

# Crabapple Crossing Elementary School

# Principal's Newsletter

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## From the Principal's Desk.....

Last week was certainly an unexpected break for all of us! I think most of us realized on Sunday that we would be out of school for a couple of days; however, to be out of school the entire week was certainly unusual. The two make-up days for students will be Friday, March 11, which was set aside as a teacher workday, and Friday, April 22, which originally was a day off for both students and teachers. Hopefully, we will not miss any more school days during the next few months of winter, even though playing in the snow was fun and a rare opportunity for us in the South!

When we returned from the winter holiday break, Pizza Vito and Sweet Tomatoes, two of our business partners, treated our entire staff to lunch. I encourage all of you to stop by either restaurant for a meal. The food was great and both of these restaurants were gracious to welcome us back with lunch.

Every year, the Georgia Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement announce a list of schools that are making great strides in educating students. The Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) grants awards in two categories: Greatest Gains and Highest Performance. **This year, CCES has achieved the Platinum Level in the Highest Performance Category. The requirements to achieve this award are: AYP for 3 consecutive years, greater than 35% of students exceed standards, and 98% or more of students meet and exceed standards.** I am so proud of our students, and the excellent work of our teachers to support student achievement. Thank you, parents, for your continued support!

Please check the list below of all schools in our system recognized for great accomplishments:

### Greatest Gains Category:

#### Platinum

Stonewell Tell ES

#### Gold

High Point ES     Esther Jackson ES  
 Riverwood International Charter School

#### Bronze

Independence HS

### Highest Performance Category:

#### Platinum

**Crabapple Crossing ES**  
 Mountain Park ES  
 State Bridge Crossing ES  
 Wilson Creek ES  
 Alpharetta HS  
 Northview HS

#### Gold

Dolvin ES  
 Findley Oaks ES  
 New Prospect ES  
 River Trail MS  
 Shakerag ES  
 Summit Hill ES  
 Fulton Science Academy  
 Chattahoochee HS  
 Milton HS

#### Silver

Barnwell ES  
 Creek View ES  
 Hears Ferry ES  
 Medlock Bridge ES  
 Autrey Mill MS  
 Northwestern MS  
 Webb Bridge MS  
 Riverwood Int. Charter S

#### Bronze

Abbots Hill ES  
 Birmingham Falls ES  
 Ocee ES  
 Sweet Apple ES  
 Taylor Rd. MS  
 Crabapple MS  
 Johns Creek HS

This recognition for CCES would not be possible if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of our teachers, parents, and students. TEAMWORK makes the difference. Our school raises the bar daily and has high expectations for all students. I am proud to be your Principal and excited to build on our continued trend of excellence.

GO COLTS!

George B. Freiberger, Ed.S

### CCES Wins Grant!!

Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta and Georgia Natural Gas® TrueBlue Schools® recently sponsored a grant, "Is Your School Red, White & TrueBlue!" The grant was inspired by a recent exhibit held at The Children's Museum, *Making America's Music: Rhythm, Roots & Rhyme*. The museum launched this grant, which included a YouTube contest for elementary schools to win money towards their music program. We submitted a YouTube video portraying why Crabapple Crossing is Red, White, and True-Blue. After a panel of judges voted, our video entry from CCE proudly made it as a top 3 finalist! After the public vote, Crabapple Crossing came in 2nd place, receiving \$1,000 towards our music program! On behalf of the CCE Music Department, thank you for voting for our video and helping us receive this generous grant!



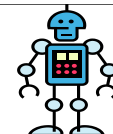
Kudos to Michelle Cygielman, Music Teacher,  
 for her efforts in making this successful video!





### Fulton County Technology Competition 2011

CCE would like to congratulate the following students who have registered to compete in the FC technology Competition at Riverwood HS on January 29th:



#### Robotics

Nihar Thatipamula & Praneet Ramakrishnan (5)  
Anika Vennel (3)

#### MultiMedia

Lakshmi Burugupalli (5)  
Smera Dhal (4)  
Shreya Ramesh (3)

#### WEB 2.0

Venu Tadepalli (5)

#### Internet App.

Angela Scaria (4)

#### Case Modification

#### Digital Video Editing

#### Digital Photography

#### Project Programming

#### Animated Graphic Design

#### Non-Animated Graphic Design

Daniel Makarishchev (4)

Pranav Athimuthu (4)

Lakshman Ravoori (4)

Nithik Balachandran (3)

Neil Verma (4)

Rohan Dhume (3)

Good Luck to all!

#### Hardship Information 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 school year, please use the link below to complete an application:

<http://fultonschoolsredistricting.net/transferapp2010.aspx>

Applications are also available in the CCES front office.

Please note: The deadline for application submission to the Student Assignment Department is Feb. 15 - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

#### CRCT Schedule Change

The CRCT was originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 20 - Thursday, April 28 for grades 3 - 5. As a result of the loss of instructional days due to snow and ice, the dates for the CRCT have changed. **Please mark your calendar for the new dates:**

<b>Mon., 4/25</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Thurs., 4/28</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>Tues., 4/26</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>Fri., 4/29</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Wed., 4/27</b>	<b>Make-up</b>	<b>Mon., 5/2</b>	<b>Social Studies</b>
		<b>Tues., 5/3</b>	<b>Make-up</b>

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@hmhpub.com](mailto:gaoas_support@hmhpub.com)



#### Character Education Word of the Month

January: *Fair* February: *Caring*

#### Make up Days Scheduled

Due to the unprecedented school weather closures this year, FC will hold 2 instructional make-up days for students and teaching staff.



The make-up days will be:

**Fri., March 11** (originally scheduled as a teacher workday) and **Fri., April 22** (originally a day off for students and staff)

Mon., Feb. 21 (previously scheduled as a teacher/student holiday) will become a teacher workday. Teachers will also work 2 additional post-planning days on June 2 and 3.

#### Looking Ahead.....



#### February

Feb. 2	Groundhog Day
Feb. 4	Colt Family Night & Basket Raffle (5:30-8 pm)
Feb. 7-11	Southern Hope Animal Shelter Donations
Feb. 7	PTA Meeting (10 a.m.)
Feb. 12	Chick-fil-A Daddy/Daughter Date Night Roswell Corners (5-8 pm) RSVP
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day Parties
Feb. 15	Shane's Give Back Night (5:30-7:30 pm) 1st grade serves
Feb. 16	"Healthy Heart" Walk to School day-wear red
Feb. 21	President's Day - <b>Teacher Work Day</b> <b>No School for Students</b>
Feb. 22-24	Checkpoints Testing
Feb. 22	Katie Reeves' Community Meeting @ Alpharetta HS (7 p.m.)
Feb. 23	LSAC (9 am), media center

#### March

Mar. 2	2nd Annual Georgia Walk to School Day
Mar. 2	Georgia Writing Assessment (5th gr.)
Mar. 3	Picture Day
Mar. 7	PTA Meeting (7 pm), Brierfield Clubhouse
Mar. 8	Success Night, (6-7:30 pm), K, 2, 4
Mar. 10	Success Night, (6-7:30 pm), 1, 3, 5
Mar. 11	<b>Make-up Snow Day</b>
Mar. 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar. 15	Katie Reeves' Community Meeting @ New Prospect ES (9:30 a.m.)

### Immunization Requirements

Georgia Law requires children attending school (Kindergarten - 12th grade) to be age appropriately immunized with all the required vaccines at the time of first entry in school. A new entrant is a child entering a school in Georgia for the first time or entering after having been absent from a Georgia school for more than 12 months or one school year. All students, regardless of grade and including foreign exchange students, must have the Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3231 immunization certificate marked "Complete for School" or a legitimate Date of Expiration documented unless any of the following situations exist:

- Medical Exemption
- Religious Exemption
- For a justified reason and preferably after the parent/guardian has unsuccessfully attempted to obtain the required 3231 Certificate, the school official may grant a Waiver of 30 calendar days to give time for the parent/guardian to get a valid certificate. If the 30 day waiver expires or the certificate is not submitted within those 30 days, the student must be withdrawn and not allowed to attend school until a new certificate is submitted. (For example, students coming from out of state).
- In some cases, a waiver of 60 additional calendar days may be granted by the superintendent or designee to students entering Georgia public schools from out of state if documentation is on file from the county health department or a medical doctor stating that an immunization sequence has been started and can be completed within a total 90-day waiver period.
- Certificates with the Date of Expiration box marked must be monitored and tracked. A new certificate must be submitted within 30 days of the noted expiration date or the student must be withdrawn from school.

Immunization requirements for Georgia students (were changed in July, 2007 for children entering kindergarten, 6th grade, and all new entrants into any grade. These students are required to meet the new requirements. However, children who were currently enrolled in school as of 3/2007 will not be required to meet the new rules unless and/or until they are attending school for the first time, entering kindergarten or sixth grade, and any student who leaves for longer than 1 year and returns who is considered a new entrant.

During the spring and summer registration period, in-state students without a valid GA Immunization Certificate may not be enrolled. Immunizations are required for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chicken pox) and must be documented on the form 3231. In addition, all currently enrolled children entering 6th grade on or after July 1, 2007, must meet the following requirements:

- Two doses of Measles vaccine, two doses of Mumps vaccine, one dose of Rubella vaccine, or laboratory proof of immunity against each of these three diseases.
- Two doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or documentation of disease or laboratory proof of immunity.



#### 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.

#### Thank You Messages

##### COACH Practice Books

A big thank you to all the CCE Colt families for purchasing CRCT practice books!!! The practice workbooks arrived in November and were distributed to the students. Thanks for being a partner in education with us!

Veronica B. Krapf, M.Ed., CST



##### Gifts and Goodies

We want to thank everyone for all of the gifts and goodies presented to the office staff before the Winter Break. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity!

George Freiberger, Kimberly Bowsher, Veronica Krapf, Anne Branam, Elena Gardner, Jane Masterson, and Lynn Greene



#### Reminder About Absence Notes

District Policy O.C.G.A., 20-2-692, 20-2-693, 20-2-694 states:

##### Written Excuse for an Absence

*Any student who has been absent from school shall present a satisfactory written excuse to the principal or designee(s) within three (3) days of returning to school. The excuse must state the reason for the absence and be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Excuses will be kept on file at the school at least until the beginning of the next school year. Students who have missed ten (10) days of school or more in a school year may be required to provide additional verification including doctors' statements.*

Excuses may be submitted as an e-mail, handwritten note, Dr.'s excuse, or fax to the teacher and/or data clerk, Lynn Greene.

Home Access Center (the new Parent Connect) is an excellent resource to use to ensure your notes have been received by the teacher.

When you write any note to a teacher please follow up on the receipt of the communication. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure a note has been sent in and received by the front office.

##### Home Access Center Passwords

You may pick up login information for Home Access Center at the front desk. Please bring your photo ID. Thank you.

**Note of Appreciation:** Debbie Coco, our school crossing guard, would like to extend her thanks to the school community for their gifts, cards, tasty treats, and kind words celebrating School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day and also during the holiday season. Debbie says, "I especially appreciate the warm smiles and waves I receive daily from the students and parents in carpool and students on the buses, too. Please keep waving and be safe!"





**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.

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

The next Box Tops collection will be January 28. 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!



Georgia Natural Gas

**Make Money For Crabapple Crossing, The Easy Way!**

**TrueBlue Schools Program**

Thanks to support of the TrueBlue Schools program with Georgia Natural Gas, CCES received a check for \$370 this month. 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](http://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 front office and place them on the cart inside the door. What a great way to dispose of your cartridges, help the environment, and support the school at the same time!



**GEORGIA WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**



Wednesday, March 2

Crabapple Crossing will be celebrating the 2nd Annual "Georgia Walk to School Day."

Please plan on making this a great school event!

**Habitat Volunteers Needed**

Crabapple Crossing is in need of volunteers to help with Habitat science lesson activities the months of March, April, and May. We are also in need of parents who love to garden and would be willing to help us tend to the Habitat and the school's window gardens.



If you are interested in "teaching" about the Habitat or "tending" to the habitat, please contact Veronica Krapf, [krapf@fultonschools.org](mailto:krapf@fultonschools.org).

**Checkpoints Testing**

This week students in grades 2, 3, 4, & 5 participated in Checkpoints Testing. These tests are utilized by all of our teachers for planning and assessing individual student needs/performance. This pre-test will give our teachers a snapshot of their classroom and each student's individual performance level. We will then take this information and build on previous skills and support areas of need. Below is the schedule as well as the subjects that were assessed by each grade.

**January Check Points Semester 2 Pre-Test Schedule**

		Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Reading/La	1/18/10	X	X	X	X
Math	1/19/10	X	X	X	X
Science	1/20/10		X	X	X

**Service Project Opportunity - Remember our Soldiers!**

There are thousands of brave men and women serving in our country's armed forces around the world. Almost all of us know someone, either directly or indirectly, that is serving our country. We are all grateful for their service and protection of our country. In our busy lives, we tend to forget that they are far from home and possibly lonely. There are many ways that we can let them know that they are remembered and appreciated. Below are some websites that will send free cards and care packages to our servicemen and women. What a great opportunity to include your family and children in a service project!

[www.carepackageproject.com/receive.asp](http://www.carepackageproject.com/receive.asp)

[www.give2thetroops.org/troops\\_signup/troop2.htm](http://www.give2thetroops.org/troops_signup/troop2.htm)

[www.opgratitude.com/packages.php](http://www.opgratitude.com/packages.php)

[www.ustroopscarepackages.com](http://www.ustroopscarepackages.com)

[www.motomail.us](http://www.motomail.us)

One of our kindergarten classes has adopted a local soldier, PFC Chris Huey, as a pen pal project. The students are collecting items and writing letters to send in care packages. Below are items that have been requested. If you would like to contribute to this service project, feel free to send items to the office or go to one of the websites listed above.

White tube socks / foot powder / baby wipes / lip balm / eye drops / magazines / hard candies / hand and foot warmers / hand sanitizer (small size) / AA batteries / Neosporin spray / shaving stuff / granola bars



If you would like to send letters to PFC Huey, his address is: PFC Chris Hue  
A Co. 1st Pit  
3D LAR BN  
Unit 41695  
FPO AP 96427-1695

Thank you for your support!!



# Crabapple Crossing Elementary School

## Basket Raffle / Sock Hop

### February 4, 2011 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

It is time once again for the basket raffle to be held during the Sock Hop - PTA Family Night on Friday, Feb.4th. Raffle tickets go on sale at 3 p.m. in the gym, the drawing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

#### What is the Basket Raffle?

Each classroom has selected a theme and contributed items to create a unique and exciting gift basket to be raffled off, the proceeds of which go to the PTA to further support the classroom. Each basket has its own independent drawing. Tickets are purchased during the event. You may want to purchase one ticket for a given basket, or purchase 10-20 tickets to increase your odds of winning that basket. Or you may elect to purchase one ticket for each basket available. Your options are limitless!

#### How does it work?

Come to the event to see the dazzling baskets and determine which one (s) interest you. Purchase tickets at one of two designated areas in the gym (cash or check). You must then write your name and phone number on *each* ticket, or **bring self-adhesive address labels** to affix to each ticket to save time. Drop the ticket(s) in the raffle bag next to your desired gift basket(s). At 7:30 p.m., the drawing for each basket will take place in the cafeteria. You do not need to be present to win, but it's much more fun if you stick around! You will be called that night if you win and you can pick up your basket either at the event or the following Monday.

### PTA Needs Volunteers

#### Board Positions

The PTA is in the process of recruiting parents to fill various positions on the PTA Board. The nominating committee has the important task of filling PTA positions for the next school year. This special committee will meet several times from February 2011, to April 2011. If you are interested in a PTA position, please contact Claudette Cunnold at [claudettec@mindspring.com](mailto:claudettec@mindspring.com).

#### Sock Hop

The PTA is looking for volunteers to assist with the Sock Hop. Activities involve planning, advertising, decorating, set up, selling food, and clean up. Please click on the link below to sign up:



[Sock Hop/Basket Raffle - View Signup Sheet](#)

### 2010/2011 Gift Basket Selections

Teacher	Grade	Basket Theme	Teacher	Grade	Basket Theme
Arnold	5	Itouch	Maycock	K	Arts & Crafts
Berens	1	Breakfast Lovers	McGuire	5	Money Does Grow on Trees
Courtney	2	GA Aquarium	Melroy	K	Road Trip - Movies, iPod Shuffle, Gas Card
Davenport	1	Lego Mania	Middleton	K	Disney Trip
Devine	3	Take to the Skies	Miller	3	“Let’s Eat Out”
Early	2	“Music to My Ears” - iPod Basket	Myrick	4	SCOOPS Basket
Elliott	3	“Sweet Tooth” Basket	Nelson	4	Kickin’ It in the Kitchen
Hinds	2	Book Nook	Nielsen	4	Fun in the Sun
Holcombe	1	Movie Night Basket	O’Connor	1	Rainy Day
Hulsing	5	X-Box 360	Pantelis	4	For Busy People
Jones	K	Gone to Garden	Varner	2	I Love to Read!- Kindle
King	2	Pot of Gold	Walker	1	Backyard Fun
Kudla	4	Tennis Anyone?	Ware	K	Kid’s Science/Technology
Kurowski	3	Nintendo Dsi	Williamson	K	Monkeying Around Town
LaBarre	3	Body Beautiful	Wilson	5	“Capturing Time” Photography Basket
Lavelle	5	Lottery			

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# How to be A Fair Person

Take **URNS**.

Tell the **TRUTH**.

Play by the **RULES**.

**TREAT** people the way **YOU** want to be treated.

**THINK** about how your actions will **AFFECT** others.

Listen to people with an **OPEN** mind.

**DON'T** blame others for your mistakes.

**DON'T** take advantage of other people.

**DON'T** play favorites.

