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HFAA SCHOOL YEAR OFF TO A GREAT START

With a total of 317 students, the largest number our school has ever had, HFAA is enjoying a very smooth start to the school year. Thanks to the great organizational skills of the HFAA admin team including Mrs. Mlekush, our office administrator, orientation, schedule pick up day and the first day of school were not nearly as hectic as they have been in past years. Thank you to all the faculty, staff, students, and parents for all your help.

We extend a very warm Firehawk welcome to all of our new students. We are so happy you've chosen to be part of the HFAA family.

New and Re-enrolling students*

9th graders:, Robert Allen, Samuel Alley, Liqa Alqureishi, Austin Artus, Kylan Atkinson, Miah Baker, Lance Basinger, Lucy Bebout, Alissa Brinlee, Veronica Bryant, Damon Buckingham, Harold Buford, Kaylyn Burns, Dorian Carcamo, JonBonae Carey, Gabriel Carter, Anthony Clark, Raygan Cox, Christina Cravatt, Joy Douglas, Dunn Edwards, Erica Edwards, Angel Ellis, Kiele Erickson, Jaimesha Fernandez, Brent Gardner, Natreana Glover, Tashina Goodbear, Austin Goodwin, Shandric Griffin, Bastion Hahn, Ashley Harrington, Alexis Harvey, Aysha Harvey, Grace Hawkins, Coit Hay, Jackieya Henderson, Robin Heo, Kiley Hoff, Monee Hollins, Spencer Houston, Ian Hughes, Madison Hutton, Kelsey Jordan, Amanda Kelly, Taylor Kilgor, Nieko Ligon, Tyler Markey, Galea Martinez, Caitlyn Mathew, Amber Maxwell, James Mayfield, Kayla

Maxwell, James Mayfield, Kayla Maynard, Patrick McIntyre, Joselin Mendez, Graciela Mendoza, Zainab Muhammad, Bliss Naquin, Melissa Owen, Juliana Ozment, Ester Par, Andrew Pham, Caroline Preskitt, Gwen Pruitt, Htoo Red, Lauren Reese, Victoria Rogez, Cynthia Rollins, Chloe Ruiz, Nichole Septier, Kiley Shearburn, Will Smithers, Amanda Stark, Alyssa Torres, Julian Torres, Juan Vasquez, Alexander Weeks, Kristian White, Jordan Whitmore, Gabryella Wilson, Amber Wood, Catelynn Wood;
10th graders: Huda Alqureishi, Stephanie Apple, Yeojin (Jeanie) Bae, Kelsey Branson, James Choate, Jessica Eichor, Keyante Fernandez, Christian Gower, Yamir Guerrero, Steven Hickman, Benjamin Irving, Kenyon Johnson, Daphne Mirll, Van Nguyen, Mikhail Patten*, Blake Penn, Kierra Reese, Nichelle Roper, Sirena Sierra*, Kevin Tech, Arrow Tofpi, Victoria Washington, Thay Ye, Keturah Young;
11th graders: Gisela Borrego, Patricia Botello, Samantha Cheers, Janette Guerrero, Jonathan Guerrero, Vanessa Hernandez, Molly Jenkins, Selina Jolly, Megan Kelly, Katelyn King, Clois Knight, Anthony Landers, Maria Martinez, Amelia Merritt, Ingrid Moreno, Alexis Nicholson, Linda Ortega, Daniela Pineda, Sophie Shaver, Allie Woolbright, and
12th graders: Eddie Barrios, Cheryl Davis*, Gabrielle Gonzales, Dustin Halbert, Anna Jefferson*, Colin McIntire, Cora Noyes, Joel Sierra, Andrew Wetmore, and Christa Whetstone*.

HFAA WORK DAY SATURDAY SEPT 10 8—NOON WE NEED YOU!

This Saturday, September 10th from 8AM to noon (or until the work is done which-ever comes first) HFAA parents and youth are invited to attend a Workday. As a charter school, we have responsibility to maintain many physical plant tasks as the school is not part of OKC Public School maintenance.

Hence, we must provide a little elbow grease each month to assist the Administration with keeping our part of the school up and running. (Charter Prep parents also do work on their side).

This Saturday we have identified some specific needs as follows:

- 1) ceiling tiles need to be replaced in several classrooms. We provide the tiles but **you need to bring a utility knife to cut tiles as necessary.**
- 2) blinds need to be hung in Room 400 and 400B. **This is a 2 person per blind job with drills and levels.**
- 3) small bulletin board to be installed by office. **This will require a drill and bits, maybe a few dry wall screws and mollies.**
- 4) floor and shelves in closet in concession area need cleaning. **Some rubber work gloves and few cleaning towels or brushes will be needed, but we will have some paper towels and trash bags.**
- 5) closet in Mrs Petersen's room needs attention. **Will involve some stair climbing and possibly some heavy lifting for a couple of folks, but otherwise organizational skills will be helpful.**
- 6) hook latch on Mrs. Petersen's closet door. **Need a drill to install latch which we will provide.**
- 7) **No yard care this month** except for general policing of trash, but we will need folks for October who can ride a lawnmower and push another one; need weed wackers and trimmers. So stay tuned.
- 8) And I am almost certain that a few other fun tasks will arise just waiting for that special person.



Coffee and perhaps a few donuts or pastries will appear at 8 o'clock. *Remember your service hours are important to our school.* So please come to see us on Saturday morning!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Kent Larason
If questions, please contact Kent Larason 840 8313 or Mr. McAdoo at school

Firehawks Flyin' Around.....

OKA+ SCHOOLS STATEWIDE CONFERENCE 2011, September 17, 8:30am - 2:00pm

Reed Conference Center, Midwest City

At this year's conference, we will examine many facets of the people who make up the OKA+ network and the challenges and commitments that we face together. We will hear again from Sam Chaltain, a favorite speaker from last year's conference, as he shares his latest book, appropriately entitled *Faces of Learning*. We will welcome new faces from Arkansas A+ Schools, and we will hear an inspiring story of one A+ face, Thea Leopoulos, from her father, Paul.

Join us for this once a year gathering of our whole network!

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/Okaplus2011>. HFAA dancers and actors will also perform at the conference.

Photo 2 & 3 took an awesome fieldtrip to the Paseo Arts District on Sept. 7 to see the PhotoFest Exhibit.

Mrs. Allman announces that entries for the 2012 photo calendar will be due Sept. 30th. Please see her in the Photo Room for more information.

On Oct. 22, **members of our new martial arts classes** will be going with their instructor, Ms. Jennifer Allman, her husband, and her father to the ABKA Octoberfest Tournament. We have a team of 29 Firehawk competitors who will be competing in the kada competition, a non-contact martial arts form. This is one of the biggest tournaments in the state and we are so proud of Ms. Allman and her students. It is very likely that all the competition fees will be paid for with a grant, too!

Gabrielle Coffee and Esther Devanney returned from a week in Paris, France, where they had been continuing their research and development of a biodegradable glucose-based water bottle. These students were on the winning team of the **ArtScience Prize** competition. Representatives from ArtScience came to HFAA today to invite our students to apply to be on this year's teams. An information meeting will take place on Sept. 17 from 2-4 p.m. at Metro Career Academy.

PTO POSTINGS

A warm welcome to both our new parents and the parents of returning students from the HFAA PTO! We have had the pleasure of meeting some of you at New Student Orientation, the Back to School Picnic and at Open House. If you haven't had the opportunity to sign up for the PTO, please contact a PTO officer, it's not too late! There are no dues, just a strong dedication as parents are needed to support our school, faculty and students. Parents are required to volunteer 20 hours (or make the equivalent in donations to the school) each year. By joining the PTO, we will keep you informed of volunteer needs that count toward your parent hours.

Things we do to support HFAA include:

- Work Days** – One Saturday morning a month, from 8:00am-12:00pm, parents and students perform odd jobs needed
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch** – provide lunch for the faculty once a month, and host a week- long Teacher Appreciation event in the spring
- Concessions Sales** – Work the Concessions Stand at sporting events
- Volunteer** at student performance, dance, and exhibition nights
- Helping** with Holiday Events and Field Day
- Working** with local businesses in fundraising efforts
- Working with Advisory** classes to involve students in school projects like Work Days and Faculty Lunches

If you have not signed up yet, please reach out and let us know you want to be part of the PTO! We need to hear from returning students' parents as well! Any member of the PTO Board of Directors will be happy to add your names to the membership list:

- President:** Ms. Raquel Frazier (Addison, 10), rdf.phr@gmail.com
- Vice President:** Mr. Kent Larason (Klair, 11), zachariah2@cox.net
- Treasurer:** Ms. Karen Beets (Katie, 11), kblue762@yahoo.com
- Secretary:** Ms. Liz Mlekush (Patrick, 11), mlekush.liz@gmail.com
- Volunteer Coordinator:** Ms. Danielle Spence (Stephanie, 11), danispence@hotmail.com
Ms. Ardis Marrs Steele (Tristan, 12), ardis@marrs-steele.com

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, September 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. We will have lots of information to share about upcoming events and some great resources for you to take home. Don't forget to sign in!..You get service hour credit for attending PTO meetings, too!

Back-to-School Dance this Friday Time to get groovy! Join HFAA at our Blast from The Past dance this Friday, September 9, from 7-9 pm. Cost is \$5.00. Costumes are not required, but sure will make it more fun: dress in clothes from your favorite era! The Latino Leadership Club will be selling nachos for \$2.00. Student Council will have tickets for sale before school and in the cafeteria. Be there or be square!



Blast from the Past!

College Prep dates:

Be sure to mark your calendar...

OKC College Connection College Fair – Sept. 19th,
6-8pm, UCO campus

Test Registration Deadlines:

ACT – September 16th for the October test

SAT – September 9th for the October Test

College visits to HFAA:

Cameron University – September 6th

OSU – September 9th

OU – September 28th

**Come support your HFAA
Volleyball Teams!**

**At Home: Tues, Sept. 13
 Wed, Sept. 14
 Tues, Sept. 20**

Time: Games begin at 4:30 pm

Where: HFAA Big Gym

Admission is FREE!

**Concessions will be open
Go Firehawks!**

Truancy Oklahoma school law holds the parent responsible for a child's attendance at school. Parents can be fined if they allow their children to remain absent from school without a legal excuse. Children out of school can be detained by police officers and taken to the nearest THRIVE Center. Parents are advised that the 5th unexcused absence constitutes truancy and a student will be dropped from the school register after 10 consecutive unexcused absences. School officials must report truancy to the office of the District Attorney for Oklahoma County. Parents can be fined up to \$100.00 per day each day their child is truant from school.

Parents, you should be able to access your students' grades and attendance on PowerSchool. To do this, go to <http://psparent.hardingfinearts.org:8080/public>. A link is also available on our website, www.hardingfinearts.org. The "username" is your student's id number, without any leading zeros (e.g., "123456" = "123456", but "078910" = "78910"). The "password" is your student's birthday, without any leading zeros and without dashes or slashes. (e.g., "01/06/1995" = 161995, and "10-19-1997" = "10191997").

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