

**ADULTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN**

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Hello everyone – here is a recap of our last Coalition meeting. **Reminder – our next meeting is Nov. 19th.**

Agenda Items –

- **Homecoming Info for 2008** – we had a great Homecoming Parade and the weather was fantastic.
- **New Proposals** – All forms are on the GHCC website.
- **Parents Who Host Lose the Most Program** – we discussed the background of this program and the various groups that are looking for committee members.
- **Herndon High & Herndon Middle Hispanic Parent meetings** – we had our first meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23rd. It was well attended (about 25 families with about 6 fathers in attendance).

Announcements –

- **CSB (Community Service Board)** – Linda Pate attended our meeting and spoke about some of their upcoming programs. **Too Good for Drugs** is an 8-week program for 4, 5, 6 graders. They can bring this program to a school or organization free of charge. It is a one-hour class and snacks are provided. They ask for a minimum of 10 students and it is a SAMSHA evidence-based program. Another program they can offer is **A.C.T. Against Violence**. It is an 8-week program for adults & kids together and is very interactive. There is more information posted on our GHCC website under Resources. To contact Linda re: either of these programs, email her at Linda.Pate@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-449-6310.
- **Herndon HS** – Jim Hannon reported that the official Business Partnership Kick Off with Northwest fed Credit Union is scheduled for Nov 18 at our monthly Faculty meeting. They are hoping that their Education Foundation will be presenting us with several thousand dollars to fund conference attendance for several staff members, monies for technology initiatives (Smartboards), and monies to assist in funding the purchase of the HHS Student Planners that we will be providing to students next year. Northwest will be hosting a Ball at Children's Hospital in DC for Hospital Patients in June 2009; they'll be looking for clothing donations (suits, dresses); looking for student volunteers (community service points); over 18 year old volunteers (students) to chaperone at the Ball); more details to follow.
- **Dranesville ES** –Paulina Hidalgo (Parent Liaison) reported that they had their first **Intercambios/Language Exchange**. Approximately 20 people attended and they will have another one in December. For more information, [contact Paulina](#) – 703-326-5266.
- **Reston Interfaith** –Bill Threlkeld reported they will be sponsoring First-Time Homebuyer's Classes at the Herndon Senior Center (873 Grace St., Herndon). Register by emailing martin.rios@restoninterfaith.org or 571-323-1438. The next 4 sessions are – Nov. 29 (English), Dec. 20 (English), Jan. 24 (Spanish), and Feb. 21 (English). Bill also reported that their Homework Assistance program has begun at the Neighborhood Resource Center. Students are referred by teachers and are in 3rd – 7th grades. The classes are held twice a week for 1 ½ hours. Their ESL classes are currently full at the Neighborhood Resource Center.
- **Health Department** – Virginia Wilkinson, school nurse for HHS & HMS, reported that there are no new moms. She also asked for people to write to their Delegates to ask that School Health be mandated as part of the school curriculum.

- **Trinity Presbyterian** – will be working with LINK Holiday Basket program in November and December and they are still coordinating lunch for the day laborers.
- **Department of Family Services** – Marilyn Bursch announced that the Women’s Shelter is now under the Department of Family Services. She will be leaving our area and will be moving to work in the Culmore area. We will miss her involvement in our Coalition and wish her well! A new contact will be attending our meetings.
- **Hutchison Elementary** – Brittany Good reported that the After-School program plans are well underway.
- **Young Life** – Brittany Good reported that they having their Club meetings on Mondays at 8 pm at student’s homes. For more information on, Young Life – [click here](#).
- **Town of Herndon Police** – Officer G will be replaced by Officer Farby in February 2009. He also reported that Vecinos Unidos homework assistance program is full and more volunteers are needed. Contact Barbara Sorenson (703) 201-2809 if you would like to help out. Officer G also reported that some of the policemen will do an “Underwear Ride” on Dec. 6th to collect new underwear that will be donated to Reston Interfaith.
- **Hispanic Parent Meetings** – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20th and will focus on Parenting Skills and Clubs & Activities.
- **Herndon United Methodist Church** – Becky reported that they will be hosting Harvest on Nov. 1st and will be having a used book/video/DVD sale and will also be accepting toys for the LINK Holiday Basket program.
- **Herndon Elementary School** - Assistant Principal, Connie Britt was reported that they have been fine-tuning their lunchroom behavior program and the kids are excited about the opportunity to use the games purchased with Coalition funding.

Other Announcements –

- **Holiday Volunteer Opportunities** – on the Coalition website, we have posted a PDF document containing the needs of many of our area groups for the Holiday season. If you want me to send this to you via email, just let me know. We have LINK, Reston Interfaith, Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, and Women’s Shelter information
- **FCAN Brown Bag Lunch Event** – Meet Julienne Barbazette – Team Leader of the Coordinated Services Planning program for Fairfax County, 11:30 am at Pennino Bldg, 10th Floor. RSVP to Elizabeth.Robertson@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- **FCPS Annual Bookmark Contest** – DEA, AEIC, and Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188 are sponsoring this year’s contest. The theme is “My Community and Me – Safe and Drug Free”. The winning entry from each school must be turned in by January 26, 2009 at 4 pm. Questions should be addressed to Stefan Mascoll at: stefan.mascoll@fcps.edu or 571-423-4276.
- **Inova HealthSource** can offer an evidence-based prevention program to coalitions and schools. Inova has a grant that allows them to offer Life Skills Training (LST), a nationally recognized prevention program to 4th through 8th grade students at no cost. They will provide the facilitator and snacks if you provide the students and space. LST is approved by SDFY for use in elementary or middle after-school programs or during activity periods in secondary schools. Contact Andrea Moore, 703-698-2418, Andrea.Moore@inova.org.
- **Scholarship Workshop** – Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7-9 p.m. Two-hour interactive seminar will teach the step-by-step process of finding and winning money for college. Free; registration is required — go to [RCC](#) or contact [Nakish Jordan](#), 703-476-4500.

OUR MISSION

The GHCC is united in a drive to help ensure the well-being of all youth in the Herndon community. We dedicate our efforts to provide information and education about preventing under-age drinking, drug-abuse use issues, and personal character issues faced by our young citizenry, because all kids are capable of success, no exceptions.

Remaining Meetings for 08-09 (all meetings are at 3:30 pm)

- November 19
- January 14
- February 25
- March 25
- April 22
- May 27

Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 11 – Kids at Hope Parent Workshop, 9:30 am at Herndon Community Center
- **Nov. 19 – Coalition Meeting, 3:30 pm – HHS Principal’s Conference Room – PLEASE BRING PROPOSALS**
- Nov. 20 – Herndon HS and Herndon MS Hispanic Parent meeting, 7 pm – Neighborhood Resource Center
- Dec. 3 – FCAN Brown Bag Lunch Event – Meet Julienne Barbazette – Team Leader of the Coordinated Services Planning program for Fairfax County, 11:30 am
- Mar. 28 – Unified Prevention Coalition 2009 Conference – SAVE THE DATE

There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer. With it beats the spirit of service, generosity, and compassion....and the health and well-being of our community, our country, and our world.

--Kobi Yamada

