance on Powerschool: <http://hfaa.powerschool.com>! For the time being, your username and password will remain the same. (Those may change in the future as we explore the option of issuing student's their own logins and creating a single log on for parents with more than one child in school. We will notify you if those changes occur.)

Remember to **designate Harding Fine Arts Academy** when you shop with your **Target RED** card, **Homeland One** card, and **Office Depot**. The PTO has set us up to earn cash or merchandise back from sales at Target, Homeland, Office Depot, and **Buy for Less**.



Many thanks to all of you who donated items to the Toys for Tots and the Infant Crisis Center. Your generosity helped many families this Christmas.

The HFAA Family extends our deepest sympathy to Allena Martin and her family and Mrs. Sally Bentley and her family for the loss of their loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

HFAA WORK DAY
SATURDAY Jan. 14th, 9 am —NOON
WE NEED YOU!

HFAA Work Day is Saturday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. The projects for this workday are:

- * Hang Firehawk banner in gym
- * Painting the new sound barrier wall in the guitar room
- * Finish stripping the door jam and door in the Teachers' lounge
- * Re-hang door; hang coffee mug racks
- * Replace weatherstrip-ping on front door



HFAA Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break! Please take note of the following three announcements:

First, beginning this month, HFAA will support the Paseo Arts Association with donations of appetizers on a quarterly basis. **As such, we are asking for your help providing appetizers for a gallery during the Paseo First Friday Gallery Walk for January.** Please sign up using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ccc?key=0Ah0ZJ8wdPz4edEhoSE5DY3VhOW1YZW1RcVZzdmpESEE>

Please contact Kent Larason for additional information at zachariah2@cox.net or 840-8313.

You will, of course, receive Service Hours for your donation!

Secondly, January starts our HOME basketball games and **we need volunteers to sell concessions for those games.** If you're able to work at the concession, please email kelli.weeks@midfirst.com directly. Please refer to the schedule on the website. Remember, volunteering counts toward your service hours. If your student is available, he/she, too, can volunteer as HFAA students also have service hours to contribute.

Finally, please take a moment to help us streamline HFAA PTO emails!

Many of you have received an email invitation from yahoogroups to join a group call HFAA-PTO. This private group was setup to allow all PTO officers to more easily contact HFAA parents with important information without us having to worry about updating multiple distribution lists on different computers whenever someone's information changes. There are 268 emails in our HFAA PTO email list. We sent out 200 invites during December alone with only a few accepted. This means we continue to have to use my work and personal email addresses to send notices out.

If you can't find the email (or haven't received one yet), then send an email to hfaa-ptu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com from the email account you wish us to use for contacting you. You don't need to have anything in the body of your email as it's an automated process. You might receive a confirmation email with additional instructions to follow, but the overall process is very simple & quick.

Thank you so much!
Raquel Frazier
HFAA PTO President



COMING SOON! HFAA Annual Auction Fundraiser, this year with an exciting musical review! The event is coming in March, (the exact date will be announced soon) but plans have been underway for months. Now it's time to let us know if you can help make this an amazing night that will bring the maximum benefit to HFAA. We will need help with setting up and decorating the facility, getting out invitations, and of course, acquisitions for the auction. There are committee leaders in place for these areas but we need motivated volunteers to make this event a success. Please email Jana Orr janaorr@axishealthcare.net if you can help, or have any questions.

We've just reached the halfway mark in an amazing school year. HFAA has seen powerful growth in many areas and one of those can be noticed in the halls as our enrollment numbers continue to climb! Next year will be no exception, and applications have already begun pouring in for 2012-2013.

This January HFAA has three fantastic opportunities for potential students and their parents to learn more about how our program can be a part of a successful future. Thursday the 12th, Tuesday the 17th, and Thursday the 26th, at 6:30pm, HFAA will host three Open Houses. Each evening will cover our exceptional academics and then focus on different award-winning art programs! If you know any parents of eighth grade students looking for their next step, let them know about this unique opportunity!

Thursday, 12th:

Drama, Dance & Piano

Tuesday, 17th:

Studio Arts, Photography, Graphic Art & Guitar

Thursday, 26th:

Choir, Strings, Percussion & Winds

Open House

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