

Eagle Edition

November 14, 2011

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Community Meetings

Julia Bernath

November 15th

Centennial HS

7:00 pm

A NEWSLETTER FOR
HAYNES BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS AND
STUDENTS

Message from the Principal

With the busy lives that so many of us live, we often need to schedule time to sit down to talk and meet each other. This Thursday, November 17th, we are hosting our first Community Coffee at 7:30 am. This will be a time to grab a cup of coffee, meet other folks in the Haynes Bridge community, and get to know me as your principal. So mark your calendar and skip your stop to Starbucks, this Thursday we will take care of your morning Joe needs.

This Thursday, we also have a group of our Jr Beta students heading to Macon, GA for the Jr. Beta Convention. Our team will be competing in problem solving, creative, academic and critical thinking competitions. They leave with our support and we look forward to hearing about their performance and experience at the convention. Thank you to Ms. Ritchie for leading the team and Ms. Khan for her support.

For two weeks our Student Council has been taking in the food you have donated to fill our crates for NFCC. Thank you to all of our families that sent out food for our food drive this month. As a result of your support, Haynes Bridge Student Council is able to donate +2100 cans to families in need for the holidays. In addition to the food drive led by student council, Ms. Barksdale has been leading a monthly food drive with the staff. Between all of our efforts, we continue to make a difference every day for our neighbors and our friends. Thank you.

Planning to travel? Check this first.

If you are planning to travel during the school year, please review your child's attendance record first. Fulton County Schools' attendance policy can be found online and in your child's agenda. Fulton County School's attendance policy clearly outlines the accepted excuses for absences and what a parent may do if s/he anticipates an absence that is not listed. Please note that in order to have any planned absence excused, a letter from the parent must be submitted to the principal PRIOR to the planned absence. The principal may or may not approve the absence. As well, if your child has missed 10 or more total days of school this year, you may be asked to provide medical notes for additional absences to be considered excused (in accordance with Fulton County's attendance policy). Please reconsider scheduling your family travel/vacation time to coincide with school breaks and avoid missed class time whenever possible. Thank you for your assistance in keeping your student in class for instruction.

Calendar

November 15th
School Tour—10:00

November 16th
POP Conference

November 17th
Community Coffee —7:30 am

November 17th-18th
Junior Beta Convention

November 22nd
Culture Day (date change)

November 23rd-25th
Thanksgiving Break

November 28th
Interims home

November 30th
School Council —7:30 am



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Eagle's Angels Holiday Gift Drive

The PTA's Reach-Out Committee reaches out to help less fortunate students at Haynes Bridge as well as promotes positive character values for all students. This holiday season the Reach-Out Committee asks for your help to collect \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift cards to give to HBMS families in need. If we exceed our goal, we will purchase food items for some of these students' families! You can help by donating a \$25.00 gift card to Wal-Mart or a cash donation of the amount you wish and send it to.....

Cindy Soder
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135 Saint Ignaius Close
Alpharetta, GA 30022

Jan Kalb
Thornberry
545 Marin Court
Alpharetta, GA 30022

You may also drop off your donations in the "Eagle's Angels" box in the front office of the school. Please send in your donations by Friday, December 9th so that we have time to distribute them. Feel free to contact Cindy Soder soders@bellsouth.net or 770-645-6949 if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity with our third annual Eagle's Angels Holiday Gift Drive this Holiday Season.
The Reach-Out Committee

Want to show your thanks and appreciation to HBMS staff members? You CAN!

Take an opportunity to show HBMS staff members your appreciation **and** support North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) in their fight to end hunger in our community! From now until Monday, December 19th, you **can stop by the front office** and purchase a paper "thank you **can**" for anyone and everyone you'd like to recognize. Each "**can**" costs 50 cents with all proceeds going to NFCC. You will be asked to write the recipient's name and your name (or anonymous giver). These will be delivered to the recipient so that they are aware of your kind donation in their honor. You can donate 50 cents and highlight a special person or donate \$67.50 (checks made payable to HBMS) and recognize every staff member in our building (and our bus drivers). This is a great way for us to show our thankfulness for each other and support a worthy cause that serves our community.



Tech Tip

A database is a collection of data is organized so that its contents can easily be accessed, managed, and updated. On the Haynes Bridge Virtual Library, there is a page called "search" and that is where you can link to the databases such as Culture Grams, Student Resource Center, NoveList and SIRS Discover. Databases provide reliable, authoritative information for school work.