

# Eagle Edition

October 10, 2011

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A NEWSLETTER FOR  
HAYNES BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS AND  
STUDENTS

## Community Meetings

Julia Bernath—October 18th  
Sandy Springs Charter MS—  
11:30 am

Linda Schultz—October 18th  
Hembree Springs ES—  
9:30 am

## Dates to Remember

### October 11

Career Day signup-6th grade  
Chorus Concert -7pm

### October 12

Career Day signup-7th /8th  
8th grade VB @ HBMS

### October 14

Second payment due for 8th grade Georgia trip

8th grade VB @ HBMS

### October 17

Teacher Work/Conference Day

### October 20, 2011

Progress reports home  
Fall Dance (4pm-6pm)

### October 21

Picture Retake Day

## Message from the Principal

Conference Day is around the corner! Have you filled out your form to attend a conference? Please return the form immediately so that our staff can plan on meeting with you on the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are choosing not to attend, there is a space for you to notify us that you will not be attending. Conference day is a time to get a check-up on how your child is doing. You will meet with your Team-Time teacher who will review your child's assessment data, introduce you to some new reading information, and review your child's grades and conduct for each class. This is a brief conference that will last 15 minutes. We look forward to seeing you at school on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Conferences and report cards allow us to monitor the progress of your children and use that data to drive the support we provide. In order to get information to drive the support for Fulton County Schools, the district will be participating in a School Quality Review (SQR) process. The SQR process is taking place at 26 schools during the month of October. Haynes Bridge Middle School is fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in SQR on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. What is a review? A School Quality Review is an evaluation conducted by a team, led by an expert from London's Cambridge University. In addition to the Cambridge lead, there are two trained Fulton County schools employees.

The review will focus on answering:

- ✦ How does our school set goals for improvement?
- ✦ What are the special characteristics of our school?
- ✦ How effective is the leadership team?
- ✦ What factors affect student achievement?
- ✦ How well are the students learning?
- ✦ What is the quality of teaching?

How well do students progress and how can we work together to accelerate their progress?

The reviewers will meet with the administrative team, teachers, students, and parents in addition to observing classrooms and daily school functions. The outcome of the review will be used to plan for improvement.

Additional information can be located at:

<http://www.camb-ed-us.com/QualityReviews/Schoolqualityreviews.aspx>

## STARS Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for the STARS Program at Haynes Bridge. STARS is a great program to help students be more organized, get homework done and improve their academic skills. STARS is led by Jennifer Wilson, Haynes Bridge's Graduation Coach. The PTA helps to provide volunteers to support and work with the students. Below is a brief summary of the program. If you would like to spend just an hour or two a month with some of our great HBMS students, please contact one of the co-chairs for more information.

-Program meets Wed. mornings from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the computer room in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade hall.

- Program begins in September and meets every Wednesday through the school year (except school holidays).

- We will have a rotating schedule of volunteers and volunteers will be scheduled every other to every third week, depending on your availability. Volunteers can always switch if something comes up and they cannot make their scheduled day.

- We will help students organize their binders, check in with them regarding use of their agenda and other ways to be organized. Students may work on homework if they need to (volunteers can assist with homework if we can but that is not a requirement -student tutors will be available). We will also encourage them to do the CRCT practice questions and use online tools to build skills that Ms. Wilson has identified as an area they need help.

The 2011-12 co-chairs for the committee this year are Colleen Pio and Amanda Reed. Please contact either one of us if you have any questions or would like to join the STARS program. Contact info: Amanda Reed (678) 461-7754 or [krabreed@bellsouth.net](mailto:krabreed@bellsouth.net) or Colleen Pio 770-310-5277 or [cpio@comcast.net](mailto:cpio@comcast.net).



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### Home Access Center

In order to see all your student's classes in HAC, please set your settings as pictured below. Then click Refresh View.



### Attendance Call Out System

By now many of you have experienced the automated call out system that Fulton County has implemented this year. Please be aware that in order for a student to be excused, they must first be marked absent, which generates the phone call, and then their absence, if a note is provided, will be marked excused. If you receive a call, please note that if you have provided a note, the data clerk will mark the absence or tardy appropriately within the next 24-48 hours. Please do not call the school until you have waited the appropriate amount of time.

### Legislative Forum

Do you want to know about upcoming state legislation? Do you have a question for your state legislators? If so, join us on Wednesday, October 12th from 9:30am-12noon at the Teaching Museum North for a North Fulton Legislators forum. Thus far, we have confirmed attendance from four North Fulton representatives! Be sure to invite your members and school communities to attend. These are some of the people who make the laws that will affect us all! If you have a particular topic of interest, please email any questions for the legislators to Diane Jacobi, [vp@legislation@nfcpta.com](mailto:vp@legislation@nfcpta.com).

### SPLOST

Have you had the opportunity to make any of the recent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax informational meetings? No, then please join us on Tuesday, October 25th at 11:00 a.m. at the Haynes Bridge MS media center, for one last presentation by the Fulton County School district. If you have attended previous meetings and still have questions, we invite you to bring them to this meeting. Any questions, please contact Haynes Bridge MS PTA representative, Carolyn Stuhltrager, at [aawers@bellsouth.net](mailto:aawers@bellsouth.net)

### Voter Registration

On Tuesday, November 8th, there will be a general election that will include city council seats, referendums, and Fulton County School's SPLOST IV. To vote, you must be registered by October 11th. You can register at the Fulton County North Annex 7741 Roswell Road, local libraries, or on-line at <http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/VRinfo.htm> PTA encourages everyone to be an active participant in our government by exercising the right to vote!

### Relevant Writing: Bert Show Big Thank You

One of our goals is to provide students with opportunities to make connections between the standards they are expected to master and real-world applications. All middle school students are expected to **demonstrate competence in a variety of genres (ELA6-8W2) by producing technical writing** (friendly letters, **thank-you notes**, formula poems, instructions) that creates or follows an organizing structure appropriate to purpose, audience, and context; excludes extraneous and inappropriate information; follows an organizational pattern appropriate to the type of composition; and applies rules of Standard English. Haynes Bridge Middle School is partnering with Q100's *The Bert Show* in collecting letters of thanks so every single soldier stationed or deployed outside the United States can receive a letter of gratitude on Thanksgiving Day. The goal is to give American troops a "Big Thank You" with a little taste of home this Thanksgiving. **All staff members, parents, and community members can also write letters to bring us closer to our goal of submitting 2000 thank you letters.** Finished letters may be turned in to the front office. *The Bert Show* requests that each letter be heartfelt, handwritten, original, and free of any political statements. The purpose of the letter is to express thanks to the military personnel currently deployed outside the United States.

Instructions include:

- All letters must be on 8.5" x 11" paper or smaller.
- Do not use glue, tape, staples, cardboard, glitter or otherwise attach anything to the paper.
- Decorate using crayons, pencil, etc.
- Use both sides if you like, but use one page per letter only.
- Do not send cards or photographs.
- Individual letters should not be sealed in envelopes.

### Lunch n' Learn

Please join us for a special Lunch n' Learn on Tuesday, October 25th at 11:45 AM IN THE Media Center where the topic of discussion will be SPLOST IV. Bring a sack lunch if you like and learn more about this important

