

Hallen School

Principal's Newsletter
Dr. Deborah Santacapita
January, February, 2017



We welcomed our Turnaround Artist, **David Blaine** back to Hallen School on Friday, December 9, 2016. Mr. Blaine was greeted by our students with cheers! We presented David Blaine with a Hallen Hawk canvas signed by every student at Hallen School as our way of saying, "Thank you".

He met with Mr. John Joyner's G.O.A.T.S. (Greatest Of All Time Students) Boys Group. He took a tour of Hallen School and was interviewed by our Hallen Hawk reporters. He attended our school-wide assembly. Mr. Blaine did some magic tricks with our students after one of our students, did a magic trick for him! Our chorus sang, The Hallen Cool Song by Mr. Don Brelsford and Feliz Navidad. ! He visited our 2nd grade classroom for a lesson on Tableau. He ended with some photo ops with our students and staff.

It was a great day at Hallen School!

Hallen Happenings

Junior Achievement Day was a great success! *JA in a Day* with students from Central High School through the BuildOn program came to Hallen School and taught key concepts and activities on school-wide financial literacy for K-6.

Read-A-Loud-Day was special for our students. Mr. Kelly's Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Brothers came to Hallen School and read to our students. A Big Thank You to:

Mr. Ralph Council
Mr. Marquelle Middleton
Mr. Rashad Ford
Mr. Brian Kelly
Mr. Chris Sherman
Mr. John Erik-Bonilla

RULER NIGHT was held Tuesday night, December 13th. Please ask your child how we use RULER at Hallen. There are some great ways to implement RULER at home too.

Holiday Concert showcased our PreK-6th grade students. Mr. Don Brelsford had our students practice and their hard work was evident! Congratulations to Mr. Brelsford, our chorus and students!

Student of the Month is Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 9:30am.

One Session Day is Friday, December 23, 2016. Dismissal is at 12:50pm. There is no after school program. **HAVE A WONDERFUL AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY.....**



We are very excited about our second musical— **Annie**. Try-outs have begun. Please pick up a flyer outside the front Office for additional information.

If any parents/guardians have a special talent and are willing to help us with the planning, decorating, and make-up for the musical, please contact the school.





We continue to monitor student attendance. Thank you for your continued support to ensure that every student attends school every day! Students are acknowledged and awarded for coming to school; every week, every month, and every marking period.

We are hoping for 97%+ each and every day.

- September 97.12%
- October 96.94%
- November 96.48%
- December 96.01%



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Holiday Recess: NO SCHOOL

Monday, December 26, 2016 -
Monday, January 2, 2017

Three King's Day: NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 6, 2017

One Session Day : Dismissal at 12:50pm

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 16, 2017

President's Day Weekend: NO SCHOOL

Friday, February 17—21, 2017

Attention Parents/Guardians

- Please do not drive in the parking lot.
- Please do not pick up your child between 2:45pm—3:10pm per district policy.
- During inclement weather or below 40 degrees, students will go to the gym for arrivals and dismissals— Parents are asked to remain outside the gym door.
- Please sign in and receive a sticker when you visit. **This is for the safety & security of your children!**



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Hallen School community respectfully nurtures and engages each student in realistic, meaningful, and collaborative learning so every student can achieve his or her personal best.

VISION STATEMENT

In collaboration with all members of our school community, we consistently work to achieve academic excellence for all students, celebrate and appreciate our students' diversity, promote a positive school climate, and maintain an emotionally, socially, intellectually, artistically and physically safe school environment.