

Crabapple Crossing Elementary School

Principal's Newsletter

George B. Freiberger, Ed.S, Principal

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From the Principal's Desk.....

Dear Colt Families,

The Sock Hop and Basket Raffle was a huge success! These PTA family functions are a wonderful way for families to get to know each other and students to have some fun after hours. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did! ☺

Thank you to all of the volunteers for their coordination, set-up, decorations, wonderful baskets, delicious food, and clean-up. Special "Thank You's" go out to: Theresa Freas, the chair of the Basket Raffle and Gina Rupley and Kim Wohlers the co-chairs of the Sock Hop. Both events were a huge success. The cafeteria has never looked better! We could not have done the events without these Moms.

Thank you to all the Room Reps for putting together great baskets and having them in on time. Raffle ticket sales brought in \$12,039. This money will allow the PTA to purchase LCD projectors and Mimio Teach systems for our classrooms that currently do not have this technology. We appreciate your support and are dedicated to making CCES the best it can be for every child.

Crabapple Crossing is a Platinum School!!

Based on our high performance on the CRCT last spring, we had high percentages of students scoring in the meets & exceeds ranges on the CRCT. The Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) recognition program awarded 38 Fulton County schools - an increase from the previous year's 34 schools - in two categories, Greatest Gains and Highest Performance. This platinum award is evidence of our continued exemplary performance! Our teachers are amazing and our students continue to amaze me!!! We could not do what we do without our amazing parent support and volunteers-THANK YOU! The PTA and I will be planning a celebration for students and staff for this wonderful recognition. I am so proud of our school!

At the beginning of this school year, I sent out our school priorities for the 2011-12 school year. Below is the list that was sent out at the beginning of this year. We continue to use these priorities to guide everything we do. Number 6 was to maintain Platinum status and we are very excited that we have achieved this goal. We will continue to work and focus our efforts on each priority knowing that each of these will assist us in our long term goal of becoming a National Blue Ribbon School.

Crabapple Crossing School Priorities:

1. Create a classroom environment that encourages a climate of cooperation through classroom meetings
2. School-wide Writing curriculum focus
3. Integrate Technology in every classroom
4. Utilize Professional Learning Communities to support school and county initiatives
5. Move students from meets to exceeds in reading, language arts, math, social studies, & science
6. Increase student performance on the CRCT, to maintain platinum status, and in year 3, 2013-2014, become a National Blue Ribbon School

Another "proud" moment was to hear our Chorus perform at the cluster concert at Milton High School. What a wonderful event to see the progression of musical learning from elementary through high school. We recognized former COLTS in the middle and high school choruses. And of course, our current COLTS "did us proud" with their clear sound and enthusiastic performance. Thanks to Michelle Cygielman and Jessica Jackson for their leadership with our Choral program!

Our Mission and Vision Task Force has been hard at work, reviewing our mission and school belief statements. We are off to a really good start on our work, and we hope to send out some of our proposals in the coming weeks. Thanks to the task force members for their continued work with me on this important project.

Have a great weekend!

GO COLTS!

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Principal

Mission and Vision Task Force			
Kelly Williamson	Kindergarten	Michelle Cygielman	Special Area
Anna Walker	First Grade	Sherry Thomas	School Assistant
Cathy Courtney	Second Grade	Kay Hutchinson	Parent
Kathy Devine	Third Grade	Tara Spolan	PTA
Chrissy Nielsen	Fourth Grade	Kelley Belkeir	LSAC
Cindi McGuire	Fifth Grade	John Rebar	Community
Melanie Kulamer	Special Education		



**“Healthy Heart”
Walk to School Day
Thursday, February 16**
Wear red!



**GEORGIA
WALK TO SCHOOL
DAY**

Thursday, March 8
CCES will be celebrating the
2nd Annual “Georgia Walk to School Day.”
Please plan on making this a great school event!

The B.E.A.R. Fair is Coming!

The QSP Magazine Subscription and Renewal Drive will take place this year in March. If you have any magazines to renew or want to add any to your subscriptions, please be on the lookout for a packet of information coming home in early March. All sales and renewals will directly benefit CCES.
Thank you in advance for your support!



CRCT Schedule

The Georgia Criterion-Reference Competency Tests (CRCTs) will be given to students in grades 3-5 on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 11 **Reading**
Thursday, April 12 **Language Arts**
Monday, April 16 **Math**
Tuesday, April 17 **Science**
Wednesday, April 18 **Social Studies**

It is important to avoid making any medical appointments for your children during the CRCT and to make every effort to ensure that students are in school and on time.

Online Assessment System (formerly CRCT practice)

The CRCT is an important statewide test given to all students in grades 3-5 in the spring. Students in grades 3 and 5 must pass the test in Reading to be promoted to the next grade. In addition, students in grade 5 must pass the test in Math. We are all working very hard at Crabapple Crossing to give students the maximum amount of preparation possible for this assessment.

You can help at home by doing the following:

Logon to the website <http://www.georgiaoas.org>
If your screen shows a window stating, “There is a problem with this website’s security certificate”, click on Continue to this website. Your child was given a Parent/Student guide with his/her ID and password to bring home. Click on Parent to view the generic logons that can be used if you do not have this information. There are reference guides and an online tutorial for your use. Click on Support if you have problems.

Phone Support

Software Support Phone Number -
(866) 215-6881
Software Support Hours of Operation -
Monday through Friday 7am - 9pm EST
Support Email Address
gaoas_support@hnhpub.com



PTA Seeking Co-President

The PTA is seeking a volunteer to serve as PTA Co-President. This is a 2-year commitment for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years.

If you are interested in serving the PTA and CCES in this important position, please contact Claudette Cunnold at claudettec@mindspring.com.



Thank you.

Garden and Hands On Volunteers Needed

Crabapple Crossing is in need of volunteers to help with Hands On CCES in April. We are also in need of parents who love to garden and would be willing to help us tend to our new school gardens.

If you are interested in helping to “tend” the gardens, please contact Paul Hulsing, hulsing@fultonschools.org. Thank you.



Looking Ahead.....

February

Feb. 14 Valentine’s Day Parties
Feb. 16 “Healthy Heart” Walk to School day-wear red
Feb. 17 Holiday - **No School**
Feb. 20 President’s Day - **No School**
Feb. 21 Katie Reeves’ Community Mtg.
 @ Manning Oaks ES - 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 22-24, 28 Checkpoints Testing
Feb. 22 LSAC Meeting - 9 am in Media Center
Feb. 28 Shane’s Give Back Night (5-7 pm)
 3rd grade serves



March

Mar. 1 Class Picture Day
Mar. 2 Read Across America Day
Mar. 5 PTA Meeting -
 7 p.m. at school
 Forum with Principal Freiburger following meeting
Mar. 8 2nd Annual Georgia Walk to School Day
Mar. 9 Teacher Work Day - **No School for Students**
Mar. 11 Daylight Savings Begins - **Turn Clocks Ahead**
Mar. 13 Success Night, (5:30-7 pm), K, 2, 4
Mar. 15 Success Night, (5:30-7 pm), 1, 3, 5
Mar. 21 LSAC - 9 a.m. in Media Center
Mar. 24 Colts Cup 1 Mile Fun Run @ CCES
Mar. 27 Shane’s Give Back Night (5-7 pm)
 4th gr. and Special Area Teachers serve



April

Apr. 2-6 Spring Break
Apr. 8-14 Library Week
Apr. 9 PTA Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
Apr. 11-18 CRCT Testing



Character Education Word of the Month

February: Caring March: Honest



Hardship Information 2012-13 School Year

If you are interested in applying for a hardship for your child to attend a Fulton County school outside your attendance zone for the 2012-2013 school year, please click here for information and an application:

[Hardship Transfer](#)

Applications are also available in the CCES front office.

Please note: Applications must be submitted to the Student Assignment Department by 4:30 p.m. on February 15 -

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Are You Applying to Private School?

If you are applying to private school and have transcript requests to be processed, please deliver the packet to the front office. Evaluation forms will be forwarded to your child's teacher and/or counselor. Records will be copied and sent to the requesting school, along with the completed evaluation forms. When submitting your request, please attach three stamps (do not place on an envelope). Your child's records will then be mailed to the requesting school via the U. S. mail. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Greene, Data Clerk, at 770-740-7055 x 129. Thank you.

Enrollment and Registration

IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY ENROLLED IN FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Your child will be bringing home contact information to be corrected and returned to school. Look for these materials beginning February 13th. Please return them to school immediately. Intent to return to CCES forms will be sent home later in the spring.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ENROLLING IN GRADES K-5 FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR IN FC SCHOOLS

You should register at your local elementary school and bring the following documents. Note: Kindergarteners must be 5 years old on or before September 1st, to enroll.

- Grades K-5 – Original copy of the official State Birth Certificate
- Georgia State Immunization Form (3231)
- Georgia State Hearing, Vision & Dental Screening Form (3300)
- Child's Social Security Card (Optional)
- Two Proofs of Address - see our website for acceptable documentation



**Your child will not be registered without all of the required documents at the time of registration*

Registration for the 2012-13 School Year (New Students Only):

Wednesday May 2 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 3 - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you do not have all the proper documentation on the above dates, registration will be going on throughout the summer. Please check the website for days and hours.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH INTERESTED FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

For further information, check our website at www.crabapplecrossing.org.

For Parents of Fifth Graders

Immunizations

Ga. law requires that children entering 6th grade show proof of: *Two doses of the measles vaccine, *Two doses of the mumps vaccine, *One dose of the rubella vaccine, and *Two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or proof of immunity documented by a physician.

If you know your child has had all of these immunizations, please ask your doctor to provide a new Cert. of Immunization (GA Form 3231). For your convenience, the doctor can fax the form directly to our office at (770) 667-2841. If you would like to know whether or not your child's form is complete for 6th grade, please call Lynn Greene at (770) 740-7055 ext. 129.

Georgia Writing Assessment

Georgia's performance-based writing assessments will be administered to all 5th grade students. Student writing samples will be evaluated on an analytic scoring to provide diagnostic feedback to teachers, students, and parents about individual performance. The writing assessments provide information to students about their writing performance and areas of strength and challenge.

TESTING DATE: March 7, 2012

MAKE-UP: March 8, 2012

Please make sure your 5th grader attends school on March 7, and is well rested before the test.



Saturday, March 24
Colt's Cup 1 mile Fun

Tuesday, April 24
Kindergarten Round-up

Save the Dates!



Saturday, April 28
Hands On CCE

Wed., May 2 & Thurs., May 3
Kindergarten Registration



Fulton County Technology Competition

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the annual Fulton County Technology Competition!

Students who placed were:

First Place Winners

Shreya Ramesh (4)	Internet Applications
Pranav Viswanadha (3)	Internet Applications
Srikar Doddi (4)	Non-Animated Graphics

Third Place Winner

Smera Dhal (5)	Internet Applications
Angela Scaria (5)	Internet Applications

Second Place Winners

Pranav Athimuthu (5)	3D Modeling
Shreya Kumar (4)	Animated Graphic Design
Elias Hutchinson (5)	Digital Video Editing
Gokul Premkumar (3)	Non-Animated Graphics
Daniel Makarishchev (5)	Robotics

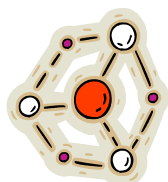


Good luck to our first place winners who will compete at the Georgia Educational Technology Fair on March 10 at Macon State College in Macon, GA.



Technology Fair Participants
With "Coach" Marty Nation and Mr. Freiberger

Second Grade Students Study "States of Matter"



From January 23-January 30, the second grade students at Crabapple Crossing took part in a "States of Matter Science Lab". The students observed solids, liquids and gases at four different stations facilitated by parent volunteers. The students also learned about the vocabulary words reversible change and irreversible change.

Station one featured students eating popcorn, watching ice melt, and a great discussion about reversible and irreversible change.

"Yummy" could describe station two. The students made a smoothie liquid mixture and then learned that mixtures can be solid or liquid. Exciting station number three, had the students creating with clay then weighing their creations. Lastly, station four concluded the experiments with the students watching raisins dance around after ginger ale was poured into a jar.

Many volunteers worked together to enrich our second grade science curriculum. We would like to thank Megan Harris, Kristy Gellis, Jennifer Pauley, Janelle Stechschulte, Priya Iyer, Tracey Kagle, Dianna Graeme, Poornima Rao, Kim Dore, Kris Ware, Melissa Lynch, Tami Saren, Heather Fletcher, Atul Chutani, Becky Jones, Kimberly Jones, Cindy Machan, Lucy Zhao, Dana Forbes, Giovanna Johnson, Kelly Moore, Uma Challa, Amie Blanton, Nicole Balogh, Holly Townsend, Suvarna Akavaram, Michelle Banich, Nidhi Jain, Chris Cammack, Jennifer Manuel.

Our 3rd graders will visit the science lab February 6-13 and will be learning about "heat".

National Elementary Honor Society: Selection Process



As the spring semester is in full swing, the National Elementary Honor Society will soon select students for the charter chapter at Crabapple Crossing Elementary School. The process for selection is as follows: Those students with straight A's and a cumulative GPA of 96 (95.5 will be rounded up) and above will be considered scholastically eligible as a candidate for the Crabapple Crossing chapter of National Elementary Honor Society. Candidates will be notified by mail and informed that for further consideration for selection to the chapter, they will need to complete the Candidate's Form. This form outlines the candidate's accomplishments in the areas of Responsibility, Service, and Leadership. It is further recommended that both students and parents sign these forms when submitting them, indicating that the content is both complete and accurate. Upon completion and submission of the forms, the Faculty Council will review the forms, along with any other verifiable and relevant information about the candidates. The actual selection of new members will be made only by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. Those candidates receiving a majority vote of the faculty council should be invited for induction into the chapter.

Winners Announced for Flag Design Contest:

Schools throughout the US held flag design competitions for Youth Art Month. Each state selected designs to be a part of its state flag, which will be flown in Washington, DC at the Library of Congress during the month of March.

Georgia's YAM theme this year is "I<3 ART," which is all about how art and technology work together! Several of our students were selected to go on to the next level of judging, and both Karen Lui and Olivia Verret were awarded an Honorable Mention! Only eight students across the state were recognized and two were from OUR SCHOOL! Congratulations Karen and Olivia! This is really no small feat because students in all grades, K-12, across the state were competing!

Artwork from Olivia and Karen has been sent to New York City and will be showcased in the Youth Art Month Exhibit at the National Art Education Association Conference in March.



Art by Karen Lui

Both our honorable mention winners were invited and recognized at the Georgia Capitol Art Exhibit on Tuesday, Feb. 8th from 4-5:30 pm.

Thank you to all the students who participated!



Art by Olivia Verret

CCES Recognized as EverGreen School

Crabapple Crossing Elementary School is proud to announce that we are now an EverGreen School. The EverGreen School Program is supported by the Cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Roswell, and Milton. To be an EverGreen School, we had to write three environmental goals, and in April, we must submit documentation of our efforts and accomplishments. As you walk into the front entrance of our building, you will see our EverGreen School plaque given to us by Cindy Eade, Sustainability Coordinator of the City of Milton. We are proud of our accomplishments, and we look forward to broadening our environmental programs at CCES.



Digital Learning Day

Wednesday, February 1, 2011, was Digital Learning Day in Fulton County Schools. Please check out this link <http://www2.fultonschools.org/dept/medsvcs> to see all the great things happening at schools in our system.

As you may have read, SPOLST IV has many components to address technology improvements in our system. I am impressed with all that we have accomplished here at Crabapple Crossing with your support and our team efforts. Please check out our media center's website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ccemediacenter/> to see a short video clip showcasing things that happen each and every day here at Crabapple Crossing. We have come a long way in technology in just a few years!

Keep America Beautiful Recycling Competition



Keep America Beautiful sponsored a Recycle Bowl Competition, and CCES had the opportunity to participate. Keep America Beautiful hoped to encourage and excite recycling in elementary, middle, and high schools across America through competition. They set objectives to establish new recycling programs within schools, increase recycling rates in schools that already recycle, and provide teacher/student educational opportunities about recycling and waste reduction.

In the fall of 2011, our school promoted our current recycling program using our own CNN staff. Students actively recycled, and Mrs. Nelson's fourth grade class hauled our large receptacles to the curb on a weekly basis. Mr. Charles Ray, our custodian, counted the number of full or partially full bins and reported the numbers back to The Green Team committee. The Green Team reported the poundage, and entered the data into the Recycle Bowl competition database.

Below is the data we submitted:

We emptied a quantity of thirty nine 96-gallon bins over the course of four weeks. Each bin was estimated to weigh 166.08 pounds of mixed recyclable material. Using the calculation of 1.73 pounds of recyclable material per gallon, CCES recycled 6,477.12 pounds of material!

We are very excited to report that CCES placed *fourth out of forty-five* other Georgia schools. We are very proud of our placement, and we hope to compete again in the future. Following is the link to the announcement:

<http://recycle-bowl.org/2011-recycle-bowl-winners/>



Mrs. Varner and the GREEN Team

Literacy Standards Taught in Media Center

Each class at CCE visits the Media Center every other week for a lesson with Mrs. Jackson. Through these lessons, Literacy Standards are taught to the students. Additionally, many Georgia Performance Standards are reinforced through Media Center lessons. Please visit the Media Center Website <https://sites.google.com/site/ccemediacenter/standards> to see all the GPS and Literacy Standards that were met 1st Semester this year in the Media Center.

CCES Chess Teams Excel in Tournament

Congratulations to the chess teams from CCES who competed in the North Metro Atlanta Regional Chess tournament on Saturday, January 28. Our K-5 team won 2nd place and the K-3 team placed 3rd. Each and every one of the chess team members showed their best performance. Many of the students from both teams also participated at the Fulton Technology Fair on the same day and had to miss one round of the game. In spite of that, the teams still placed 2nd and 3rd proving how competitive they can be!

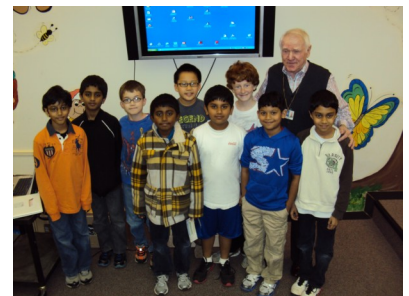
K-3 Team Participants

Myan Ponugoti
Divya Tadanki
Sid Thatipamula
Aditya Radhakrishnan
Aryan Dhingra
Arul Selvakumar
Gokul Premkumar
Mr. Towns



K-5 Team Participants

Pranav Athimuthu
Lakshman Ravoori
Sean Dunn
Maxwell Guo
Harrison Lewis
Mr. Towns
Nithik Balachandran
Saagar Mehta
Srikar Doddi
Naren Matcha



Good luck to both teams as they move forward to compete in the State Championship in March!!



Get Active, Get Fit School Challenge Recognition and Celebration

Crabapple Crossing Elementary received a Certificate of Recognition for winning the Get Active, Get Fit School Challenge presented by BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia and hosted by Radio Disney.

The certificate was awarded to Mr. Freiberger and Physical Education teachers Gary Abel & Susan Lubatkin. After the awards presentation the Radio Disney party included dancing, exercises, and giveaways.

A great time was had by all students and teachers!

Dedicate a Birthday Book!



Parents, don't forget that you can honor your child's birthday by dedicating a book to the Media Center. The book becomes a permanent part of our collection and your child will be the first to check out and enjoy the new book. Each child participating in the program will receive a bookmark, along with a commemorative photo of him/her holding the book. A dedication book plate will also be placed inside the front cover of the book.

The cost to participate is \$15.00 and you may download a form from our website. Thank you!

Mid-point Progress Check

Have you taken notice of your child's progress so far? A good rule of thumb is to pay attention to factors that impact learning and achievement. One of the most important is your child's attitude toward school. Sometimes, bright students don't get the good grades they are capable of due to behavior-related activities. Does your child hand in his or her homework? Is it correct and on time? Another important factor is your child's study habits and studying environment in your home. Many parents kick off the school year by talking with teachers about how much homework they expect to assign and then set-up firm schedules for "homework time" after school and in the evenings. By mid-year, many of these schedules become a bit more flexible. If your child tends to be self-motivated and is showing strong progress, flexibility can be a good thing. If he or she is faltering, it's time to reestablish that schedule and stick to it. **The mid-point is also a good time for a verbal check-up with your child, and his or her teachers.** Report cards recently went home. If your son or daughter didn't receive the grades you wanted them to, have a frank discussion about why. Does he or she take school seriously? How does he or she plan to improve? It is important that your child knows you take their education seriously. Show him or her that you are supportive and that you believe in his or her abilities. Being a good listener, feeling concern for others, and finding special hobbies and interests are qualities that will enhance your child's self-esteem and happiness. Recognizing and nurturing all of these qualities will give your child solid footing for years to come. I'm a firm believer that "happy" children learn more in a structured and nurturing environment. Children can reach high standards and expectations when these goals and objectives are clear, concise, and delivered in a supportive manner.

Read it, Learn it, Know it



Good readers use many tools to increase their understanding of new material - and to remember it once they've finished reading. Share these tips to help your child with her next textbook assignment. Reading will go faster, and the information will stay in your youngster's memory longer.

Visualize. Strong readers form pictures in their minds as they read. Encourage your child to imagine what the textbook is describing. Putting the image down on paper may also help. Perhaps she could draw a picture to illustrate the water cycle or create a time line to help her remember geologic events.

Ask questions. Comprehending text is easier for children when they are looking for specific information. Suggest that your youngster turn subtitles into questions and then look for the answers. For example, if she's reading about the Civil War, the subtitle "The Battle of Manassas" could become "How did the Battle of Manassas end?"

Say it back. When readers come across new information, they understand it better if they can rephrase ideas. Have your youngster read a section of her assignment and then tell you in her own words what she just read. Or have her write a letter to an imaginary friend explaining something she has learned from her book.

Read a Magazine!

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not introduce him/her to the world of magazines? Magazines are:

Attention-grabbing. The color and photos are a great way to entice your youngster to open a magazine and read. **Short.** A quick read on a topic your child likes isn't overwhelming and will keep him coming back for more. **Full of variety.** One magazine may have many different types of articles, pictures, puzzles, and games that will hook any child. **Made for Sharing.** When your youngster finds an interesting bit of information, he's apt to share it with his friends and family. *Note:* Whatever your child likes, there is probably a magazine for him. Soccer, history, science - the list is endless! Check with the media center for ideas.



Fit Bodies - Fit Minds

Live Like an Athlete



Staying healthy all year long is a way of life. If you want something in life, you have to work hard at it. Being healthy is a choice and takes daily commitment. Choosing to stay fit and eat healthy will help you do and be your very personal best. It is the choice for a long, healthy life.

Train Like an Athlete

For strong legs do each exercise for 1 minute each, then repeat:

- Stand facing chair, tap right then left foot on seat.
- Balance on left foot, lower body by bending left leg at the knee and raise back up using left leg.
- Repeat using right leg.
- Feet together, lower onto chair behind you with light tap and quickly raise back up.
- Lie on back with both knees bent, place exercise ball or playground ball between knees, squeeze and hold for 3 seconds, repeat.



Eat Like an Athlete

Foods give us the perfect combination of fuel that we need! Whenever possible, eat fresh, unprocessed foods. Make healthy choices and strive for 65% carbohydrates, 20% protein, and 15% fat on average every day. For example, eat oatmeal with milk and fruit for breakfast, lean meat, whole grain bread and salad for lunch, and fish, rice and vegetables for dinner. Also, adding healthy snacks mid-morning and mid-afternoon help keep your energy and metabolism level so that you're always fueled and never hungry.





More Box Tops and Campbell's Labels Electronic Collection and Online Shopping

Electronically collect Labels for Education points using your shopper card. Get 100 Labels for Education Bonus Points with the purchase of any (4) Labels for Education products at a participating Kroger Family of stores retailer. It applies for every 4 products purchased.

Not currently registered for e!Labels for Education? Learn more and register today – go to www.elabelsforeducation.com

Shop online at <http://www.boxtops4education.com> and CCES will earn Box Tops points for your purchases.

The next Box Tops collection will be February 24. The class turning in the most items will win a prize from one of our awesome Business Partners! Don't forget to ask family and friends for their Campbell's Labels and Box Tops. Thank you!



Make Money For Crabapple Crossing, The Easy Way!



TrueBlue Schools Program

Thank you to those who have enrolled in the TrueBlue Schools program with Georgia Natural Gas. We earn funds by getting more parents, family, and friends in the community to participate. If you are a current Georgia Natural Gas customer, Crabapple Crossing will receive a one-time \$25 donation, plus an additional \$5 per month for each month that you remain a customer. If you become a new Georgia Natural Gas customer, the school will receive donations, and you will also be eligible to receive a \$25 VISA gift card. It's that simple! Please visit www.trueblueschools.com to sign up and view the program details. Thank you for supporting our school!

PurchaseEdge - Earn Points for Recycling Program

Please continue to bring in your empty cartridges (HP only) to the school and place them in the bin in the hallway just before you get to the cafeteria.

Thank you!



CCE will be celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week February 13th-17th!

Throughout the week, students will be learning the importance of doing nice things--because it is helpful to others and feels good! Please encourage your children daily to be kind to others...this week and every week!

Something to think about...

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING.....children are always learning from the adults around them...

- WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator and I immediately wanted to paint another one.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.
- When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.



How to Be a Caring Person



- Be sensitive to people's feelings.
- Hold the door for someone.
- Treat people with kindness.
- Be responsive to the concerns and feelings of others.
- Always REMEMBER. . .
- Help people in need.
- Never be mean or hurtful.
- Think about how your actions will affect others.

CARING is not just a way of feeling, It is a way of BEHAVING!

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Crabapple Crossing Elementary Business Partners

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 Buckhead Document Pros
 Cansler Dental
 Chapman Orthodontics
 Crabapple First Baptist Church
 Georgia Natural Gas
 Hometown Carpet
 Kurvature Concrete
 LawnSouth
 Oasis Health Center
 Scottsdale Farms
 Straight Nails Construction
 Strawberry Fields Gallery

Educational

Crabapple Tutoring
 The School Place of Roswell

Entertainment

Alpharetta YMCA
 Aurora Cinema/Area 51
 Brunswick Zone
 Just for Giggles

Restaurant & Food

Baskin Robbins Peachtree Battle
 Chick-fil-A at Roswell Corners
 Domino's
 Harry's Farmers Market
 Kroger
 Papa John's
 PizzaVito
 Publix
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 Scoops
 Shane's Rib Shack
 Target
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 Vintage Pizza

Volunteer Needed to Work With Business Partners

We need a volunteer to help solicit new business partners, coordinate family nights, and find other creative opportunities for business partners and CCES to work together for mutual benefit. If you would like to be involved with these activities, please contact Michelle Martin at 770-740-7055 x 126 or MartinML@fultonschools.org. Thank you.



Shane's Night - February 28th

Take a break from cooking and join us at our next CCES night out at Shane's on Feb. 28th
 3rd grade teachers serve!

Put Play in Your Day!

Y Soccer at the City of Milton

Register by February 18 at www.ymcaregistration.com
 Late registrations will be accepted until teams are full.

*All participants need to have a current Y Facility or Program Membership
 Program Memberships are \$35 per family/year.



Preschool Mini Kickers, age 3:

All preschool leagues are held on Saturdays.
 All play will be held at CCES

T-shirts are provided for all participants.
 City of Milton: \$75 Non-Residents of Milton: \$112.50

Spring Session 1: March 3 - 24

City of Milton Online ID: 85583 Non-Resident Online ID: 85585

Spring Session 2: April 14 - May 5

City of Milton Online ID: 85584 Non-Resident Online ID: 85586

U6-U14 recreational soccer, age 4-13: (AGE DIVISIONS: U6-U14 Coed, U8-U14 Girls)

Practices during the week and games on Saturdays.
 Uniforms must be purchased separately.

All players must wear shin guards at all times.
 All play will be held at CCES and Hopewell MS

City of Milton: \$110, Non-Residents : \$165, Uniform: \$30

Spring Session 1: February 21 - May 5

City of Milton Online ID: 85581 Non-Resident Online ID: 85582

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