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<p>Friday, October 2 HCE Spirit Day! </p> <p>Monday, October 5-16 Salvation Army Canned Food Drive!</p> <p>Tuesday, October 6 Individual Pre-Paid and Class Group Pre-Paid Pictures</p> <p>Friday, October 9 HCE Spirit Day! </p> <p>Friday, October 16 HCE Spirit Day!</p>	<p>October 23-28 Red Ribbon Week!  See below for a schedule of activities. *please note date change from our school calendar</p> <p>Friday, October 23 HCE Spirit Day! </p> <p>Wednesday, October 28 End of 1st Quarter</p> <p>Thursday, October 29 Professional Duty Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</p>	<p>Friday, October 30 Hurricane Make-up Day SCHOOL CLOSED *unless we miss school one day due to bad weather.</p> <p>Sunday, November 1 Daylight Savings Time ENDS Turn your clocks BACK 1 hour!</p> <p>Friday, November 6 Report Cards </p> <p>November 2-6 Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center</p>
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Red Ribbon Week—October 23rd through October 28th

HCE will be participating in Red Ribbon Week from October 23rd through 28th with a variety of activities. This week began as a memorial to Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Kiki Camarena, who was murdered while working undercover in 1985. Red Ribbon Week has evolved to include a celebration of a drug free life as well as suggesting a variety of drug free alternatives that promote a healthy lifestyle. Our school morning news program will highlight activities that our students may participate in if they choose. Please call Mr. Howard at 995-3600 ext. 212 with any questions.

- October 23rd: *Put a Cap on Drugs* ~ Student Hat Day
- October 26th: *Sock It To Drugs* ~ Wear Crazy Socks
- October 27th: *Drugs and I Don't Mix* ~ Wear Mismatched Clothes
- October 28th: *Team Up Against Drugs* ~ Wear Sports Shirt or Jersey



Parents:

Children need to be in class by 8:00 a.m. The classrooms are open as early as 7:30 a.m. Our teachers use every available minute they can each day. Please make every effort to have your child to school on time. It's a great habit to have!



Important Reminders.....

~ **NO LEFT TURN!** Between 7:30 am—8:15 am and 2:00 pm—2:45 pm please **do not** make a left turn out of our school parking lot onto Skyline Drive. During these times there are many cars coming into our school parking lot. Making a right turn only will **prevent** an accident!

~ **PARKING!** Please park in a designated parking spot. Parking along the sidewalk could potentially cause an accident.

~ **HOW DOES YOUR CHILD GET HOME?** Please remember that children will go home the way they always go home unless we hear from you. A note to the teacher is the best way to make a change in going home plans. If we do not hear from you, we will send your student home the "regular" way.

Thank you!

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding!



Wow! Our first Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser Night was a HUGE success! We raised almost \$450.00! Thank you so much to all of our families who came out to support HCE!

Congratulations to Mr. Tambrino's 3rd grade class! They had the most class participation. Their reward is a class chicken nugget party, and they get to keep the Chick-Fil-A cow in their classroom until our next Chick-Fil-A fundraiser night... **Tuesday, December 10.** See you there!

Get Your Smile Ready!



Picture Day is Tuesday, October 6! Students will have their individual picture taken and each class will have a group picture taken. Order forms with payment enclosed will need to be given to the photographer on picture day. If you have any questions, please call our office at 995-3600.

Si tiene alguna pregunta favor de llamar a Bernadette o Evelyn de las 8:00 a.m. a las 2:00 p.m. al 995-3600.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner of Education

The School District of Lee County has been identified as a district in need of corrective action based on the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This means that the district did not meet all state student achievement criteria, or Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), in reading, mathematics, and/or writing for four or more consecutive years. The district has met 72% of the AYP criteria. AYP measures the performance of all students and specific student groups based on race/ethnicity, free and reduced price lunch status, disability, and English proficiency.

To make AYP, a certain percentage of students in each group must score at grade level, or be proficient, on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group is not proficient, the entire district does not make the AYP requirements. This does not mean that Lee County Schools are failing; it means that certain areas need improvement.

The table below shows the percentage of proficient students in Lee County compared to other students in the state.

2008-09 Percent of Students Scoring Proficient			
Subject	Goal	Lee County	State
Reading	65%	64%	60%
Mathematics	68%	67%	66%
Writing	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met
Graduation Rate	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met

As a result, the district has developed a plan to improve the achievement of its schools. This District Improvement, Assistance, and Intervention Plan can be accessed on the DOE's (Department of Education) website: http://www.flbsi.org/0910_SIP/Login.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1. In addition, the district must move some of the funds to the schools to support activities that improve student achievement.

Parents play an important role in their child's education and are invited to become involved in their child's school. There are many ways of participating, such as:

- Attending parent conferences with teachers
- Participating in activities at the school
- Becoming a member of the SAC (School Advisory Council)
- Volunteering at the school

For additional information, visit DOE's Bureau of Student Assistance website: <http://www.fldoe.org/bsa>. If you have questions regarding the academic progress of your child's school, Lee County Schools, or how to become more involved, contact your school principal.

The first Hancock Creek SAC (School Advisory Council) meeting was held on Tuesday, September 8th in our Media Center. The SAC consists of parents, staff, business and community members. The primary purpose of this group is to facilitate communication among school, parents and the community, as well as provide valued input on various school decisions. Members are elected at the beginning of each year.

The SAC team for the 2009-10 school year is as follows:

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Please feel free to contact any member of our SAC team with any questions and/or concerns regarding Hancock Creek and your child. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. in our Media Center.

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS!

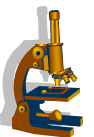
Computer Lab



HCE is looking for a parent or several parent volunteers to monitor our computer lab from 7:30 a.m. -8:00 a.m. Monday-Friday beginning in October. If you are interested in volunteering please stop by our front office for a volunteer application! Thank you!!

Our New Science Lab

We have a new science lab this year! If you are interested in working with Mr. Macchia to keep it organized, please contact him at 995-3600.



FREE FLU CLINIC

A free flu clinic is going to be offered by the Health Department on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at North Ft. Myers Academy for the Arts. They are offering free flu shots for children. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Swine Flu update -

How does the H1N1 virus spread?

It is thought to spread like seasonal flu, mainly by direct contact, touching the hands of someone who is infected by the virus and then touching your face or eyes or mouth. People can also become infected person to person by coughing or sneezing. The virus is thought to be able to survive on surfaces and infect people for up to 8 hours.

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