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Business Bash 2009

The annual Seminole Ride Business Bash will be held Thursday evening, November 19 on the SRHS campus. Business owners and community organizations, let us show you how our Hawks can support your business, and see how you can support our school. The event begins at 5:00 in our gymnasium with a tour of academy, academic, fine arts, and athletic displays from our classes, clubs, and sports. A reception in our media center follows at 6:00, and the evening concludes with an academy program presentation at 6:45 in our auditorium.

Bash attendees are eligible to receive a 50 percent discount on front fence banner advertisements. For further event information, contact academy coordinator Mr. John Walker at 422-2600 or walkerjo@palmbeach.k12.fl.us.

Interact Wants Your Food

The SRHS Interact club is sponsoring a food drive competition among our first hour classes until Monday, November 23. The class with the most canned or boxed food donated will win a donut party and a special teacher gift. Interact members assigned to each first hour classroom will count the food collected each Thursday and bring it to club sponsor Mrs. Katie Wright in 6-103.

Students may also be able to earn community service hours in return for their food donations; check with individual first hour teachers regarding 'donations for hours.'

Freshmen Retire Undefeated

It was both a happy and a sad day for our freshman football team last night at Park Vista High—happy because they finished the season undefeated with a 33-8 victory over the venomless Cobras, but sad because the season is over. The Baby Hawks retire with a perfect 7-0 record.

Our defense again limited the opposition to a single-digit score, picking off two Park Vista passes to stop scoring threats. Richardson Marseille forced a fumble, and it was recovered by Jason Moore.

Our offense was again led by a strong running attack—Mike Pacillo, Randy Nicholson, Omar Pierre Louis, and Dan Correa all had rushing touchdowns. Quarterback Antwan Washington hooked up with wide out Rayfield Dixon on a 50-yard scoring strike, and Derek Falk kicked three PATs to complete the scoring onslaught.

This is the third consecutive football season that our freshmen can boast a perfect record. Our coaching staff—Frank Binstead, Trent Pendergast, Marty Flynn, and head coach Ken Klammer—sincerely thank the Seminole Ridge community for its loyal support.

Swimmers Off to Regionals

Congratulations to the members of our swim and dive team who qualified for the Class 3A regional championships in Daytona Beach:

- Austin Coleman – 200-meter medley relay
- Patrick Costan – 100-meter butterfly, 500-meter free relay, 200 medley, and 400 free
- Danielle Davis – 200 medley
- Eric Dennis – 200 medley and 400 free
- Brittany Godfrey – 200 medley
- Taylor Godfrey – 400 free
- Victoria Ho – 200 free, 500 free, 200 medley, and 400 free
- Nicole Infinger – 200-meter individual medley, 200 medley, 400 free
- Kemeta Quammie – 400 free relay
- Chris Snowball - diving
- Patrick Soucy – 200 medley and 400 free
- Brad Trammell – 400 free relay

Give Blood—It's Not Rocket Science!

Our National Honor Society and SECME students will host a blood drive Tuesday, November 17 from 7:30 to 2:30. Our theme *Give Blood—It's Not Rocket Science!* spotlights students' achievement in STEM classes: science, technology, engineering, and math.

Florida's Blood Centers will donate approximately \$20 per unit of blood collected to the Scholarship Assistance Foundation to support tuition assistance for students attending colleges, universities, community colleges, institutions, and technical centers.

And for every pint of blood donated, SECME students will launch a water bottle rocket—a two-liter soda bottle filled with compressed air and water. SECME coordinator Erich Landstrom says, "Designing, building, and flying a water bottle rocket ignites students' minds with a real-world application of STEM. Students manipulate and control variables. Math and science studies are necessary to complete the process—the physics of Newton's laws of motion, the projectile motion, polynomial equations for freefall calculations, parabolic paths, and the practice of true engineering. These are the tools that an engineer uses to solve a problem."

To donate blood, students must be in good health, be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, have turned in a signed parental consent form, and present a photo ID.

The quick and simple donation process includes registration, a health history survey, and blood pressure and iron level checks. A technician performs a brief medical screening to check blood pressure, pulse, and temperature and hemoglobin levels. This helps assure safe blood for patients, and also provides a quick check-up for donors. The entire process takes about 45 minutes, while the actual donation will only take about 10 minutes. Each donor also receives a free cholesterol screening.

The blood donated can be divided into platelets, plasma, and red cells. One pint can be used to help three different people. Blood is used for surgeries, emergencies, heart bypass, and cancer treatments. All blood types are welcome; however, Florida's Blood Centers has a particular need of blood types O-negative and AB-negative, and of platelets.

For additional information about donating blood, contact NHS sponsor Mrs. Shawna Ahmad: ahmadsh@palmbeach.k12.fl.us



Hawks to Have 'Fizzix Funday'

SRHS physics students will showcase their skills Tuesday, November 24, testing their "Fizzix Funday" research projects. Students chose to either 'Drop It,' 'Build It,' or 'Launch It,' creating the ideal container to protect an egg from a three-story drop, building the best roller coaster model, or blasting off the ultimate water bottle rocket.

STEM education—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—is America's key to cultivating experts with the skills to create new 'green' technologies. Responsible for a large portion of this nation's economic growth over the past century, scientists and engineers are in the best position to solve the nation's pressing challenges.

Want to know more about this annual event? Google the 'Fizzix Funday 2008' video on YouTube! (Photos from the 2008 event: far left, Teddy Desrouleaux at work on his egg cushion; left, Mr. Erich Landstrom and Ramiek Campbell on the launch pad.)

Lord of the Rings

A Seminole Ridge student is once again the winner of NASA's annual 'Cassini Scientist for a Day'

essay contest. And—once again—it's the same student! NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory delivered the out-of-this-world congratulations to Hawk senior Anthony Bass (left), the first-ever essayist to win their contest twice.

'Cassini Scientist for a Day' challenges students to 'become NASA scientists' studying the planet Saturn through the robotic spacecraft Cassini. Participants examine three target images taken by Cassini and choose the one they think will yield the best science, supporting their choice in a 500-word essay.

Nearly 400 students nationwide entered the contest, but NASA researchers were impressed most—for the second year in a row—with Bass' entry. Here's an excerpt: "If we could analyze the composition of the impurities and isotopes of Saturn's rings, they could provide us with clues as to where they came from. When we look for clues in the composition of the main rings and compare this data to the composition of Saturn's other moons, is it really possible that these rings started as a moon?"



Bowler Earns District Gold

Hawk bowler Cory Schmidt earned the district championship in boys' bowling this week, qualifying for the state championship competition in Orlando. Schmidt had a 730 three-game series, highlighted by a near-perfect 289 first game. Our boys' team finished third in the district, just missing a state qualifying spot after getting edged by Dwyer in the fifth and deciding game of their best-of-five match. Congratulations to our bowlers, and to coach Mr. Greg Smith, for a great season!

Artists Share on Artsonia

Move over, famous artists—Seminole Ridge students have taken the spotlight! Hawk 2-D art teacher Ms. Gwenn Seuling has teamed with Artsonia—the world's largest online student art museum—to display her students' artwork. View the school gallery at www.artsonia.com/schools/SeminoleRidge1. Visitors can browse the gallery artwork by grade level or by specific exhibits. SRHS students have now joined thousands from over 100 countries whose artwork is showcased on Artsonia—"a wonderful way to get parents and family members more involved in art education," says Seuling.

Her students agree: "I'm very happy my art is on the Internet—it makes me feel better knowing it was good enough to be put online," says Amy Minker. "It's an awesome opportunity to be online—Artsonia puts me 'out there' for colleges," adds Katie Aucoin.

All of Artsonia's artworks—nearly five million—are viewable online, and teachers or parents can create an online gallery for their children or schools. Artsonia provides online fan clubs and personal guestbooks for families to encourage the creativity and imaginations of their young artists.

Since its inception in 2000, Artsonia continues to integrate technology in the classroom, develop multicultural understanding through art, and increase family involvement in children's education. To learn more, visit www.artsonia.com.