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“Zombie Prom” Musical, Oct. 27-30

Make your plans to attend at least one performance of HFAA’s fall musical, “Zombie Prom”, but you’ll probably enjoy it so much that you’ll want to return to see it again. Luckily, if you missed it last night, you still have three more opportunities to catch the show :
Friday, or Saturday evening, Oct. 27-29 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3:00 p.m. The show is suitable for children, not too scary...after all it’s a comedy. The show ‘s talented cast includes Brooke Bradley, Amber Wood, Ryan Smith, Jaesen Pemberton, Whitney Cravens, Lyric Crisler, Anthony Clark, Collin Pulley, Colin McIntire, Austin Elliott, Leslie Hankins, Griffen Tull, Zoey Smith, Luke Wittmann, Jordan Palmer, and Amanda Smith as stage manager. The music is conducted and provided by Elyse Angelo on percussion with Valerie Pulley on piano, Jeff Hicks on guitar, and Patrick Mlekush on bass. Directed by the amazing Brenda Williams, this show is sure to be a highlight of the semester!

Many thanks to our show sponsors, Raquel and Jason Frazier, Steve and Sally Bentley, City Animal Hospital, Patricia and Jaesen Pemberton, Cinderella Wood, Mr. John and Dr. Joy Belt, Tina and Skip Losawyer, Martha and Darrel Smith, Joe and Ginger Shockley, Scott Young and Matt Dalrymple, Jana Orr, Karen and Roy Orr—Brooke Bradley’s grandparents, and Alisha Hankins. Your support means so much to the theater department!

HFAA Strategic Planning Meeting-November 6

The Harding Fine Arts Board of Directors invites any interested parents, guardians, faculty, students, and community members to attend the upcoming strategic planning meeting to be held on Sunday, November 6, from 2-5 p.m., in the basement meeting room of Westminister Presbyterian Church located at 4400 N. Shartel Ave in Oklahoma City. Your input and ideas are absolutely necessary to develop the kind of long range plans that we need to continue to grow our school and fulfill our mission.

For planning purposes, it would be very helpful if you would please let Dr. Rowan know that you are going to attend. We want to make sure we have enough seating (and, of course, snacks!) for everyone. Just e-mail her at srowan@hardingfinearts.org. Thanks!



HFAA WORK DAY SATURDAY Nov 12th, 8—NOON WE NEED YOU!

HFAA Work Day is Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon. We got so much done at last month's workday! Thank you to the volunteers who came to work, especially Mr. Larason, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Frazier, Mr. Wetmore, Ms. Pemberton, and Mr. Cronquist. This month we need to paint the floor on the first floor area at the foot of the stairs. It will need to be mopped first, then painted. We also need to finish the wood stripping and staining in the teachers' restroom area. There is also a dressing room by the small gym that we now have access to that needs a good cleaning.



Remember that the 2nd Friday of every month is HFAA Sonic Night at the Sonic on Northwest Highway just east of Integris Hospital. HFAA gets 10% of all sales, while you get a tasty treat!

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.



You are invited to attend the Martial Arts Classes **Test for the Orange Belt** to be held on *Saturday, Nov. 5, at 12:00 p.m.* in the Big Gym. This is an important event as our students advance in their skill level.

The next **school uniform order** will be submitted on *Oct. 31st*. If you would like to purchase some more uniform pieces, please have your order in to Mrs. Watson by that morning. Thanks!

Please welcome Ms. Paula Love to our HFAA Board of Directors. Ms. Love has her own public relations firm and brings many skills and talents to our board. She also serves on the board of Lyric Theater. We are delighted that she has decided to lend her support to Harding Fine Arts Academy.

PTO IS AWESOME
Thanks for the wonderful lunch!

PTO POSTINGS

Are you signed up with the PTO? HFAA's Parent Teacher Organization is a wonderful opportunity for you to be involved in your student's school! If you do not receive PTO emails, please make sure your email address is updated! Contact Danielle Spence danispence@hotmail.com or Ardis Marris-Steele ardis@marris-steele.com to make sure your email address is added to the distribution list.

Coming up!

Tuesday, November 1: Prospective Student Night! Please donate cookies or punch to be served as refreshments!

Friday, November 4: Paseo First Friday Art Walk. We need appetizers donated! Please contact Tina Lowsayer or Kent Larason: tina_losawyer@hotmail.com or zachariah2@cox.net.

Saturday, November 12: HFAA Work Day! Please join us from 9:00am – Noon to knock some items off our To-Do List!

Tuesday, November 15: PTO Meeting at 6:30pm in the Auditorium.

Thursday, November 17: Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. This month's theme is casseroles. Please let us know if you can donate a meat or vegetarian casserole, a hot vegetable (green beans, mixed, etc.), rolls or dessert. Remember, participating in any of these events counts toward your parent volunteer hours!

Announcements! Announcements! Announcements! Announcements!

◆ November's Days Out—Please note additional day

There were already two professional development days scheduled in **November, Friday, Nov. 4th, and Monday, Nov. 28th, in addition to the Thanksgiving holidays of Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, Thursday, Nov. 24th, and Friday, Nov. 25th**. However, the students will get one more **day out** in November on **Friday, Nov. 18th**, because of a special conference that Harding Fine Arts Academy is hosting to acquaint our faculty and other participants with the new Common Core standards. Common Core is a set of academic skills and knowledge developed by a national committee and adopted by 40 states already. The State Department of Education mandates that they are to be taught and assessed by 2014, so it is vital that we learn as much as we can about transitioning our students to these new standards from the PASS standards which are currently in place. We thank you for your patience with this extra day and assure you that we are still exceed the state mandated number of hours in class. There are no extra days off in December other than the scheduled winter vacation time.

- ◆ **Congratulations to Mrs. Allman and the martial arts students who competed in the Oktoberfist Competition last weekend.** Someone from the HFAA team either won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in every division in which they competed. What an auspicious start for our new team! Mrs. Allman won first place and her husband took third in the brown belt competition. Mr. Welch, Mrs. Allman's father won 1st place in the black belt division! Phu Nguyen took 1st in his division as did Kayla Maynard. Sergei Trice placed 2nd, and Nam Tran placed 3rd.
- ◆ **1st Quarter report cards were mailed yesterday.** Please let us know if you do not receive your student's report card within the week. As always, if you wish to set up an appointment with your student's teacher(s), just call the office or email the teacher to set it up.
- ◆ **The Academic Team** went to district competition on Monday, Oct. 24th, and will be advancing to regionals on Nov. 12. Please wish our team members good luck: Patrick Mlekush, Luke Wittmann, Ingrid Moreno, Ady Lunardi, Tatjana Marley, Jared Viars, Savannah Ruiz, C. J. Walker, Addie Frazier, and Gabe Oglesby. Caitlin Kenney and McKenzie Ellis may be joining us next time, too. Thank you to Mr. Joshua Bridges, coach, and Dr. Rowan, sponsor.

Way to go, Firehawks!

Klair Larason was selected to be in the Youth Arts Association of the Oklahoma Museum of Art and she's also on the Teen Arts Council. This talented artist just received a scholarship to study with print maker, Stacey Miller, at (untitled) Art Space in Oklahoma City.

Alleah Adkins was recently notified that her poetry will be once again published in Creative Communications, a national publication.

Looking ahead to December—Finals will be in the mornings of December 13-15. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments or out of town trips during the mornings on those days.

Check the website frequently for updates on HFAA happenings. November and December are really busy months and there are lots of opportunities to see our talented students perform. Basketball season is starting very soon! Our first game is Friday, Nov. 18 vs. HCP! GO, FIRE-HAWKS!!

Let's get on board and support Toys for Tots! This great program has been around for many years and provides a happy holiday for so many disadvantaged children. Beginning on November 1st, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys here in the school office or you may take your donation directly to our main collection point, Visions Gallery on Paseo Drive.

Mr. Glen Filmore, the owner of the gallery, hopes that the Harding Fine Arts students will help him and the good people on the Paseo share the love this holiday season.

Ms. Joann Torres, mom of 9th grader Julian Torres, invites us to participate in the Infant Crisis Center's holiday program to provide baby items for the little ones who are helped through this excellent program. We will have "ornaments" on our tree in the lobby after Thanksgiving. Each ornament will list an item that the Center needs for the babies. Please help!

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