



Frank S. Hartsfield Elementary School – 55<sup>th</sup> Year  
**HIGH FIVE, HAWKS!**  
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# HAWK TALK

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## NEWS FROM MS. FRANKLIN

I hope that all of you enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday and that you were able to spend some quality time with your family while you were out for the break. We have three weeks before the Winter Holidays begin. This is a very exciting time of the year for the students and there is a lot of excitement and conversation among the students about how they plan to spend their holiday. However, we are emphasizing the importance of staying on task and really taking advantage of this time to continue learning and preparing for the next level. We appreciate your support in helping to keep your students motivated and focused as we head into the end of the semester.

### Thanks!

A special thanks to our wonderful P.T.O. and our Homeroom Parents for a great job organizing the Fall Carnival and making sure the students had great food and lots of fun. We really appreciate the hard work and time you put in to make the Carnival possible for our students. Thanks for all you do!

### Waiting Games

Waiting has become a part of our everyday lives, especially as we enter the holiday season. The next time you hear, "How much longer?" try one of these ideas to occupy your children.

Play word games. Start with a simple word like *up*, and take turns thinking of opposites or alternative words. *Examples: down, left right.*

Take all the change out of your pocket and let your children sort it. Then, show them how to count it out. How much change will make a dollar?

Work on "skip" counting. Practice counting by fives or tens. Say each number and ask them to repeat it after you.

Try an alphabet search. One person finds an object that begins with the letter *a*. The next person finds something that begins with *b*, and so on.

### AWARDS

The following certificates were presented to our students in their classrooms: 58 Perfect Attendance. 90 Citizenship, 39 "A/B" Honor Roll, and 12 "A" Honor Roll. The Golden Plate Awards for best lunchroom behavior and ice cream parties went to the following classes: Ms. Howard, Ms. Miller, Ms. Clark, Ms. Lozowski, Ms. Cosenza/Ms. Forehand, Mr. Williamson, and Ms. Gammons. Congratulations to our students for all their hard work!

## HARTSFIELD BOOK FAIR

The Hartsfield Scholastic Book Fair is here! Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Media Center starting Monday, December 5th. Come shop for newly released popular children's books, holiday books and great, inexpensive stocking stuffers. We will also have a large assortment of brand new children's books from \$1.00-\$3.00. These make great gifts for our Student Council Toys for Tots collection campaign! You can also shop online at [scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs](http://scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs) between December 5 and 12, and your books will be delivered to the school before the Winter Holiday Break.

Family Night will be Tuesday, December 6th. The Book Fair will be open until 8:00 p.m.

All profits from the Book Fair go towards buying more books for the Hartsfield Media Center.

## MUSICAL NOTES

The Hartsfield Chorus will be performing at the Winter Festival Parade on Saturday, December 3, at the "Day of Class" Lady Seminole Basketball on Monday, December 19, and at our Winter Program on Tuesday, December 20. Ten chorus members performed at the Florida Lottery Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 17, and the performance concluded with a standing ovation!

## HARTSFIELD'S STUDENT ARTWORK

Congratulations to Jaeli Gilyard and Jamerick Morrell for being invited to the annual Winter Festival Youth Art Exhibit at City Hall. It is being presented by the City of Tallahassee and the Council on Culture and Arts.

The Public Reception is on Friday, December 2nd from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Our students' artwork will also be on display at the Leroy Collins Library until December 30. Please take time to visit with your child.

Also check out the artwork on display in our Cafeteria. It adds a beautiful POP of color!

## PTO COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Kristen Ross, a second grader in Ms. Oakley's class, won the grand prize for selling the most cookie dough! Thanks to everyone who participated! All proceeds go directly to Hartsfield programs.

## HELP WANTED!

We need Science Fair Judges to judge our third, fourth and fifth grade students' projects. No experience necessary! Training will be provided. This is a great way to interact with our wonderful students. The Fair is Tuesday, December 20, and judges are needed anytime between 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM. Even coming an hour would be great.

All our third, fourth and fifth graders will be attending the Lady Seminoles Basketball on Monday, December 19 at the Civic Center. Chaperones are needed. To volunteer for either event, please contact Ms. McDowell at [mcdowellj@leonschools.net](mailto:mcdowellj@leonschools.net).



# Dates to Remember

**Monday-Friday, December 5-9 – Book Fair**

**Tuesday, December 6 – Book Fair Night**

**Tuesday, December 13 – SAC meeting @ noon**

**Wednesday, December 14 – Spelling Bee @ 9:00 AM**

**Thursday, December 15 – Tropicana Speech Contest @ 9:00 AM**

**Monday, December 19 – FSU Ladies Basketball Game-Grades 3, 4, 5  
Science Fair Projects Setup**

**Tuesday, December 20 – Science Fair Judging**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Program, Chorus and Afterschool Programs Performances**

**Thursday, Dec. 22-Wednesday, January 4 – Winter Holidays-No School**

**Thursday, January 5 – Students return to school**

## **HARTSFIELD'S POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT (PBS) SUPER HAWKS!**

**"Accept Responsibility"** was the trait for the week of November 7. The following students demonstrated this trait: Kindergarten: Treniya Sampson, Morris Walker. First grade: Michaela Tillman. Third grade: Jacolby Harris, Jaylen Miller. Fifth grade: Caitlin Knight. **"Will participate in Learning"** was the trait for the week of November 14. The following students demonstrated this trait: Kindergarten: Jeremiah Ford, J Taiyah Fullard, Tyonne Porter. First grade: Jameshia Brown, Charles McGee. Second grade: Capri Knight, Kristen Ross, Jashay Walker. Third grade: Keshawn Littles, Aaron Williams, Kaleb Henry. Fourth grade: Nakyra Brooks, Alex Teller. Fifth grade: Deon Franklin, Oscar Chuy.

## **PTO SPIRIT ITEMS ARE ON SALE!**

School spirit items can be purchased at the front office. They make great holiday gifts! Check out these prices:

- Youth tee shirts - \$5 each
- Adult tee shirts - \$7 each
- HES magnets - \$2 each
- HES bags - \$3 each

## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

The winner of the Student Council Decorate the Pumpkins with recyclable items was Ms. Williams' class with their "Michael Jackson" pumpkin.

Student Council is sponsoring the Salvation Army "Joy of Giving" food drive. Please return a plastic grocery bag filled with nonperishable food items.

Also they are sponsoring the Toys for Tots toy drive. On Tuesday, November 29, Marine Sgt. Edmonds spoke to our members about this drive. Help out by sending in an unwrapped toy or a book bought at our Book Fair!

Remember *send in Box Tops for Education*.

## **PARENT RESOURCE CENTER**

*We are adding new items everyday!* Hartsfield's Parent Resource Center is located in the Media Center- the room directly on the left as you enter. Parents can use the computer and printer for internet searches, job and community services applications.

## **THANK YOU!**

A Hartsfield thanks to Woodland Hills Community Church and the Florida Lottery for providing Thanksgiving baskets to several of our Hartsfield families.

A very special thank you to the PTO staff, school staff, and volunteers for making 2011 Fall Carnival a great one. Acknowledgments to Mrs. Oakley's class for the wonderful thank-you notes for the Fall Carnival. They all had a "grand time" and look forward to it again next year.

## **EXTENDED DAY EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Please come out to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Festival on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3 pm – 10 pm. Our students will have an "Out of this World" Christmas tree on display. They have been working hard and creatively on this tree and will be thrilled to see it at the festival. We will also be having a talent showcase on December 20 at 6pm. This will give the students an opportunity to show their families and loved ones what they have learned in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program. There will be dancing, singing, keyboarding and more.

## **GIRL SCOUT TROOP #1315 NEWS**

Our gardens are growing! We harvested the mustard greens, and we cooked them with bacon and onions. Not your usual afternoon snack; but everyone said they were delicious! Tours of our nature trail have unearthed some explained and unexplained mysteries.