

# JOHN HILL SCHOOL

November 25, 2011



## **Mr. Bourout's Physical Education Classes** -

The Physical Education classes in all grades are starting up a Football Unit. The first few days of classes will consist of refining skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and punting. Once the skill level in each class is acceptable, the students will then learn the concepts of the line of scrimmage as well as four downs. When all students grasp the rules and regulations game play will begin. Game play will consist of flag football when outdoors, and Ultimate Football when indoors due to limited space. The winning team from each grade will be posted on the school website.

The Adapted P.E. class will continue its holiday theme and the November theme is Thanksgiving. The games included in the unit are turkey tag, thanksgiving stations, capture the turkey egg, and turkey hunting. The students also engage in a variety of activities to help promote lifelong physical fitness and cardio-respiratory endurance such as tag games and relay races. Their next unit will also be Football.

**Mrs. Smith's Reading Class:** Our class finished the biography on Helen Keller. We ended the unit by writing an essay that compared Helen's character traits over time. We also read a small non-fiction book called "Sign Language and Hand Talk" and studied other famous sign language learners. We learned about the first deaf Major League Baseball Player named William Ellsworth Hoy, and a former Miss America Heather Whitestone McCallum who was also deaf. Students were fascinated to learn the story of Koko the gorilla who has been taught to use sign language to communicate with her trainers.



**JHS Winter Concert** - The Winter Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the JHS Auditorium. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this wonderful holiday performance.

**JHS Student Council** - Ms. Leung and the JHS Student Council are holding their Annual Toy Drive for less fortunate children in our community. Toys are being collected through Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Toys can be dropped off in the main office at JHS. Your support is greatly appreciated!



**CHEESE!**



**Picture Day Re-takes** - Picture Day re-takes will be held on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. If you need a Picture Day form, they are available in the main office. For those of you who may have ordered a class picture, they will be distributed after the re-takes are taken.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

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| November 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | - | JHS Picture Re-takes  |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | - | JHS Honor Roll Assembly 2:00pm  |
| December 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | - | JHS Winter Concert - 6:30pm   |
| December 16 <sup>th</sup>                    | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Progress Reports go home in Friday Folders |
| December 23 <sup>rd</sup>                    | - | Early dismissal @ 12:40pm   |
| December 26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> | - | Schools Closed - Winter Recess  |

**Happy Thanksgiving!**