

**“Never limit yourself because of others' limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination.”**  
~ Mae Jemison, astronaut



**March 8-12 2010**

**March is National Women's History Month**

**FCAT Testing**

Grades 3 to 8  
March 9<sup>th</sup> thru  
March 19<sup>th</sup>



- March 9-19 \* **FCAT Testing For Grades 3-8**
- March 12 \* **Gr 3 Field Trip to Jefferson Park**  
11:00 am to 1:30 pm
- March 14 \* **Daylight Savings Time begins**  
@ 2:00 am ~ Spring Forward 1 hour

**FCAT Testing for Grades 3-8  
March 9-19**

**FCAT Testing is this week.** On Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> all students in Grades 3 to 8 will begin the FCAT Assessment. Students in Grades 3 to 8 will be administered tests in Reading and Math. Students in Grades 5 & 8 *only* will be administered additional tests in Science as well. All FCAT Testing will end Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached schedule for specific subject assessment dates. Below are some tried and true tips for testing.

- ◆ Get a good night's sleep.
- ◆ Eat a healthy breakfast.
- ◆ Arrive to school by 8:20 am.
- ◆ Be comfortable, but alert.
- ◆ Stay relaxed and confident.
- ◆ Read the directions carefully.
- ◆ Underline key phrases.
- ◆ Look back in the text to find your answers.
- ◆ Review your answers.



**HAAS to March in Hollywood's  
St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday**

On Sunday, March 14, 2010, Downtown Hollywood will once again transform into a sea of green. The Hibernians of Hollywood, Community Redevelopment Agency, and the City of Hollywood Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts will present the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Parade and Festival is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm.



All students in Grades 3 and 4 will be featured in the parade singing our school song and performing the HAAS rally rap and select students will play a simple "Irish inspired" medley on their soprano recorders. These performers will be lead by our own HAAS Knights Cheerleaders. Parents of student participants must be in attendance and will march with the students along the parade route.

The parade will take approximately 1/2 (half) hour and the parade route starts on Hollywood Blvd. and 21 Avenue east to Young Circle, south to Harrison Street, and west to 21 Avenue. After the parade there will be a stage full of music on 19th Avenue between Hollywood Boulevard and Tyler Street. **Come out to see and hear our students and enjoy the festivities after the parade!**

**Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday**



Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am. All clocks will **Spring forward** one hour. The phrase "Spring forward" helps people remember how Daylight Saving Time affects their clocks. This change allows us to use less energy in lighting our homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours.

**Yearbook Orders**

It's that time of year...time to pre-order your 2009-2010 Yearbook! Once again, the Yearbook will be offered at the discounted price of \$25 during the pre-sale, a savings of \$5. The school has decreased the number of books ordered, so it will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Don't delay, order today.



**PTO Cookie Dough Fundraiser Delivery**

The school has received several phone calls regarding the delivery date of the PTO Cookie Dough Fundraiser. The delivery date for the Fundraiser is March 18<sup>th</sup>.



**Student Dismissal**



Please remember that dismissal starts at 2:45 pm and ends at 3:15 pm. Students that are not picked up by 3:15 will be put into HAAS Aftercare. A \$15 fee will be assessed for this service.

**March SAC Meeting**



The next SAC meeting will be on March 23, 2010 at 3:30 pm in the dining room. The meeting will consist of a presentation by the Science Committee, as well as workshops led by the Math, Reading, Science, and Writing Committees. All parents are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Weisbrot

at [tweisbrot@hollywoodcharter.org](mailto:tweisbrot@hollywoodcharter.org).



**Students Taking Responsibility for Important Values of Excellence**

# STRIVE 65 FOCUS

March / April spotlight is on:

- Integrity
- Perseverance
- Responsibility
- Industriousness
- Self-control

## Strive Students

To continue to instill, foster, and model strong moral Character, HAAS has begun selecting students who exemplify these characteristics on a consistent basis. These students were selected by grade level, and have been recognized on the Strive Bulletin Board on the First Floor. Congratulations to the following students:

### Elementary

**Kindergarten:** Mariela Uvodic  
Mariela is in Ms. Zoller's class.

**First Grade:** Kara Kent  
*Kara is always willing to help others and helps keep other students on task. She always leads by example. Kara is in Ms. Beiser's class.*

**Second Grade:** Aniliz Bastidas  
*Aniliz is always doing her best. She works very hard, asks questions and is always trying to improve! She definitely demonstrates perseverance. Aniliz is in Ms. Carey's class.*

**Fourth Grade:** Anna Howard  
*Anna demonstrates perseverance and integrity through her hard work and dedication to her studies. Anna is in Ms. Pallavicini's class.*

**Fifth Grade:** Gabriel Castro  
*Gabriel is helpful and tries very hard in class. Gabriel is in Ms. Delgado's homeroom class.*

### Middle School

**Sixth Grade:** Kaila Avendano  
*Kaila is consistent and a hard worker. She accepts all academic challenges regardless of how difficult they may be, and strives to be the best student she can be. Kaila is in Ms. Johnson's homeroom class.*

**Seventh Grade:** Marco Aguilera  
*Marco consistently does what is required of him and demonstrates honesty in his work. Marco is in Mr. Gerhardt's homeroom class.*

**Eighth Grade:** Coleman Rogers  
*Coleman rises to the challenge and does not compromise his principles. Marco is in Ms. Garreau-Jones' homeroom class.*

## Ice Cream Wednesdays

The PTO will sell ice cream every Wednesday for **only 50¢**. Students must pay in **cash** and **cannot pay from their lunch accounts**. Please send exact change whenever possible.



## Volunteer Obligation for 2009-2010

- 1 Attending student = 20 volunteer hours
- Families of 2 or more attending students = 30 volunteer hours
- **Half of your required volunteer obligation must be met no later than January 15, 2010**, or your recommit for the 2010-2011 school year will not be processed.
- All parents with students in **Grades K-7** must complete their total hours no later than Friday, **May 21, 2010**. If your total hours are not fulfilled, your child will lose his/her seat for the 2010-2011 school year.
- All parents with students in **Grade 8** must complete their volunteer hours no later than Friday, **April 30, 2010**. Failure to meet your obligation will result in your child not participating in the end of the year 8<sup>th</sup> Grade activities, such as field trips, the end of the year picnic, the Grade 8 Semi-Formal, etc.
- A monthly memo containing Volunteer Opportunities will go home each month to assist you with meeting this obligation. The memo will also be placed on the HAAS website on the "Getting Involved" page, [www.hollywoodcharter.org](http://www.hollywoodcharter.org).



**If you have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Louis-Charles at 954-925-6404**

**or at [tlouis.charles@hollywoodcharter.org](mailto:tlouis.charles@hollywoodcharter.org)**

## Cooler Weather

Now that the cooler weather is here, more students are wearing jackets and sweaters to school. **Please remember that all students' outerwear must follow the HAAS Uniform Policy.**

Acceptable outerwear are: **HAAS pullovers or sweatshirts** sold by All Uniform Wear, or any other jacket or sweatshirt purchased from a previous uniform company emblazoned with the school logo. If your child does not own these items, any alternate **solid navy, red, or white** outerwear item is permissible. These are solid items and **may not bear any pattern, print, or alternate logo of any kind.**



Students arriving with outerwear that is out of compliance will have that jacket taken away and a "Uniform Violation" notice will be issued and sent home. Three (3) "Uniform Violations" will result in a one hour Administrative Detention. **Note: Students may pick up confiscated outerwear at the end of the school day at the Main Office.**

## School Attendance

HAAS students **must attend school every day**. Per Florida Statute 1003.26, if a student has excessive absences, the principal can evaluate the need for alternative education programs or initiate attendance contracts. In some cases, a social worker may be sent to the home to assess the family. Serious cases on non-attendance can result in conviction.



Family trips or vacations are not excused absences, so plan your trips responsibly. Absences are excused for illness, death in the family, religious holidays, and medical or dental appointments. Students will be given 2 days to make up any missed school work under these circumstances.

**Tardies**, and **Early Dismissals** are also forms of non-attendance. Excuses for tardies and early dismissals are the same as for absences. Students will receive a detention for every third consecutive tardy throughout the school year.

## HAAS Upcoming Events

Mar 9-19: \* **FCAT TESTING** for Grades 3-8

Mar 12: \* **Gr 3 FT to Jefferson Park** 11 am to 1:30 pm

Mar 14: \* **Daylight Saving Time Starts** "Spring forward" 1 hour

Mar 16: \* **PTO Meeting 6:15 pm in Dining Room**

Mar 18: \* **Boston Market Fundraiser 4 pm to closing**  
(proceeds will enhance HAAS Athletic Programs)



- Boston Market (#213)
- 3249 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood, FL 33021
- Hollywood Blvd & Park Road in Hollywood Hills Plaza

Mar 22: \* **HAAS Spelling Bee** (Grades 3-8)

Mar 23: \* **SAC Meeting 3:30 pm in Dining Room**

Mar 25: \* **PTO Dress Down Day \$1**  
\* **Early Release Day: 12:30 pm dismissal**

Mar 26: \* **No School: Teacher Planning Day**

### Mar 29-April 5: Spring Break

Apr 6: \* **Students Return to School**  
\* **Mandatory Head Lice Check**

Apr 7: \* **Kindergarten Graduation Pictures** taken by Lifetouch

Apr 8: \* **Tour 9:00 am**  
\* **HAAS Student Art Exhibition ArtsPark opens**

Apr 13: \* **Q3 Report Cards Go Home**

Apr 15: \* **Field Day: Grades K-4**

Apr 16: \* **Field Day: Grades 5-8**

## Tour Dates

Tours will be offered to parents applying for 2010-2011 school year. Visitors must meter park and check in with security at the first floor front desk. We offer 4 tours, all on Thursdays, each starting promptly at 9:00 am. The tour dates are:



- ◆ February 18
- ◆ February 25
- ◆ March 4
- ◆ April 8

## Breakfast & Lunch Menus



A link for breakfast and lunch menus can be found on the school website ([www.hollywoodcharter.org](http://www.hollywoodcharter.org)) on the **School Information page** or at [broward-schools.com](http://broward-schools.com) under quick links.

## Important Change in Clinic Volunteers

As of January 4, 2010, parents that would like to volunteer in the school's Clinic will be required to complete a Level II Security Clearance (Finger Printing) at the Broward County School Board Finger Printing Center. Parents must contact Ms. Louis-Charles, the Volunteer Coordinator, to receive an application for fingerprinting.



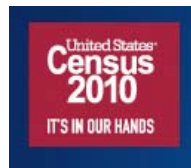
## Free Homework Help & Tutoring



Students can access free homework help and tutoring 7 days a week from 2:00-10:00 pm through this amazing online Broward County service. Go to <http://www.broward.org/library> and click on "etutor".

## Safety and the Census

In the Spring of 2009, Census employees went door-to-door to update the address list nationwide. This month, 2010 Census Forms will be mailed or delivered to homes nationwide. The deadline for mailing your completed form is April 1, 2010. From April to July, 2010, Census takers will visit households that did not return a form by mail.



It is important for all of us to know and remember that a Census taker will never ask for personal information pertaining to your identity or finances. [Title 13 of the U.S. Code](#) protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections. **For more information on protecting your Census answers, common privacy questions, or security tips, please visit the Census website at <http://2010.census.gov>.**

Each question on the Census helps to determine how more than \$400 billion will be allocated to communities across the country. Please share this experience with your child, if you are able, as a responsible citizen.

## HAAS Cell Phone Policy

Since students have returned from Winter Break, we have noticed an increase in cell phone violations. Student cell phones are permitted at school *and* on their person, however, they **must be turned off and cannot be visible during the instructional school day**. Students caught making calls, texting, playing games, checking time, or utilizing their cell phones in any way during the school day, will have their phone confiscated.

Once taken, a legal parent or guardian will be required to pick the phone up from the Main Office. At that time, parents will be informed that should the cell phone be confiscated for a **second time, it will not be returned until the end of the school year**.



Please remind your children that every instructional minute is essential and cell phones only disrupt this process. This policy has been, and will continue to be, strictly enforced with no exceptions. Thank you for your assistance in

## HAAS Recycling Program

HAAS would like to remind it's families that we continue to recycle empty printer cartridges and cell phones with Dade Recycling. The program funds are used for **student incentives for academic achievements and positive behavior**. If you have any questions regarding empty cartridges, please contact Cindy Robert 954-925-6404.



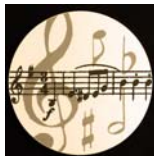
## Drop-Off and Pick-Up

For the safety and security of everyone, we ask that parents **please refrain from dropping off students next to the parking garage, at the end of the school driveway, or on Young Circle. Please set a good example and follow the rules and procedures designed to keep your children safe.**



The Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures and Name Placard for car rider pick-up are available on the HAAS website: [www.hollywoodcharter.org](http://www.hollywoodcharter.org) for your convenience.

## Music Notes



### Knights Concert Band

The Knights Concert Band will rehearse on Mondays after school from **3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. Regular rehearsals resumed on Monday, January 11, 2010. Students in **Middle School and Grade 5 music majors** are **required** to attend rehearsals. New information for woodwinds and percussion is listed below.

- Level One Woodwind and Brass Students

Level One Woodwind and Brass Students are students who are playing an instrument for the first time. Level One Woodwind and Brass Students will rehearse on the following Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 in the Band Room:

March 22

- Level Two Woodwind and Brass Students

Level Two Woodwind and Brass Students are students who have at least one year of playing experience on their instrument. Level Two Woodwind and Brass Students will rehearse on the following Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 in the Band Room:

March 8

April 19

- Level One Percussion Students

Level One Percussion Students are students who are playing a percussion instrument for the first time. Level One Percussion Students will rehearse on the following Mondays:

April 12

- Level Two Percussion Students

Level Two Percussion Students are students who have at least one year of playing percussion instruments. Level Two Percussion Students will rehearse on the following Mondays:

March 15

April 26



### Rock Band

Rehearsal for the *Rock Band* are every **Wednesday** from **3:15 to 4:15 pm**.

### Jazz Band

Rehearsal for the *Jazz Band* are every **Wednesday** from **4:30 to 5:30 pm**.

### World Percussion Ensemble

Rehearsal for the *World Percussion Ensemble* are every **Friday** from **3:00 to 3:45**.

## HAAS Students to Participate in District Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival

Five students from the HAAS Renaissance Music Department will be participating in the Florida Bandmasters Association South District Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday March 13, 2010. This event will take place at the Seminole Middle School located at 6200 SW 16th Street, Plantation, FL. This is the first time in our schools history that we have students participating in this festival. The festival is open to the public. Below are the students participating and their scheduled solo and ensemble performance times:



| <u>Time</u> | <u>Student</u>   | <u>Performance</u> |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 1:40 pm     | Carlos Bonilla<br>Zane DeSouza<br>Rayden Fuentes<br>Joshua Lindsay<br>Mauricio Mella | Perc. Quintet      |
| 2:30 pm     | Carlos Bonilla   | Timpani Solo       |
| 3:30 pm     | Rayden Fuentes   | Timpani Solo       |
| 3:40 pm     | Mauricio Mella   | Timpani Solo       |
| 3:45 pm     | Carlos Bonilla   | Snare Solo         |
| 3:55 pm     | Zane DeSouza   | Snare Solo         |
| 4:05 pm     | Rayden Fuentes   | Snare Solo         |
| 4:15 pm     | Joshua Lindsay   | Snare Solo         |
| 4:25 pm     | Mauricio Mella   | Snare Solo         |
| 4:35 pm     | Zane DeSouza   | Timpani Solo       |

**Best of Luck to these HAAS Music Students!**

## Lost & Found

Lost & Found, located on the 2nd floor elevator landing, **will be cleaned out every Friday** and any **unclaimed items will be donated**. Please make sure your children check Lost & Found daily. All items are checked for student names and will be returned to those students during school hours.



## Home School Locator

Many of our eighth grade students have requested information regarding their *home high school* for the 2010-2011 school year. The information can easily be found on the Broward County Public Schools website. Go to [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com) and click on School Locator located in the blue box on the left of the site's home page. Click 2010-2011 School Boundaries, enter the grade level (9) with your full home address, and the School Locator will provide you with your home high school.

Additional information regarding Reassignments, Magnet Programs, Charter Schools, and a Newcomer Link is available at the bottom of the page. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Ms. TienYou at 954-925-6404 or [ntienyou@hollywoodcharter.org](mailto:ntienyou@hollywoodcharter.org).



**Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test®**  
**Spring 2010 Reading/Mathematics/Science**  
**Daily Test Administration Schedule**

| <b>Day 1 – Tuesday, March 9</b>                                |                         |            |
|--|-------------------------|------------|
| Grade 3  | Reading – Session 1     | 60 minutes |
| Grade 4  | Reading – Session 1     | 80 minutes |
| Grade 5  | Mathematics – Session 1 | 80 minutes |
| Grades 6, 7, 9   | Reading – Session 1     | 60 minutes |
| Grades 6, 7, 9   | Reading – Session 2     | 60 minutes |
| Grades 8, 10   | Reading – Session 1     | 80 minutes |
| Grades 8, 10   | Reading – Session 2     | 80 minutes |
| RETAKES  | Reading – Session 1     | Untimed    |
| <b>Day 2 – Wednesday, March 10</b>                             |                         |            |
| Grade 3  | Reading – Session 2     | 60 minutes |
| Grade 4  | Reading – Session 2     | 80 minutes |
| Grade 5  | Mathematics – Session 2 | 80 minutes |
| Grades 6, 7, 9   | Mathematics – Session 3 | 60 minutes |
| Grades 6, 7, 9   | Mathematics – Session 4 | 60 minutes |
| Grade 8  | Mathematics – Session 3 | 80 minutes |
| Grade 8  | Mathematics – Session 4 | 80 minutes |
| Grade 10   | Mathematics – Session 3 | 90 minutes |
| Grade 10   | Mathematics – Session 4 | 90 minutes |
| RETAKES  | Mathematics – Session 2 | Untimed    |
| <b>Day 3 – Thursday, March 11</b>                              |                         |            |
| Grade 3  | Mathematics – Session 3 | 60 minutes |
| Grade 3  | Mathematics – Session 4 | 60 minutes |
| Grade 4  | Mathematics – Session 3 | 70 minutes |
| Grade 4  | Mathematics – Session 4 | 70 minutes |
| Grade 5  | Reading – Session 3     | 60 minutes |
| Grade 5  | Reading – Session 4     | 60 minutes |
| Grade 8  | Science – Session 5     | 55 minutes |
| Grade 8  | Science – Session 6     | 55 minutes |
| Grade 11   | Science – Session 1     | 65 minutes |
| Grade 11   | Science – Session 2     | 65 minutes |
| All Other Grades   | Make-up Testing         |            |
| <b>Day 4 – Friday, March 12</b>                                |                         |            |
| All Grades   | Make-up Testing         |            |
| <b>Day 5 – Monday, March 15</b>                                |                         |            |
| All Other Grades   | Make-up Testing         |            |
| <b>Day 6 – Tuesday, March 16</b>                               |                         |            |
| Grade 5  | Science – Session 5     | 55 minutes |
| All Other Grades   | Make-up Testing         |            |
| <b>Day 7 – Wednesday, March 17</b>                             |                         |            |
| Grade 5  | Science – Session 6     | 55 minutes |
| All Other Grades   | Make-up Testing         |            |
| <b>Days 8 and 9 – Thursday, March 18, and Friday, March 19</b> |                         |            |
| All Grades   | Make-up Testing         |            |

**There should be no deviation from the established FCAT administration schedule, unless previously approved through the Student Assessment and School Performance Department.**

# 2 *Important* Reminders!

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## FCATs



**Who:** All students in Grades 3 thru 8

**What:** FCAT Reading, Math, & Science

**When:** Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> through  
Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Your classroom at HAAS



**Go to bed early and get plenty of rest**

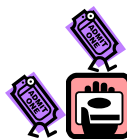


**Eat a healthy breakfast**



**Be in your seat by 8:25 am**

*Prizes will be awarded to students that earn a score of 4 or more.*



**4 = Movie Pass**

**5 = Movie Pass *and* Game Card**

### **Important Notice:**

The Florida Dept of Education has informed all schools that the collection of all electronics prior to testing is mandatory. Any student found with an electronic device within arms length will have their test declared invalid.

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## Spring Forward

**Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday,  
March 14 , 2010, at 2:00 am.  
Clocks "spring" forward 1 hour.**

