

Crabapple Crossing Elementary School  
**Principal's Newsletter**

George Freiberger, Principal

September 9, 2011

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**From the Principal's Desk.....**

Dear Crabapple Crossing Elementary Families,

We have had a great beginning to our school year. We opened 4 new classrooms since the start of school and everyone is settling into their new classrooms, building bonds, and making lasting friendships. The addition of the new classrooms has really helped our class sizes. All of our grade levels are more balanced and we appreciate Fulton County's efforts to keep our class sizes small.

On Friday, September 23, 2011, we will have our Fall Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your family and other CCES families enjoying rides and games, and bidding on the great items in our Silent Auction.

At the end of the month, we will have our first Bully Awareness and Prevention Week. Our children will benefit from keynote speaker Dr. Jay Banks and his "STAMP (S – Stay away from bullies, T – Tell someone, A – Avoid bad situations, M – Make friends, P – Project confidence) Out Bullying" program on September 28, 2011. Parents will have an opportunity to attend a parent night on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 6 pm at Birmingham Falls Elementary School cafeteria. Dr. Banks will speak to parents from Cogburn Woods ES, Birmingham Falls ES, and Crabapple Crossing ES about Bullying Prevention. Please arrive early to get a good seat! Let's be proactive and educate everyone on Bullying Prevention.

The Boosterthon, our second fundraiser, is right around the corner. The Boosterthon Fun Run will take place on October 20, 2011. We hope to see you there! The EPIC adventure is the message for the 2011-12 school year. Each letter represents an important message:

**E- Encourage** – Team members **build each other up with their words** and never tear anyone down.

**P- Play** – It's important for teams **to exercise and play together outside**, building friendships on the playground and in the neighborhood.

**I- Invite** – Sometimes people may be outsiders or feel excluded from the group. **Great teams see others on the sidelines and invite them into the group.**

**C- Celebrate** – Celebrating other's victories is so important. **Team members are not jealous of other's successes; they celebrate with them** and should applaud everyone's accomplishments.

We are continuing to concentrate our fundraising goals in the area of technology, playscape upgrades, and teacher mini-grants. The funds provide our staff with some of the newest and best technology hardware, training, and ideas for their classrooms. Without your support of Boosterthon, we will not be able to continue to invest in these innovative technologies. We are also going to use the funds to support teacher mini-grants. The PTA has an application process where teachers will be able to apply for a "grant" to fund special school wide software initiatives, projects in their classrooms, or perhaps in their grade level. As you know, all of these worthwhile goals are clearly directed toward student achievement and giving our students the best opportunities possible. Your generous support is most appreciated!

We are very excited about the weeks ahead. Please take time as a family to join us at the FALL FESTIVAL on Sept. 23rd!

George B. Freiberger, Ed.S  
Principal

**Fall Festival is Coming Back to a Friday Night!!!**

**Friday, September 23rd from 4-7:30 pm at CCES**

*Rides and Games for all ages!  
Shane's Rib Shack & Domino's Pizza  
Fabulous Cake Walk*

If you would like to volunteer,  
please email Holly Townsend at [twnsfmly@bellsouth.net](mailto:twnsfmly@bellsouth.net)

**Hope to see you all there!!!**





### Crabapple Crossing Elementary Takes Aim to STAMP Out Bullying

CCES, in conjunction and with the support of PTA, is kicking off a school-wide bully prevention initiative. Nationally recognized presenter Dr. Jay Banks will be here on September 28, 2011 to introduce his 5 step process to "STAMP" out bullying. Dr. Banks is currently in demand for school assemblies in elementary through high schools and universities. He addresses a nationwide emphasis promoting character education, anti-bullying, drug awareness, behavior management, leadership, and family-related issues like divorce and family enrichment.

Dr. Banks is an educator and an entertainer who uses comedy, credentialed education, and years of experience to make a difference. He has written his dissertation for his PhD in Education on "Elementary and Middle School Bullying: A Delphi Analysis of Successful Prevention Programming." He has also appeared on Nickelodeon, Hallmark Channel, Fox, NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, and has written with Disney Productions.

After kicking off Bully Prevention with Dr. Banks, the lessons will be reinforced through both CCES staff and classroom guidance provided by our school counselor.

**Parents are invited to attend a special parent "STAMP OUT BULLYING" assembly on September 26, 2011 at 6pm at Birmingham Falls Elementary School cafeteria.**



### PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is coming Thursday, **September 15, 2010**. Mark your calendar! School portraits by Lifetouch feature studio-style photography that give students the freedom to create a look that's truly their own. Look for complete information on the Order Form in Friday papers. Visit [www.lifetouch.com](http://www.lifetouch.com) for clothing suggestions, grooming tips, online payment details, and more. Payments must be received on picture day in order to purchase a picture package, however all students will be photographed for the yearbook.

### Tanner Photography Family Portraits

Tanner Photography will be at CCES to take family portraits on Friday, September 16 from 4:30-8:00 pm and Saturday, September 17 from 10 am-5:00 pm.

Donate \$20 to CCE and you will receive an 11"x14" professional family portrait print (\$65.00 value)

It's a great way to support your school, while taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity to have your family portrait taken by professional photographers.

If you have questions, or to make an appointment, please call Barbara Stander, 770-475-6411, or email [bstander@comcast.net](mailto:bstander@comcast.net)



### Getting into the swing of things! How do we get ready? What to expect?

Getting back into the swing of the school year will require organization and flexibility on the part of both parents and students. It is important to begin a daily routine as soon as possible.

Here are a few tips for not only incoming students, but to help put Mom and Dad at ease, as well.

- Move bedtime up by thirty minutes. Children are at their best when they are well-rested.
- If your child has not been reading or participating in enrichment activities, set a time. Designate a time each day for academic activity: homework, review, enrichment or practice. Children thrive on routine.



### 2011-2012 Reflections

Calling all Artists!!!

Get your paintbrushes, cameras, Musical instruments and pens ready!



The National PTA Art Reflections Contest has begun.

This year's theme is "Diversity is....."

Be sure your student enters his or her original artwork. All entries are due at CCES by Friday, October 7, 2011.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the Georgia PTA Reflections website by clicking on Student Entry Form

[http://georgiapta.org/documents/Reflections\\_Official\\_Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://georgiapta.org/documents/Reflections_Official_Entry_Form.pdf)

All CCE students may enter in any of the following categories:

Literature	Musical Composition
Photography	Visual Arts

Rules for each category are also on the website:

<http://www.georgiapta.org/resources-student-reflections.html>

Questions? Contact our local PTA presidents Claudette Cunnold or Ashley Paden

### What is IXL?



IXL is a comprehensive, standards-aligned math program offering unlimited practice in thousands of skills.

One of the best things about IXL, is that students can access it from school and from home! Your child has his/her own username and password that can be obtained from your child's teacher.

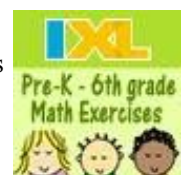
Practice makes perfect, and IXL makes math practice fun! IXL allows teachers and parents to monitor the progress of their students and motivate them through interactive games and practice questions. Widely recognized as the Web's most comprehensive math site, IXL offers a dynamic and enjoyable environment for children to practice math. Students who use IXL are succeeding like never before.

We are so excited to have a one-year subscription to IXL Math

(<http://www.ixl.com>).

Thank you to our CCES PTA for providing the funds for the access.

Log on today for the math practice your child is guaranteed to enjoy!



### Happy Birthday!

Birthdays are not “celebrated” at school. Student birthdays are recognized one day per month. Students whose birthday occurs that month are invited to come to the cafeteria after morning announcements to receive a special gift from the administrative team. Your child, along with the other students celebrating their birthday, will have a group picture taken to be proudly displayed in the front hall for all to see during their special month. To honor/celebrate your child’s birthday, you may donate a book to your child’s classroom library or to the school’s Media Center. Birthday treats and goodie bags are not permitted. Invitations to birthday parties are to be distributed outside of school to protect the feelings of all children. Thank you for making this a time for all students to celebrate together.



### Please Keep Cell Phones at Home!



Elementary school children are not permitted to have cell phones on school property. Fulton County Schools prohibits the possession of them for students in grades K-5. Please do not attempt to have your child discreetly keep one in his/her backpack or pocket. Any student caught with a cell phone in their possession, whether turned on or not, will have the phone confiscated by the teacher and turned in to the Assistant Principal’s office. At that time, parents will be notified that the phone will be kept in the office until they come to the school to retrieve it.

### Crabapple Crossing Elementary Dress Code

It’s that time of year again. Before you take the latest fashions into the department store fitting room, look at each item carefully and check whether or not it is “school appropriate.” Our teachers and staff want your children to be comfortable in their school attire and not have to focus on whether or not their skirt or shorts are the appropriate length or if he/she has to constantly pull their shirt down over their midriff. The elementary school day is chocked full of academically enriching activities. There are also many opportunities for exercise and playing outside. All students will receive 15 minutes of recess daily, which will entail outside playtime. Please follow these guidelines when selecting clothing and shoes for your child. It will be Crabapple Crossing’s policy to call parents of students who violate the dress code. **Parents will be asked to bring an appropriate change of clothing before the student may return to class.**

- Students should wear **sneakers** daily. They are mandatory for P.E. class and are the safest shoe for wearing on the playground and play areas.
- **Heelies (sneakers with wheels), are not acceptable footwear for school.** Please reserve these shoes for after school activities.
- Shorts and skirts must be at least finger-tip length.
- Sleeveless shirts or dresses must be the width of at least 3 fingers across. Spaghetti-straps are not appropriate.



Thank you for your support!

### A Few Notes!

- ♥ Our school day begins at **7:40 a.m.** and ends at **2:20 p.m.** Students are expected to be in their classrooms no later than **7:40 am.** **Please do not drop students off in carpool before 7:10 a.m.** Students will be counted tardy if they are still in carpool or walking through the front doors at that time. If you choose to drive your child to school, please keep in mind that traffic during that time of day is extremely heavy. All cars must come through the main carpool driveway in the front of the school. **Children may not be dropped off in the staff parking lot, 15 min spaces, clinic spaces or in the bus lanes. We recommend placing your child on the school bus. If you wish to walk your child into the building you will need to park across the street at the church (Blue Lot) and walk your child all the way into the front office.**
- ♥ Teachers may be contacted via email, voicemail, or by sending a written note to school with your child. **We ask that transportation change notes not be sent via email or voicemail as they may not be accessed during the school day in time for dismissal.**
- ♥ **For safety reasons and security of all of our students, ALL parents/guardians must be prepared to show picture identification when you need to check your child out of school. Please do not be offended when the secretary asks to see your picture identification. This is strictly for your child’s protection.**
- ♥ The school clinic operates from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Any prescription medicine needs to be brought to the clinic with a completed authorization form signed by a physician. Over-the-counter medications will also be administered in the clinic, and an instruction/authorization form is mandatory as well. Parents are asked to bring in any and all medication for their children. Please do not send in ANY medication with students. The clinic is not a doctor’s office. Extra medication is not kept on hand to administer to your child unless you have provided it. If your child exhibits a fever, diarrhea, or vomits during the school day, a parent or other emergency contact will be called in order to have the child picked up from school immediately.
- ♥ **Due to our buses running at full capacity, students must ride their assigned bus except in an emergency situation.** If a situation arises where you must rely on a bus other than the one assigned, it is the parent’s responsibility to contact North Fulton Transportation at (770) 667-2970 in regards to getting proper authorization. **Play-dates are not acceptable reasons for riding another student’s school bus.**
- ♥ **Toys, dolls, hand-held video games, and MP3 players (iPods) should be left at home. Sweatshirts, coats, and jackets should be labeled with your child’s name. The odds of getting lost clothing returned to your child are greater if clothing is clearly labeled with your child’s first and last name.**

**Cafeteria News and Information**

At Crabapple Crossing ES, parents can decide how money is spent from their student's lunch account. Student lunch accounts can be set up so money may be spent only for breakfast or lunch, tagged for MEALS ONLY. However, parents may put extra money on the account for snacks such as:



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| Popcorn   | Corn chips | Pretzels |
| Ice cream | Cookies    |          |

Parents, you can decide if your student may have an open account, where he or she can purchase extras every day *or* you can restrict the account to specific days, such as FRIDAY ONLY or TUESDAY & FRIDAY. Accounts can also be tagged for NO EXTRA ENTRÉE.

If you wish to place restrictions on your child's account, please send in a short note to the cafeteria manager, Wanza Malcom, and the student's account will be set accordingly. Restrictions cannot be applied through the MealPayPlus website but student purchases can be monitored there. If you have further questions, email [Wanza Malcom](mailto:Wanza.Malcom@fultonschools.org) at Malcom@fultonschools.org.

**Looking Ahead.....**



**September**

- September 12 PTA Meeting, 10 am
- September 13 Shane's Rib Shack Give Back Night  
Kindergarten teachers serve, 5-7 p.m.
- September 14 LSAC Meeting, 9 a.m., media center
- September 15 Picture Day
- September 18-24 Turn off Television Week
- September 20 Katie Reeves' Community Meeting  
Alpharetta ES - 9:30 am
- September 23 First Day of Autumn
- September 23 Fall Festival, 4-7:30 p.m.
- September 26-30 Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week
- September 28 Stomp Out Bullying Program
- September 30 Box Tops Due

**Character Education—September**

You can count on me to be.....

**Responsible**

**October**

- October 2-8 Fire Prevention Week
- October 3 PTA Meeting, 10 a.m.
- October 4 Shane's Rib Shack Give Back Night  
1st gr. teachers serve, 5-7 pm
- October 5 International Walk to School Day  
Wear red, white, and blue.
- October 10-14 School Lunch Week
- October 11 Boosterthon Student Pep Rally  
*Wear red, white, and blue*
- October 17-21 Bus Safety Week
- October 17 Teacher Workday - *no school for students*
- October 18 Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- October 18 Katie Reeves' Community Meeting  
Chattahoochee HS (joint w/ Linda McCain)
- October 18 5th gr. Parent Rock Eagle Meeting, 6 pm, cafe
- October 20 Boosterthon Fun Run -  
*all family & friends are invited*
- October 24-28 ITBS Testing for grades 3 & 5
- October 27 Boosterthon Money Due
- October 27 Chick-fil-A "Cow-0-Ween" Spirit Night  
At Roswell Corners
- Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Warm Coat Drive for North Fulton Charities
- Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Red Ribbon Week

**Character Education—October**

You can count on me to be.....

**Trustworthy**



**Milton Moms Holiday Bazaar— Calling Vendors**

Milton Moms is hosting its annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, November 12, in the Milton HS cafeteria. Vendor applications are being accepted until Sept. 16. To apply, please access the following link:

[http://www.miltonptsa.com/pdf/holiday\\_bazaar\\_2011.pdf](http://www.miltonptsa.com/pdf/holiday_bazaar_2011.pdf)

Bazaar proceeds fund the PTSA scholarship program.

**Media Center Volunteers Needed**



We are in need of volunteers to work with children in the Media Center by helping them check out books. Volunteers also help shelve books that the children return. Our volunteers are a vital part of keeping our Media Center running smoothly and fostering a love of reading in our students. We are truly grateful for their time and devotion to the students of CCES.

If you are interested in becoming a Media Center Volunteer, please email Tricia McDaniel, our volunteer coordinator. Her email address is [mcdanieltricia91@gmail.com](mailto:mcdanieltricia91@gmail.com). You may also stop by the Media Center anytime to meet Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Blizzard to find out more about the Media Center.

**CCES Chosen as one of Six Georgia SRTS Resource Center Partner Schools of the Year!**

Crabapple Crossing Elementary School was chosen for our accomplishments with Safe Routes to School for the 2010-11 school year! Thanks go to the awesome teamwork of Mr. Freiburger, Ms. Bowsher, PE teacher Mr. Abel, SRTS Rep., Mrs. Williamson, and the CCES SRTS team! Our school has grown from a non-walking school, just 3 years ago, to completing 9 monthly walk-to-school events last year, averaging 120 student participants! An astounding 320+ students participated in Georgia Walk-to-School Day and all 740 students participated in a school-wide Bicycle rodeo in March! In addition to creating a PTA position to encourage sustainability, CCES was chosen last year to participate in a National study, testing equipment that counts walkers and bikers as they arrive at school and providing daily data on walking participation.

Let's continue to support this wonderful program. Please join us for the next walk to school day in October:



**“International”  
Walk to School Day  
Wednesday, October 5  
Wear red, white, and blue.**

Equal Opportunity Agency  
Compliance Coordinator 404-763-4585  
TTY 1-800-255-0135

## How to be a Responsible Person And Feel Great!

- When you agree to do something, do it.  
If you let people down, they'll stop believing in YOU. When you follow through on your commitments, people take you seriously.
- Answer for your own actions.  
Don't make excuses or blame others for what you do. When you take responsibility for your actions you are saying, "I am the one who's in charge of my life."
- Take care of your own matters.  
Don't rely on adults to remind you when you're supposed to be somewhere or what you're supposed to bring. YOU take the responsibility.
- Be trustworthy.  
If somebody trusts you to borrow or take care of something, take care of it. If somebody tells you something in confidence, keep it to yourself. It's important for people to know they can count on you.
- Always use your head.  
Think things through and use good judgment. When you use your head, you make better choices. That shows your parents and teachers they can trust you!
- Don't put things off.  
When you have a job to do, just do it. Doing things on time helps you take control of your life and shows that you are responsible.

### Volunteer Opportunities Everywhere....WE WANT YOU!

The very best way to be involved in your child's education is to take advantage of volunteer opportunities at Crabapple Crossing ES. During Open House and again at Back-to-School Night, you were provided the opportunity to sign up for various academic and social roles within your child's classroom and the PTA. Our school is fortunate to have a huge percentage of parent volunteers to help enrich the academic experience of your children. From reading to the class, to assisting with a math lesson, your child, as well as other children, will greatly benefit from your time.

In order to keep the focus on our Crabapple Crossing Elementary students and for safety reasons, parents are asked to make child-care arrangements for younger siblings before coming to school to volunteer. It is very difficult to participate in a classroom while also keeping an eye on a curious, younger sibling. We look forward to working with you to make this a great year for everyone!

### WHAT is LSAC?

The Local School Advisory Council (LSAC) is a team of Crabapple Crossing Elementary school administrators, teachers, and parents whose purpose is to provide for ongoing two-way communication to improve school performance.

The council provides input on school specific issues including:

- Curriculum
- School codes of conduct and dress
- School calendar
- School budget priorities including capital improvement plans
- Extracurricular activities in the school
- School-based and community services
- Recommendations concerning school board policies
- Preparation and distribution of school profile to the community
- Strategies for improving communication between school and community
- Methods for reporting information to parents and communities
- Receiving and reviewing reports from the school principal regarding progress toward the school's goals
- Updates from the Fulton County Board of Education



A brochure was sent home today to solicit feedback and to get ideas and/or suggestions for school improvement. Our LSAC wants CCES to be the best it can be. Please take a few moments to share your idea or suggestion on the brochure. You may deposit it in the new LSAC mailbox just outside the front door or turn it in at the front office. All ideas are welcome! Thank you.

### Bus Safety

Let's be safe! Whenever riding the bus, please make sure you are following the proper bus safety rules. Riding the bus is a privilege contingent upon proper conduct. Behavior on the school bus is an extension of classroom behavior. School bus drivers have the right to assign seats or move students. All bus riders must behave in a manner which is conducive to the safety and welfare of everyone. Maintaining proper conduct while on the school bus shall be the joint responsibility of the student, the parent, the bus driver and school officials. Please take time to review the rules below with your children. Let's make travel to and from school as safe as possible. Thank you for making CCES the best it can be!

Students may be subject to disciplinary procedures when bus rules are violated. A few rules are:

1. Appropriate behavior on bus and at bus stop.
2. Display respectful behavior to others and the driver.
3. Sit in assigned section.
4. Remain in seat and facing forward at all times.
5. Keep hands and feet out of the aisle.
6. All body parts must remain inside the bus windows.

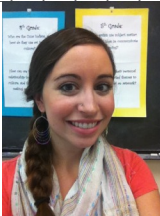
The bus violation process, a list of major offenses, and more Bus Information can be found on page 18-19 in the Parent Handbook or on our website.



**Crabapple Crossing welcomed 18 new staff members for the 2011-12 school year!**  
**To help you get to know them, we asked each one to share a few sentences about themselves:**

**Lauren Beard**

I am thrilled to join the CCES family as an **Art Teacher!** I grew up in Alpharetta, and recently graduated from Ga. State University with a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts. I have always dreamed of working with children, and art is my passion! Being an art teacher is a dream come true! I loves my pets, a West Highland Terrier and a tiger cat. ☺ I also love sushi, travelling to new, distant places, and learning about new cultures!!



**Matthew Johnson**

I am so happy to be joining the Crabapple Crossing family in the **Music Department.** I come to Crabapple with over 15 years teaching experience in Fulton County, serving students at both the elementary and high school levels in a variety of music settings. I will be at Crabapple every Thursday teaching general music classes and helping the department in any way I can. I am a native of Chicago, studied at Penn State University and the University of Illinois, and make my home here in Johns Creek, GA.

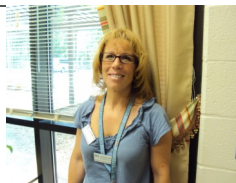


**Jennifer Colon**

I am excited to join the team of professionals at Crabapple Crossing ES as the new **Occupational Therapist.** I have worked with children ages birth to 18 years in the home, clinic and school setting. I am from Georgia and a graduate of Brenau University. I have a son, Nicholas, who is 2 ½. I enjoy spending time with family/friends, photography and reading.

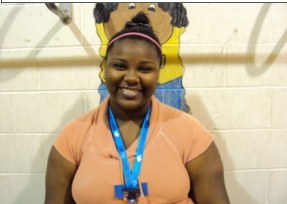
**Dr. Jeanne Dillon**

My role at CCES is to serve **students with hearing impairments.** I am a native of Maryland, graduating from Hood College and Johns Hopkins University. I live with my husband, Dennis, our daughter, Anna, and two super sweet Sheltand Sheepdogs, Casey and Sugar Bear. When I'm not in school I enjoy watching professional football games as well as lifting weights at the gym and bicycling on the Alpharetta Greenway.



**Samantha Jones**

I am the new **P.E. Itinerant teacher** this year and I am lucky enough to spend my Wednesday's and Friday's with the Colts! I love sports and I enjoy being around kids. Not only do I get to teach kids how to achieve sports skills and how to be physically active, I also get to teach them everyday life skills, such as teamwork. Soccer is my passion and I am the new Girls Varsity Soccer Coach at Roswell High. I play and watch soccer as often as I can. I have lived in Roswell for 12 years, but before that I lived in 3 other states and 1 other country. However, Georgia is home!



**Ebony Gamble**

I'm from Hartford, Ct and I've been living in Georgia for about 9 years. I'm starting to consider myself a Georgia Peach because I've been here for so long! I have a very big family - they probably can take up the entire

amount of staff and students in CCES. This is my second year in Fulton County Schools and I enjoy every moment of it. I especially like working as an **PE Assistant** because I get to see all the students in every different grade level. During my free time I like to spend time with my friends and family.

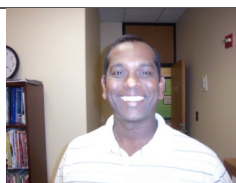
**Gabriel Kitchens—cafeteria staff**

I was born in August, 1992, in Atlanta, Georgia. I have two daughters, a 4 year old and a 1 year old. In my spare time I like to read books and spend time with my children. I plan to attend college to become a social worker. My future goals are to help all in need through my line of work. I strive to be helpful and pleasant here at Crabapple Crossing ES!



**Drepaul Goordial**

I was born in Guyana, South America, and moved to the U.S. in 2001. I currently reside in Cumming, GA, with my wife, Sherry. I work at CCES as a **Custodian.** I enjoy working with everyone, and look forward to coming to work daily. Everyone treats me like one of their family members! I attend Trinity Worship Center Church of God where I am a Board Member and teach Sunday School lessons to young children. I also attend Lanier Technical College to complete my GED program and further my studies to obtain a degree in HVAC Systems. I love to do yard work, gardening, and go shopping with my wife.



**Tracy Kuzminsky**

Hi Crabapple Crossing students and parents! My name is Tracy Kuzminsky and I am the **new full time art teacher** here at Crabapple Crossing. I am so excited to be a part of such an amazing school! The students, parents, and staff have been so welcoming and I thank you all so much for that.

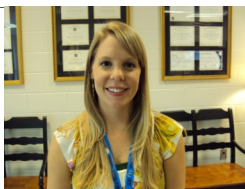


I have been an art teacher for about fifteen years now, and this is my tenth year with Fulton County Schools. I am a firm believer in the saying "Love what you do, and do what you love." Teaching art is what I love! I am very excited for this year and new things to come.

Check out my website at <http://mrsksartists.weebly.com> for more information about me and art events at CCES this school year!

**Kristen Lethgo**

Hello! I am Kristen (Krisi) Lethgo, the newest **first grade teacher** at CCE. I am a new teacher hired into Fulton County in July of this past year. I spent last year at the University of Tennessee finishing up my graduate work while spending the entire school year as an intern teacher in a first grade class. I am originally from Knoxville, TN. I am an avid UT sports fan, and enjoy traveling to road games (when I have the time). This past June, I moved from Knoxville to Brookhaven here in Atlanta. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to work in such a great school in such a wonderful community!



**Kristen Robinson**

My name is Kristin Robinson and I am the newest addition to the **3<sup>rd</sup> grade team** at CCES! I was born in St. Louis, Missouri (Go Cardinals) and grew up here in Atlanta. I earned my bachelors degree from the University of West Georgia and this is my 4<sup>th</sup> year teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Fulton County. I have a 10 month old little girl named Elle and a wonderful family. When I'm not teaching or spending time with them, I enjoy reading, shopping, and planning for birthdays and holidays. I also love to dance and my "claim to fame" was winning a scholarship at a Paula Abdul convention when I was growing up. My goal as a teacher is to not only help children advance academically, but also socially and behaviorally- the whole package. I hope to help give them the confidence they need to become positive, active leaders throughout their life!



**Michelle Martin**

Hi! My name is Michelle Martin. I have been a **counselor** for 11 years and love my job! I recently got married on the beach in Charleston and have two wonderful little (well not so little now) boys, Tanner who is 11 years old and

Devon who is 14 years old. I LOVE football-go Dawgs and Falcons! I am very excited about being a part of the CCES family!

**Jason McElroy**

I work in the **cafeteria** with Ms. Wanza! Every day is an adventure preparing meals for all of the WONDERFUL students here at CCE! For the past 3 years I have lived in Roswell with my beautiful wife of 13 years, Latiesha, and my three darling children, Isoke,13, Nakiyah, 9, and Malchi,7. They attend Crabapple MS and Roswell North ES. I am a graduate of Roswell HS. My experience here at CCE so far has been out of this world! I look forward to getting to know the students here, as well as the staff, as I continue on with what I hope to be a wonderful career here at CCES!

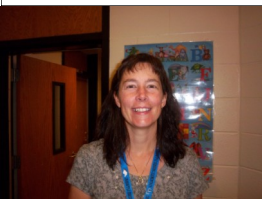


**Alvin Sargent**

Hello, CCES Community. My name is Alvin Sargent (some call me Al) and I am so glad to be part of the CCES family and for my role here as a **professional custodian**. Muskegon, Michigan is my home town but I now enjoy living in the Alpharetta area

where I am raising my 13 yr. old son, Kendal. I love sports and my favorites are golf and football.

I want to thank my CCES family and am so grateful for all of the support they have given me and my son as we settled into this community. I am looking forward to a great year!



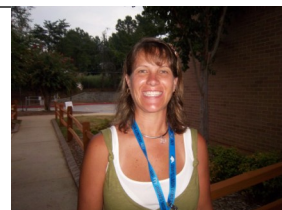
**Jill Newcomb-Campanelli**

Hi. I am a new to Fulton **Physical Therapist**. I was hired part time to serve 5 of North Fulton's schools. They are just beautiful! I graduated from Northeastern University, Boston, MA with a BS in P.T. I have practiced P.T.

for 18 years with all ages in hospitals, clinics, and for the last 4 years, in schools. I am passionate about wellness, education, and advocacy, so the schools are the perfect place for me to help students, teachers, and families. Originally from the western part of Ma, I have lived in GA for 2 years and am excited in growing my roots. I have two children with special needs or their own, so I can relate well to parents and educators alike. My other passion? I am a prenatal/postpartum exercise trainer. My favorite exercise? In the schools, I love the scooter boards!

**Amy Sims**

My name is Amy Sims and I am the new part-time **speech-language pathologist**. I have been a licensed therapist for 13 years treating children from birth to 21 years of age. I have spent the past 10 years working for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as an SLP. I am married and have two wonderful sons, ages 6 and 2 1/2. I love to spend time playing with my children and attending my older sons sporting events.



**Debra Waller**

My name is Debbi Waller, and I am excited to be **teaching second grade TAG** at Crabapple Crossing. Although I'm relatively new to your school, I am not new to teaching. I have been teaching TAG part-time at Sweet Apple for the past five years, and began teaching TAG at Crabapple Crossing last January. Prior to teaching TAG, I also taught first, second, and fourth grades. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Master of Science Degree in Reading. My Gifted Endorsement is through Fulton County, and I absolutely love teaching TAG! I truly look forward to challenging children in new and interesting ways. When I am not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family. My husband and I have two children, Natalie (11) and Phillip (8). We like to go to the beach, movies, and Georgia Tech. football games together!



**Monica O'Connell**

Hi! My name is Monica O'Connell and I am thrilled to be the **ESOL teacher** at Crabapple Crossing. I have my Masters in Education from Georgia State University and a passion for teaching elementary school children. In my spare time, I like to run and have completed 2 marathons and many half marathons. I have 5 children, 2 of them in college, so many weekends are filled with activities that involve children and sports! I look forward to getting to know your children and helping them reach their potential.

