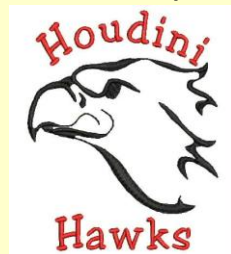


Houdini Hawks Tale

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TIFFANY FRERKS, PRINCIPAL
DONNA HODGES, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Visit www.aasd.k12.wi.us/houdini
for the REST of the newsletter!



Join us TONIGHT for Family Literacy
Night!

A TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

For **details** regarding events listed
below, please check the calendar on
our website.

IT IS THE VETERAN

IT IS THE **VETERAN**, NOT THE PREACHER,
WHO HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

IT IS THE **VETERAN**, NOT THE REPORTER,
WHO HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

IT IS THE **VETERAN**, NOT THE POET,
WHO HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

IT IS THE **VETERAN**, NOT THE CAMPUS ORGANIZER,
WHO HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE.

IT IS THE **VETERAN**, NOT THE LAWYER,
WHO HAS GIVEN US THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL.

IT IS THE **VETERAN**, NOT THE POLITICIAN,
WHO HAS GIVEN US THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

IT IS THE **VETERAN**,
WHO SALUTES THE FLAG.



It is the VETERAN, that should be thanked and not forgotten.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

Nov. 11 Reading Minutes Due
Nov. 11 8:40 Kindergarten Field Trip
Nov. 14 7:45 a.m. Gr. 5/6 Intramurals
Nov. 15 7:45 a.m. Gr. 4 Intramurals
Nov. 15 11:30 a.m. Gr. 5 Chorus
Nov. 16 7:45 a.m. Gr. 5/6 Intramurals
Nov. 16 11:30 a.m. Gr. 6 Chorus
Nov. 17 7:45 a.m. Gr. 4 Intramurals
Nov. 21 7:45 a.m. Gr. 5/6 Intramurals
Nov. 22 Follow Friday Schedule
Nov. 22 7:45 a.m. Gr. 4 Intramurals
Nov. 22 11:30 a.m. Gr. 5 Chorus
Nov. 23 Kwik Trip Orders Due
Nov. 23 7:45 a.m. Gr. 5/6 Intramurals
Nov. 23 11:27 Dismissal ~
No PM School
Nov. 24-25 No School ~
Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28 7:45 a.m. Gr. 3/4 Intramurals
Nov. 29 7:45 a.m. Gr. 5/6 Intramurals
Nov. 29 11:30 a.m. Gr. 5 Chorus
Nov. 30 7:45 a.m. Gr. 3/4 Intramurals
Nov. 30 11:30 a.m. Gr. 6 Chorus

iPod Touch Grant

I have written a grant using the website www.donorschoose.org to raise money to purchase two 4th Generation iPod Touches to use with my students. When enough money is raised, the students will be able to use the iPod Touch to assist them in the areas of reading, math, spelling and writing. If you'd like to donate to this grant, please visit our website at: <http://www.donorschoose.org/donors/search.html?max=25&state=WI&keywords=ipod> Once on this page, we are the third story down. Click on our site to donate money to help us reach our goal! Thank you in advance for supporting our project ☺

Mrs. Verboomen
Teacher of Students with Learning Disabilities

Literacy Corner



Books a Timeless Gift

Are you looking for a gift for your child that will last long after the holiday season? A book might be what you are searching for!

The Cooperative Children's Book Center at www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/ is a good place to start. Some selections from CCBC's choices for 2011 are:

Books for Beginning Readers

Cork & Fuzz: The Babysitters by Dori Chaconas, *Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!* by Grace Lin, *Wolf Pie* by Brenda Seabrooke, and *We Are in a Book!* by Mo Williams.

Books for Newly Independent Readers

Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke, *Only One Year* by Andrea Cheng, and *Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade* by Stephanie Greene

Books for Children

Keeper by Kathi Appelt, *Jake* by Audrey Coulombis, *Boom!* By Mark Haddon

Books for Young Adults

Forge by Laurie Anderson, *The Red Umbrella* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez, and *Lockdown* by Walter Dean Myers.

Another good website that will connect you to publishers and suggestions for books is www.booksaregreatgifts.com. Have a wonderful holiday season and a winter filled with warm memories and lots of reading!

Appleton Reading Specialists



Book Look Nook

Some great Read-Aloud Books:

Beginning Readers (grades K-2):

Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano.

Thanksgiving is approaching and Turkey is desperately trying to find a disguise so that he can hide from the farmer. After several failed attempts, Turkey is successful. The outcome of this humorous book made the young readers laugh out loud!

How Many Baby Pandas? By Sandra Markle.

This counting book uses actual photographs of baby pandas, and includes much information that can be used by a teacher to show how a baby giant panda lives and grows.

Young Readers (grades 3-4):

Ben Roethlisberger by Michael Sandler.

Roethlisberger of professional football's Pittsburgh Steelers became the youngest quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl. Readers learn he has been an inspirational speaker at many schools and that his nonprofit foundation benefited its community police station with a trained dog and equipment donation.

The Trouble With Sisters and Robots by Steve Gritton

Lizzy follows her big brother Kyle wherever he goes. When Kyle creates a robot that goes on a rampage, turning everything into metal, Lizzy becomes the hero. Little sisters are not so bad after all!

Advanced Readers (grades 5-6):

Skeleton Creek #1 by Patrick Carman. Ryan keeps a journal of what led up to his broken leg and with his friend Sarah he investigates his and other accidents via technology. This book is interactive, with a website where the reader can watch videos for additional clues.

Wild Girl by Patricia Reilly Giff. Lidie's mother died five years ago, and finally she is summoned to New York from her native Brazil to live with her father and brother, who train race horses for a wealthy man. Lidie develops an affinity for the filly named Wild Girl, a spirited horse.