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Spotlight on:

INSTITUTE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

“Take good care of yourself and others” is the theme this year for IHHS, with the focus on personal health and wellness and helping others in the community. With the team effort of Mrs. Lowry-Christie, Ms. Schau, and Ms. Munday, and the expertise of the medical community, the Personal Fitness students were able to evaluate their wellness. Several stations were set up in the Activity Center, where the students had their health screening checklist completed: vision, reflexes, balance, joint mobility and fine motor skills, height and weight chart, posture, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, and heart rate. The students used this information to evaluate their own wellness in their Personal Fitness classes. The success of this event was due to the team members, as well as community volunteers: Mrs. Lynn Schweiger (nutrition specialist), Dr. Glen Riddle (chiropractic medicine), Mrs. Carolyn Connolly



Members of the SWAT team demonstrated a hostage situation on November 16, 2005 (Picture by Jeff Miller)

(occupational therapist), Mrs. Elaena Plumitallo (RN), Mrs. Pat Yarber (RN), the New Port Richey Fire and Rescue Department, Explorers, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. The next Wellness Fair will be in March.

Keeping with the theme of the year, a second event that the IHHS students attended was the presentation and demon-

Written by Carol Hlad, Team Coordinator

stration entitled “Emergency Response Teams.” This event was coordinated by Cpl. Tim Spitzer, Shari Schau, and Sgt. Gardner of the Pasco Sheriff’s Office. The students viewed a mock hostage situation, including the canine unit, the SWAT team, the helicopter team, and the New Port Richey Police Department. The students were able to talk to all the presenters and ask about their jobs.

The last event for this semester involved a joint effort by IHHS and the track team, with all proceeds going to the “ABC” Fund at Gulf High School. Track coach Dean Lofton organized the first annual Gulf Gobbler Gallop, which took place November 22nd at the stadium. Students, teachers and staff donated \$2.00 to run the mile course. Mr. Imerson donated \$50.00 to be awarded as prizes. What a good way to do something for yourself and others!!!

Senior Projects—Quarter 3 & 4

Product with Log, Journal, Pictures, & Student Evaluation Form	3/7/06
Mentor Evaluation Form	3/10/06
Letter to the Judges	3/10/06
Portfolio	3/20/06
Speech	3/24/06
Powerpoint Presentation	3/31/06

Important Dates for 3rd Quarter

Students return from Holiday Break	January 10th
1st Semester Report Cards Distributed	January 19th
3rd Quarter Progress Reports Distributed	February 14th
FCAT Testing	February 27th & 28th

School Hours	Student Hours	Teacher Hours
7:30 AM-4:00 PM	7:50 AM-2:00 PM	7:30 AM-3:00 PM

GUIDANCE NEWS

Written by Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist

The PLAN Test results were given to tenth grade students on December 7 and 8. These results predict the student's scores on the ACT Test, which is used for college admissions and the Florida Bright Future Scholarship Program.

The PSAT Test results were given out on December 15 to all 9th, 10th and 11th graders who took the test in October.

Tenth grade students also completed the annual Career

and Academic Planner Form while using the FACTS.org web site. Ninth and eleventh graders will complete the CAP Forms by the end of January.

Twelfth graders completed the Florida Financial Aid Form online December 5, 6 and 7 through government/economics classes. This form is the application for the Florida Bright Futures

Scholarship Program.

The Pasco Education Foundation/Gulf High School Local Scholarship Application will be available for seniors to complete online between December 15 and January 31. After submitting the application students should print three copies and return them with the cover page to the GHS Guidance Office by **January 31.**

Financial Aid

Night

January 17, 2006

6:30 PM

River Ridge High School

Information on Financial Aid for College

PIB (PROGRAMME FOR IDENTIFYING BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS)

Compiled by Dr. Debbie Lepley, Assistant Principal

The PIB teachers have been quite dedicated in utilizing the International Baccalaureate Organization's approach to student assessment. The Diploma Programme policy essentially defines parameters for which assessment can take. During the 9th and 10th grade year, students focus on several types of process skills in all their content areas. These may include but not be limited to: fieldwork, laboratory assignment(s), project work, and mathematical investigations, just to name a few. The following internal assessments have been part of the PIB @ GHS for the current semester:

Language Arts/Dr. Wildey: Student team multi-genre presentations of Sandra Cisneros's *The House on Mango Street*, which in-

cluded a character sketch, an inspirational poster on a comparison with one of Gwendolyn Brooks' or Carl Sandburg's poems, and a dramatization of one vignette.

Biology/Mr. Stobbs: Laboratory/project work includes: Design an experiment that would effectively test for the presence or absence of diffusion; given the following criteria, build a model of a representative cell of one of the following structures, prokaryote, eukaryotic animal, or eukaryotic plant....label the structures then write a nine paragraph essay describing...

Math/Mr. Griffith: Students explore triangles in construction; fractals in () i.e., nature, engineering, architecture, etc.

French/Mrs. Currelly and Spanish/Mrs. Rodriguez: Oral presentations in the following areas: An Interview, My Autobiography, My Home, My Family, with an upcoming conversation in a Café.

World History/Mrs. Alwood: Choose a time period which we studied first semester in which you are interested. Create a hypothesis about your study, then explore the primary sources of the time period, following the IB rubric. Create an in-depth paper and visual that shows some of your evidence and whether or not your hypothesis is correct (to be done second semester with a culminating event of a Living Museum in March).

The second (and last) visit by the INA Consultant,

Mrs. Rose Browning, has been scheduled for January 25th. The agenda will follow the consultation guidelines, as well as reflect the suggested agenda for IBNA Site Visitation (which will occur in the Fall of 2006). All content areas will present their curriculum that they have designed up through to the end of the senior year. Indeed, these are exciting times as we near the submission of the final application.



"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going"

IBT

Written by Sharon Oster, Team Coordinator

Who's counting the days until winter break? As the countdown continues, our goals are clear to reach the finish line by December 22. In the classroom, students are experiencing automated accounting, Publisher software, Access database software, Excel spreadsheet software, advertising/marketing strategies, and Internet scams investigated by the Federal

Trade Commission. For the Great American Teach-in, we welcomed Mr. John Van Dyke and Mr. Greg Bast. Mr. Van Dyke is with the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration at the Tampa International Airport. Mr. Van Dyke is the training coordinator for security measures in place at TIA and personnel training. Mr.

Greg Bast is with the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center as a flight engineer/production controller. NOAA is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Among their many assignments, they are the Hurricane Hunters. A big thank you to these gentlemen for sharing their experiences and the opportunities found in these fields.

Looking to the New Year 2006, a schedule of Business Education courses being offered for the school year 2006-07 is available to all students in all learning communities in Room 224 from Ms. Oster or Room 225 from Ms. Kohake. This information will be available on the Gulf High website in January under Business Education and the IBT learning community.

ICA

Written by Lisa Barrus, Team Coordinator

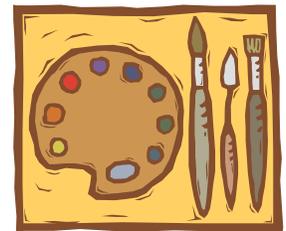
The ICA hosted its annual Talent Show on Monday, November 7, in the Bever-Hicks Activity Center. The winners of the show were: 1st place Craig Fountain, 2nd place Kyle Baker, 3rd place "Joey". Proceeds from the ticket sale will benefit this year's graduating ICA seniors. Applicants need to complete the local scholarship application and meet the criteria set by GHS's scholarship committee. This year we

are planning on two scholarships; however, applicants must be going into the arts.

In addition, select art and photography students visited the Ringling Museum and art school in Sarasota on Monday, November 21. This trip was sponsored by Mrs. Trapp and the Career Resource Department. While our students toured the campus, upper level students were able to have their portfo-

lios critiqued by Bucky Wetherell, admissions counselor at Ringling School of Art and Design. Mr. Wetherell's critique was very important to our students. He commented that our "students work was very strong" and suggested that all apply as soon as possible.

We would also like to congratulate Michelle Housel, who won "Best of Show" at the Sims Park Arts Show on December 3,



2005.

Next semester, there are many art shows and contests. A few that we participate in are: Art of Recycling, Pasco County Fair, ArtBeat, Congressional Discovery, and our annual end of year art show.

ITS

Written by Margaret Peek, Team Coordinator

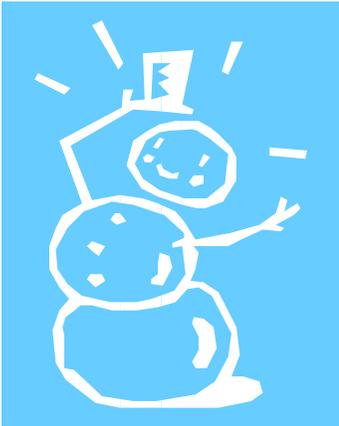
The Institute of Technical Sciences sent a group of academically promising young women to a special day-long program sponsored by the Women Engineers of the Lockheed Martin Corporation. The event featured a tour of the facility, competitive activities involving engineering and design, and a luncheon. The program's in-

tent was to introduce female high school students to the engineering field. Mrs. Trapp and Ms. Cotney accompanied the girls to Lockheed Martin and reported that everyone enjoyed the unique educational experience enormously. The faculty members who participate in the Institute of Technical Sciences met last week

to complete a survey provided by Peggy Green, District School to Work Transition Coordinator, regarding workplace based activities for their classes. Data from the survey will be used to assist classroom teachers in arranging for presenters from the business, industry, and professional world to visit their classes. The data will

also be used to develop workplace based activities for students outside of the school setting.





Choral Department

Winter 2005

Written by Amy Riddle, Choral Director

The Gulf High School Choral Department has had a busy first semester filled with many exciting activities. Several Total Sound students participated in the High School All County Chorus. Students had 3 days of extensive rehearsals that culminated in a wonderful Saturday afternoon performance. The students enjoy being part of a group of some of the best choral students in the county.

The student were busy preparing for their annual Holiday Dinner Theater. In addition to performances by Total Sound and Concert Chorus, several student performed solos. The holidays brought out the given spirit of all of our students. This year we contributed to 2 separate charities. Total Sound performed at the Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg, and brought along several donations. All Choral Department Members

competed against the Band Members for the chance to win a Frappacino party from Starbucks by donating to the Star Light Star Bright Foundation. As second semester begins we will be busy preparing for our annual Music Performance Assessment. We are looking forward to a fantastic second semester!



Upcoming Events

1/27/05

Solo & Ensemble
Music Performance
Assessment

2/24/05

Choral Festival
Music Performance
Assessment

4/5-4/8/06

Trip to
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Buccaneer Band

On November 5th, 2005, the Marching Buccaneers brought their well-practiced show to River Ridge High School as they participated in the annual Florida Bandmasters Association's District 5 Marching Performance Assessment. After weeks of vigorous practicing and hours of music making, the Buccaneers came away with the top rating of 'superior' from all of our judges in attendance. The band received superiors in the categories of Music 1 and 2, General Effect, Marching & Maneuvering, Percussion, and Color Guard. Receiving **straight superiors** was a wonderful way to end out the marching season for 2005.



School Telephone Numbers

Important Web Sites for You to Bookmark:

www.gulphigh.org - Latest information about Gulf High School

www.facts.org - Provides online career and college planning, college financial aid, and your child's transcript and grades

www.fcatexplorer.com - Helps prepare students for the FCAT

www.collegeboard.com/apps/qotd/question - SAT question of the day

FCAT Explorer Instructions

www.fcatexplorer.com

Each student has a sign-in name and password.

Student sign-in name:

Your entire last name plus first initial

Example: Alice Jones = JONESA

Student Password:

The 2-digit district ID number, followed by the first 4 letters of last name, followed by 2-digit birth month, followed by the 2-digit birth day.

Example: Pasco County, Alice Jones, born on May 10 =
51JONE0510

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Guidance Secretary	727-774-3330
Attendance Office	727-774-3308
Student Registrar	727-774-3307
Clinic	727-774-3305
School Nurse	727-774-3356
Bookkeeper	727-774-3304
Administrative Secretary	727-774-3302
Adult Education Secretary	727-774-3309
Administrative and Guidance Staff as follows:	
Thomas Brochu, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3318
Dr. Judy Gallagher, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3316
Florence Buono, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3317
Dr. Deborah Lepley, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3311
Alfred Palma, Assist. Prin.	727-774-3319
William Schweiger, Admin. Para	727-774-3314
Adam Durden, Admin. Para	727-774-3312
Vicki Voorhees, Admin. Para	727-774-3341
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Angela Cotney, Guidance (E-K)	727-774-3331
Patricia Lengell, Guidance (L-Q)	727-774-3332
April Kelley, Guidance (R-Z)	727-774-3335
Kathy Trapp, Career Specialist	727-774-3351
Susan Fogarty, PBDP	727-774-3473
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Rossi Klompus, Senior Projects	727-774-3401
William Rutherford, Band Director	727-774-3374
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Chief Jose Rodriguez, ROTC	727-774-3354
Media Center	727-774-3327
School Resource Officer	727-774-3350
Amy Riddle, Chorus Director	727-774-3373

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