



Hilltop Happenings

As presented by Abbotts Hill Staff and PTA



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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Parents,

The Fulton County School System has begun a new parent involvement campaign called, "Be There." This program is designed to show parents how to support their children and "be there" for them in every aspect of their daily lives.

It is during every day life where routine tasks are performed that parents can connect with their children. Examples include commuting time, preparing meals, walking pets, etc. When speaking with your child, make eye contact and smile. If watching a TV program, discuss it and share your perspective on the subject matter and ask your child about his or her thoughts.

More information is available on the "Be There" website listed below.

Until next month....

**Dr. Roytunda Stabler
Principal**



An Invitation to Celebrate!

We will be celebrating our ten year anniversary on Thursday, October 8 from 8:00 am until 10:00 am in the Abbotts Hill cafeteria. A wonderful program has been planned to celebrate our first ten years.

Please RSVP by September 30 Sharon King at 770-667-2860 or by e-mail to kingsk@fultonschhols.org.



Art News

Welcome back to an exciting new year! Our new itinerant art teacher is Ms. Watterson. She will be here at Abbotts Hill on Wednesday and Friday and may teach your child if they have art one of those days. All classes are currently working on beautiful artwork for the Original Works program. You will receive an order form and sample magnet in October and will have the opportunity to order wonderful products featuring your child's artwork. Many families take advantage of Original Works for holiday gifts for family members. Keep an eye out for more information in a few weeks in your child's Friday Folder.

Please be aware that we use a variety of art supplies throughout the year, some of which are not completely washable. As a precaution, try to avoid new or favorite clothes on art day. Thank you for all of the wonderful supply donations we have received this year. The baby wipes are great to safely clean tables and hands in the art studio and for Ms. Watterson's art cart!

Orchestra News



The Abbotts Hill Jaguar Orchestra is off to a great start. Thanks so much to parents and students for getting orchestra materials together in such a timely fashion. We have three concerts scheduled for this year, including the Chattahoochee Cluster Concert! Be sure to check future newsletters for those dates. Ms. Jones hopes to see many Abbotts Hill students and parents at the orchestra concerts this year!

Music News!



Welcome, Adam Cole, our music itinerant this year! Mr. Cole will be teaching at Abbotts Hill on Wednesdays and Fridays. Ms. Sperber is here each weekday. The best way to reach either of them is through email at Sperber@fultonschools.org and ColeA@fultonschools.org

The 2nd Grade Music Performance will be Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars now for this spectacular event! If you would like to help with the set design/props please attend the meeting on Thursday, September 24 from 10:45 am-11:30 am in the Music Room. If you plan to attend, please contact Ms. Sperber at the e-mail address listed above.

Attention 4th and 5th Grade General Music Students: Please bring in a 2-pocket folder and a recorder. If your child does not have a recorder, then please note that orders for recorders will be placed at the end of September. Additional information will be send home with these students later in the month. Both music teachers are looking forward to a very musical year at Abbotts Hill!!!

Calendar Events

- 09/07 Labor Day Holiday-No School
- 09/10 Hearing and Vision Screening
See letter in today's Friday Folder
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
- 09/25 Bingo Family Fun Night (More info on back of newsletter)
- 10/09 Teacher Workday-No School for Students

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Help! Help! Who can help?

YOU CAN!

Operation SOS (Support Our Students) is Abbotts Hill PTA's major fundraiser and we need your help! SOS is a check-writing campaign where 100% of donations go to our school

Operation SOS

(Support Our Students)

It's SO SIMPLE!!!



NO door to door sales



NO work from you or your student, but the students still reap all the benefits from this simple check writing campaign!



ALL of the donated money will be used for programs at Abbotts Hill!



Without your help, some programs may drown or drift away... so be a lifesaver and

Support Our Students!

The fundraiser is going on now and will continue through

September 11, 2009

If you did not get a donation form and need one or have questions, contact Ms. Gossage at laogssage@gmail.com.

Get In The Spirit!!

On Family Fun night, Spirit Wear will be having a sale with 50-75% off most in stock inventory. Winter School Spirit Wear as low as \$5.00!



Spirit Wear is now available anytime during the school year by just ordering online on the Abbotts Hill School web site.

If you have any questions, please contact Traci O'Sullivan via e-mail at: osullivan4@gmail.com or Jennifer Ballard at Jennifer1300@gmail.com.



Calling All Volunteers...

Abbotts Hill Vision and Hearing testing for grades 1,3, and 5 is coming up on September 10. We still need several parent volunteers to help. Please consider volunteering one morning of your week to help screen the students. It is one of the few occasions to work directly with the children.

Volunteers are needed for Thursday, September 10 from 7:30 am until 11:30 am. Training will be provided. Please contact Stephanie Wood via e-mail at: wood5340@bellsouth.net or call 770.663.0206 if you are interested in volunteering.

Thanks so much for volunteering your time.



Don't Miss the Memories... 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 increase after October 31st.** Contact Tracey Shelton at sheltont@comcast.net with any questions.

\$ PTA Budget News \$

The proposed budget for the 2009-2010 school year has been prepared by the PTA Budgeting Committee. It is available for review on the PTA website. Public approval is scheduled for Family Fun Night, Friday, September 25. For your review, the "books" and records are available. If you would like to see a copy of our audit, please visit our PTA website or contact the PTA Treasurer, Alice Lan at lan_alice@hotmail.com .

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 18th.

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Get Ready to Have Some Fun At **Family Fun Bingo Night**

Friday, September 25, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Please Save the Date! Ticket Reservation Forms will be sent home on Monday, September 14, 2009.



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 Programs rules, entry forms, and last year's award-winning entries go on-line to



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