



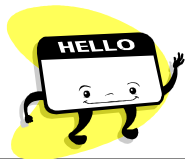
Hafen Elementary School Scorpion News



May 2012

News From Mr. Nelson

Visitor Badges are required when you visit our school. You can get your visitor badge at the front desk of the school office.



**Don't Forget
Early Release
Every
Wednesday
at 2:35**



Friday is Spirit Day.
Wear your Hafén
School T-shirt and
Show your
Scorpion Pride!
PTO awards treats to
the class that has the
most students
wearing red.

**Newsworthy Dates to
Remember!**
May 4th School is in
session
May 9th Talent Show
Dress Rehearsal 1:30
May 10th Papa John's
Pizza Night
May 10th Talent Show
6:00 p.m.
May 11th-18th Buy One,
Get One Free Book Fair
May 28th Memorial Day
No School

Just before Spring Break, we all were treated to a wonderful performance of *Lemonade!* by our 2nd grade students and *Pinnocchio* by our 4th grade students. It was such a treat to watch the show. I think we all can agree that both productions deserved a big “thumbs-up!” Thank you to Mrs. Pomijie and all the volunteers who helped with the sound system, costumes, background, and more...It was entertaining and fun for all.

I believe we have some of the greatest students here at Hafén Elementary School. The other day I decided to bring in a few students from the 4th grade class to my office and eat lunch and chat with them. We talked about movies, hobbies and other fun things that students like to do when they are not in school. I then asked the students, “What do you like about Hafén Elementary?” Each of them spoke highly of their teacher and how much fun they are having at school. After their answers died out I then followed up with “What do you dislike most about Hafén?” To my surprise they said collectively, “We do not like the cussing that goes on while playing on the playground when the students know the teacher is either not looking at us or is not next to us. We wish it would stop.” They even voluntarily admitted that they often hear cussing at home. This dislike was not only expressed by the 4th graders, but the next day I had lunch with some 3rd graders and I asked them the same question and I got the same answer. They wish students would stop cussing even though they admitted they cussed out on the playground. I am sure they feel like most of us and that is “Cussing? Everyone is doing it!”

With this challenge I directed the students to a boy who did something about cussing at his school. McKay Hatch was tired of the cussing at his school in Pasadena, California. He decided to start up a No Cussing Club. He had over 350 students join the club and they all petitioned the mayor of Pasadena to have a no cussing week throughout Pasadena. A number of organizations, businesses and individuals joined McKay's challenge and his club to bring more awareness to stop profanity and cussing. When that happened, the story hit the national news and today there are over 20,000 members who have joined the club. This proves one point, “not everyone is doing it.” You can visit his website and follow his story at www.nocussing.com. It is a great story.

Both the 3rd and 4th graders were impressed with this boy's effort and we talked about ways we can improve our language and help others around us to stop cussing. The next day a group of 5th graders approached me about starting up the No Cussing Club (NCC) at Hafén. They went as far as petitioning me. The petition reads with 10 signatures on the bottom of the letter “Mr. Nelson, We would like to start the NCC because we would like to improve our word choice and spread awareness for not cussing. Thank you for giving us the idea.” Another student wrote to me “I personally cuss and I want to stop cussing. That is why I am getting involved in this group.” As I stated earlier, I believe we have some of the greatest students here at Hafén Elementary School.

The beginning of Hafén's No Cussing Club is starting to form. We are working together to brainstorm ideas on how we can help each other and those around us to use better language. We also would like to extend the No Cussing Challenge to those who receive this newsletter and read it. You will find a No Cussing Club certificate in this newsletter for one and all to sign and become an official member of NCC and take the “No Cussing Challenge”. As President George Washington ordered his soldiers to stop profanity and cussing in the camps said, “[profanity and cussing] is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense, and character, [should] detest and despise it” *The Papers, Revolutionary War Series, vol. 5, June – August 1776*.

Thank you for all your support,

Todd Nelson



With the weather warming up please review the district dress code with your student.



****This information is found in the Student Handbook on page 52 in the Student Dress Code section.****

Students' dress, personal appearance, and conduct are required to be of such character as to not disrupt or detract from the educational environment of the school. Weather and safety MUST be considered in the selection of clothing and shoes.

This dress code is established to ensure and maintain an orderly, undisrupted, school environment free from health and safety issues. Exacerbating messages and provocative displays, whether intentional or unintentional, are forbidden. These provisions are also designed to prevent students from carrying concealed weapons or for providing a means for staff to immediately identify students by preventing clothing that allows students to obscure any part of their head or face. Please obey the following requirements for all NCSD students:

- Administration will have the discretion to determine the appropriateness of school attire.
- No skin shall be visible beyond 2" above the knee when wearing shorts, skirts, pants, skorts, dresses or any other "below the waist" attire.
- No sagging pants- oversized pants need to be worn with a belt. Pants, shorts, and skirts are to be worn on hips or above.
- Undergarments should not be visible or seen at ANY TIME.
- Pajama pants and slippers are forbidden at school.
- No see-through or bare belly shirts or blouses
- Shirts are not allowed to be low cut, or loose and revealing, showing any part of the chest or torso.
- Tops must have sleeves.
- Shoes will be worn at all times.
- Hats/head coverings are to be worn in the fashion intended for the particular head covering and no head covering will be worn inside a building, including any hood.

Any student who violates the dress code will be sent to the office, may have his/her parents contacted, and student will only be allowed to return to the school environment after complying with the dress code.

The school administration shall have the right to designate which types of dress, fashion, and fads are acceptable at school as well as retain the authority to grant exceptions for special occasions and/or special conditions. Failure to comply with the approved NCSD dress code will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the NCSD progressive discipline plans and the NCSD disciplinary matrix

Hafen Elementary School End of Year BBQ

ALOHA!!

Hula on over to our End of the Year BBQ Luau!



Friday, May 18, 2012

from 5:30-8:00

At Hafen's Multi-purpose room.

Grab your Lei and Hawaiian shirts and get ready for some fun.

This Event is open to all Hafen Elementary Students and their Families. Students must be **accompanied** by an Adult.

Tickets will be on sale for \$2.50 each starting May 1st - 11th. Buy your tickets early! Ticket will include admission and food ticket for one person. (hotdog, chips and drink)

Volunteers are needed and much appreciated!

If you are available to volunteer for this event, please contact Tina Michel at 702.673.7092 or

Hafen's Talent Show Coming Soon!



We had such a great turn out of students trying out for this years Talent Show. After much deliberating, the following students have been selected for this years Big Event!

- Claire Baxter, Maggie Michel & Briley Severts,
- Nick Bent, Matt Belcher, Patricia Solano,
- Jazmine Hinkle, McKayla Bartley,
- Abbigail Bautista, Avalyn Severts & Madelyn Souza,
- Michailiah Cobillas, Nicole Reilly,
- Hailee Danneker, Santana Michel & Billy Michel,
- Ashlynn Stoneberger & Brooklyn Peters,
- John Taylor, Coree Cain and Kaydence Hagerstrand

Thanks to everyone who tried out.

The Talent Show will be held May 10th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you there!

Coming Soon!!!!

The Scholastic Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair will be held May 14th-May 18th in the school library. All students will visit the Book Fair during their scheduled library visit. Buy one book, get one book FREE! Buy one poster, get one poster FREE! This is a great way to stock up on books for the summer ahead. Keep a look-out for more information.



The Hafen Staff & Students would like to thank our wonderful PTO for the new sound system they purchased for our school. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Brown for setting it up and getting things running. We appreciate you so much!



Campbell's Soup Labels

We will be collecting Campbell's labels this year. Please turn in all labels at the front office. All proceeds benefit our school.

Order your Customized Hafen School Shirts, Backpacks and Hoodies online at spiritandpride.com. Our School ID is #348493. Be sure to check out the super value packages!! If you'd rather order by phone just call 1-800-854-4452.



Hafen Shirts for Sale

Hafen School T-Shirts & Sweatshirts are for sale in the school office. T-shirts are \$5.00 each. Sweatshirts are \$15.00 each.

Box Tops for Education

Want an easy way to help raise money for our school? Collect General Mills Box Tops. You can turn in all Box Tops for Education at the front office.

The Hafen School Parent/Teacher Organization would like to invite parents & teachers to join us at the upcoming PTO meetings.



Mark your calendar for PTO's future meeting dates:

Meetings are held at 3:30.