

HGS Parent Newsletter

March 4, 2010



CALENDAR

- Thurs., Mar. 4
End of 3rd Quarter
- Fri., March 5
No School/In-Service Day
- Fri., Mar. 5
Pizza Hut Pizza Night
- Mon., Mar. 8
Grade Cards Go Home
- Tues., Mar. 9
Parent/Teacher Conferences (4p.m.-8p.m.)
- Thurs., Mar. 11
Parent/Teacher Conferences (4p.m.-8p.m.)
- Mon., Mar. 15
B.O.E. Mtg.-7:00 p.m. (Haven High School)
- Tues., Mar. 16
K-1 Spring Concert-7:00 p.m. (HHS Aud.)
- Thurs., Mar. 18
Kindergarten Screening
- Thurs., Mar. 18
Haven Recreation Registration Night
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Haven Community Bldg.)
- Fri., Mar. 19
All School Talent Show-2:30 p.m.
- March 22-26
No School!! Spring Break!!
- Tues., Mar. 30
PTO Mtg.-6:30 p.m.

SPRING PICTURES

The Spring Portraits were recently given to all the students to take home and preview. The pictures are not pre-paid, so please return payment or unpurchased portraits to school by **Wednesday, March 17**. Spring portraits support your school!!!

Kindergarten Roundup!

HGS is beginning their Kindergarten Round-Up Activities for the 2010-2011 school year. The activities will begin by visiting with the Kindergarten teachers on Thurs., Mar. 18. At the visit, the kindergartner and his/her parents will meet one of the teachers and participate in a short skills inventory. On the morning of May 5 any child eligible for Kindergarten next year will be invited to visit a kindergarten classroom for the morning. The children will participate in the regular kindergarten activities and eat lunch at school. Another activity planned is a before school visit to the classroom in August. If you know of any child who will be 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2010, please have his/her parents call HGS at 465-2501 by Thurs., Mar. 11 to schedule the screening.

ART News

March is YOUTH ART MONTH

Every year March is set aside nationally to celebrate YOUTH ART. The **Kansas Art Education Association** sponsors an exhibit that features artwork created by elementary, middle, and high school students. Only one artwork per school is chosen by the art teacher to be exhibited in Topeka.

Kendall Schoenhals had the honor of representing Haven Grade school this year. Kendall is a first grader in Mrs. Eigsti's class. Her painting titled Colorful Flowers with Bees Buzzing By was an art project focused on honey bees. Kendall's painting was on display at the Capitol building in Topeka. She had the following to say about her artwork, "I learned to paint from my grandma. I decided to give it a try and found I just loved it. My artwork is really colorful, I like using lots of color." Make sure to congratulate Kendall for being a great youth artist!



**ART CONTEST
FINALIST**

This past December the second, third, and fourth grade students participated in the **16th Annual Cray-Pas Wonderful Colorful World Contest**. The drawing contest includes participants from across the nation. The winners were announced this month and we had one

HGS student make it to the finals. The winner is **Kaylie Kincaid** in Mrs. Morford's second grade class. Her prizes include a certificate of merit, a shirt with her winning artwork "Sky Dragon" printed on it, and her own 25 piece set of Sakura Cray-Pas oil pastels. Artwork is available for viewing online at: <http://www.sakuraofamerica.com/?q=2010winners>. Several students in 2nd, 3rd, & 4th grade entered the contest and received a certificate of participation.

STATE ASSESSMENTS

Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th will be starting state Reading and Math assessments on Monday, March 8 and continue through the month of April. Fifth grade will also take the Writing assessment and Fourth grade will take the Science. Please make sure your child is getting a good night's sleep and has a nutritious breakfast every morning. Also, ensure your child arrives at school on time and avoid making appointments on the days state assessments are given.



Music News

KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM

The K-1 program date is Tuesday, March 16th. The performance will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium. This year's show is titled "Nuts! A Musical Play that Celebrates the Circle of Life." Students will need to be at the High School at 6:30 so they can change into their costumes and get ready to perform. Please send your costumes to school by March 12th so Mrs. Dickson can add the finishing touches.

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

March has been officially designated by MENC: The National Association for Music Education for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM®), the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. MIOSM began as a single statewide celebration in 1973, and has grown over the decades to encompass a day, then a week, and then in 1985 to become a month long celebration of school music. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children – and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. Haven Grade School is joining in this celebration with a variety of activities. First you will notice that this month's lunch menu has a musical theme. This was done by the 2nd and 3rd grade students. The Kindergarten and 1st grade students will help in the celebration having their music program on March 16th. The students will also have an all school talent show on March 19th at 2:30. Those wanting to perform will do their talent for their class as a "tryout" and then students will be chosen to perform on the all school talent show. Students will also participate in many other music activities on a daily basis in the month of March as well as everyday of the school year.

State of Kansas -PROCLAMATION- By the Governor

WHEREAS the study of music is basic to the complete education, provides a competitive edge for successful educational reform, engages students in individual and group activity, develops creativity, problem-solving, and critical and evaluative skills; and

THEREFORE I, Mark Parkinson, Governor of Kansas do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2010, Music In Our Schools Month, and endorses the observance of Music In Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education and encourages teachers, students, and all citizens to participate.