

# (MS)<sup>2</sup> WEEKLY NEWS

## Autumn Writing Contest

The Howard University School of Education Student Council is hosting an **Autumn Writing Contest** and would like to invite the (MS)<sup>2</sup> students to participate. Entries can be:

1. **Spooky short story**
2. **Autumn-themed poem**

Short stories must be 1 1/2 - 2 pages in length. Students are not restricted to using any particular style for the poem but it must have an autumn theme. Stories and or poems that include inappropriate language or refer to acts of violence will be immediately disqualified. All submissions are due on **October 26, 2005**.

All participants are invited to attend an "Autumn Writing Celebration" and pizza party on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Winners from each category will be announced and the winners will receive awards.

## Mathematics Announcement

Your Math homework is now online! Please visit: [www.homepage.mac.com/bensinwell](http://www.homepage.mac.com/bensinwell) for your daily homework assignments. The page also includes an e-mail link so you can e-mail any homework questions that you have to Mr. Sinwell.

## October Birthdays

Next Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate all student birthdays for the month of October. If your student had a birthday this month and you would like to bring a treat for the lunch period to help us celebrate, please call the office.

## (MS)<sup>2</sup> Book Drive

The book drive being led by Trustee and Director Aprille Ericcson, will be held this Homecoming weekend.

For information on the Book Drive and on HU CEACS please visit:

<http://www.huceacsalumni.org/bookdrive-05.html>

## Language Arts Vocabulary Quiz

On Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, students will be tested on the vocabulary words for the weeks of October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be expected to know definitions and synonyms, and be able to use the words in a sentence.

## DCCAS

On Thursday and Friday our students participated in the DCCAS, a standardized test of grade level competencies that all public school students (including public charter schools) are required to take. Results will be available in December.

## Carnegie Academy for Science Education

Beginning next Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Carnegie Academy for Science Education will be offering Saturday school for Astro Biology. Classes will run from 11 AM to 4 PM. If you are interested in enrolling your child in their class please contact them at the following address: [jedmonds@ciw.edu](mailto:jedmonds@ciw.edu)

**(MS)<sup>2</sup> Parent Association**

Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, marked the beginning of the (MS)<sup>2</sup> Parent Association. Thank you to Ms. Warren Garnett and Mrs. Theresa De Pass for organizing the meeting. If you are interested in serving as an officer of the Executive Board of the (MS)<sup>2</sup> Parent Association, or as a parent representative of the (MS)<sup>2</sup> Board, please e-mail a short biographical sketch, including your position of interest, to [MSElections@hotmail.com](mailto:MS Elections@hotmail.com).

Also as a result of Monday's meeting, an (MS)<sup>2</sup> Parent Association website has been created. The web site address is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hums2pta>

The web site's e-mail address is: [hums2pta@yahoogroups.com](mailto:hums2pta@yahoogroups.com)

The next Parent Association meeting will take place on Monday, November 7, 2005 at 7 PM. Topics on the agenda will include:

1. Election of officers
2. Reports by committee chairs
3. Other items regarding the formation of the (MS)<sup>2</sup> Parent Association.

Please look for updates on the location of the meeting in the following weeks' newsletters.

**(MS)<sup>2</sup> Parent Volunteers**

Two weeks ago as part of the (MS)<sup>2</sup> Weekly News, the October Parent Volunteer calendar was sent out to remind parents of the dates on which they volunteered their time here at the Middle School. Thank you for all of your support in making October a very successful volunteer month.

Included in this week's pouch is a copy of the November Parent Volunteers calendar. As you will note, there are several volunteers still needed for the month. If you can volunteer on a specific date(s) this month please call the office to let us know your availability. The volunteer slots are as follows:

1. Classroom helper - follow your child's schedule to help out in classrooms as needed. Morning (8:10 - 11:30), afternoon (12:30 - 3:30), or all day (8:10 - 4:30)
2. Lunchroom helper - (11:15-12:45) Ensure that the lunchroom is orderly and help check names off the lunch list
3. Drop off - (7:15 - 7:45) Assist with the orderly drop off of students in the front of the school by opening doors and moving cars through safely
4. Pick up - (4:15 - 4:45) Assist with the dismissal of students at the end of the school day

**Student Agendas**

The (MS)<sup>2</sup> has received several requests from parents to be informed daily of their child's homework assignments. This week, each student will receive an agenda book/school calendar. Students should write their assignments in these books so families will know about every assignment. Teachers will request that all students record their assignments at the end of the classroom period. Students must bring their agenda, books to school everyday to ensure that all homework assignments are recorded. If your student comes home with nothing written in their agenda you will know that they have been missing assignments.