



Hilltop Happenings

As presented by Abbotts Hill Staff and PTA



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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Dear Parents,

The Abbotts Hill Elementary Staff and I are delighted to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. We are proud and pleased to have had the opportunity to educate our students for the past 10 years. We look forward to many more years to come, as we continue to strive for excellence. I encourage your continued support as an active member of the Abbotts Hill Elementary School community. Many of you have already shown your support by attending our Curriculum Night, which was held last evening. You have learned about our schoolwide expectations, your child's daily routines, homework practices, and how you can support our PTA.

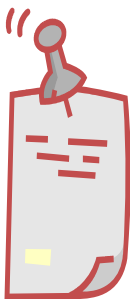
I would like to take this time to thank the following parent volunteers and students for assisting with the opening of our school year: Melissa Beasley, Mariela Carrasquillo, Karen Richardson, Nancy Clark, Damaris Morrow, Kay Lewington, Randy Roles, Samantha R, Chloe L., Sam B., Alyssa B., and Daniel A. I would also like to thank the PTA Executive Board, PTA Committee Chairs, and parents who volunteered to help during kindergarten lunch the first week of school. All their efforts helped to ensure that our school year was off to a great start.

By now you should have received your student handbook and the Jaguar Folder containing forms that needed to be completed and returned to school. If you have not returned all the necessary forms, please do so right away. Your assistance with completing this paperwork is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Abbotts Hill is the recipient of the 2009 USDA Regional Best Practice Award for Promoting a Healthy School Environment. Only two schools in the state of Georgia received this award.

Again, welcome back and please know that the staff and I look forward to another successful year at Abbotts Hill.

Dr. Roytunda Stabler
Principal



Important Reminders.....

- ◆ Carpool begins at 7:15 am,. Students should not arrive prior to that time, as there is no adult supervision.
- ◆ School begins at 7:45 am.
- ◆ Students who wish to eat breakfast, should arrive by 7:30 am in carpool or by bus to allow time to eat and arrive at class prior to the tardy bell which rings at 7:45 am.

Clinic News

Help us prevent the spread of colds and flu:

There are actions you can take to help reduce your exposure to the flu. As always, prevention is our best intervention when combating the spread of any illness, whether it is the common cold or something more serious. There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy. These actions include the following:

- ◆ Washing hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners/hand sanitizers are also effective.
- ◆ Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- ◆ Avoid close contact with sick people.
- ◆ Keeping sick children at home until their illness has run its course and as recommended by a health care provider.
- ◆ Have your family vaccinated against the seasonal flu.

PE News

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. On Monday through Thursday of each week, Mrs. Maynor and PE assistant Mrs. Ribaric will be joining Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Richards to teach PE classes. Please make sure your child wears comfortable clothing and sneakers on his/her PE days. If your child is ill or has an injury please provide a note to excuse your child from PE for that day. If the illness or injury lasts for more than one school week please provide a medical note that states his/her limitations and when he/she can return to participating in PE. Please continue to have your child practice push ups, sit ups, stretching, and cardiovascular exercise at home. Third, fourth and fifth grade students will be performing Fitness Gram testing, in the spring and these skill will be evaluated.

Calendar Events

08/21	Operation S.O.S Kickoff
08/26	Picture Day
08/28-08/30	Family Portrait
09/07	Labor Day Holiday-No School
09/10	Hearing and Vision Screening 1st Grade-Hearing Only 3rd Grade-Hearing and Vision 5th Grade-Vision Only
09/16	Early Release Day Students Dismissed at 11:15
09/21-09/25	ITBS Testing Grades 3 and 5 Only

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Presidents Points

Welcome new and returning families to a new year at Abbotts Hill! We are very excited to serve as your PTA Co-Presidents this year and are thrilled to continue working with you in enriching the lives of our children. The PTA provides our students with educational experiences and fun activities. We are constantly seeking new ideas and researching ways to maintain the high level of excellence of our school. We do this with the help of everyone who becomes a member of our PTA. So if you have not done so, please join now! The PTA also provides volunteers for every need expressed by our teachers and administration. Therefore, we invite each of you to join a committee and be involved at your child's school.

This year we have many exciting events to look forward to, such as our popular Family Fun Nights, Book Fair, Carnival, 5th Grade Week, and Staff Appreciation Week, just to name a few. We will also continue to fund countless academic programs which directly help enrich the lives of our children. We provide this support through the generous donations of Abbotts Hill families, business partners and community grants. This year we are pleased to announce a new fund raising effort, Operation Support our Students (SOS). It is our primary fundraiser this year so we will need your support and commitment. Look for more on this in your child's folder! We are also very proud to announce the installment of the Green School committee, whose goal is to develop and enact a five year plan to make Abbotts Hill a model green school for our community, county and state. This is a huge and important project that will require countless volunteer hours. You can find out more information

on this by visiting our website.

As you can see, your PTA has been very busy in preparing for a great year. Please take the time to visit our website www.abbottshillpta.org and feel free to contact us if you have any comments, questions or concerns. We truly welcome and appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Your Co-Presidents,

Debbie Kurzner and Mariela Carrasquillo

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Order Your 2009-2010 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are available for purchase online. Visit www.myyear.com. Once there, click on GA, Johns Creek, Abbotts Hill to order your yearbook for \$28. **Prices will go up after October 31st.** Contact Tracey Shelton at shelton@comcast.net with any questions.

Media Center Volunteers Needed



Are you interested in helping out in the Media Center this year? It's a wonderful opportunity to be involved with your child's school and make a valued contribution with a minimal time commitment. It's also a great way to check out our library's fabulous collection of children's books. We schedule one volunteer for a 2-hour shift each morning from 10-12. You can volunteer once a month, twice a month, weekly - whatever suits your schedule. And if you can't work every month, that's okay too. Volunteers primarily shelve books, but we also do other tasks that come up. Come join us! If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Lang at 770-664-2802 or ewlang@bellsouth.net.

Get Your Pencils, Brushes and Cameras Ready... It's Time for Reflections!

PTA Reflections 2009-2010 theme :
"Beauty is....."

Deadline for entries:
October, 16th 2009

For Reflections Program rules, entry forms, and last year's award-winning entries go on-line to www.pta.org.

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Family Fun Bingo Night

Friday, September 25, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Please Save the Date!

Have some information for the next issue?

Please send the details to Mia Casnocha at mcasnocha@gmail.com or

770-667-1750.

Hilltop Happenings is published bi-monthly and submissions are due on

Monday for inclusion in that Friday's issue. The next issue is September 4th.



PTA Budget News



The Budgeting Committee has worked out a budget proposal for the school year of 2009-2010. It is available to review at our PTA website. Its public approval is scheduled at Family Fun Night in September.

Our books and records are open. If you would like to see a copy of our audit, please visit our PTA website or contact PTA Treasurer, Alice Lan at lan_alice@hotmail.com