

Eagle Edition

September 12, 2011

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A NEWSLETTER FOR
HAYNES BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS AND
STUDENTS

Board Member Community Meetings

Linda Schultz –
September 19th
Mountain Park ES –9:30am

Julia Bernath -
September 15th
Hillside ES-9:30 am

September

13
PTA Committee Chair –9am

14
PTA Board –9Am
Lunch n' Learn-11:45 am
8th grade soccer @WBMS

16
First payment due for 8th grade
GA. Trip
8th grade soccer @AMMS

20
Interims home

21
School Council –7:30 am
8th grade soccer @HBMS

Message from the Principal

Thank you for what you are doing at home to prepare your child to learn each day. Our children have been coming to school with a positive attitude, respect for one another, and ready to learn. The reinforcement and guidance you are providing is adding to the positive learning environment we have here at Haynes Bridge Middle School.

On Monday, September 12th, you should have received the LSAC ballot. The ballots were sent home with the children from their Team Time teacher. There is a copy of the ballot on the back of this newsletter for your review. Please vote on the peach-colored ballot (sent home with your child) and return to the front office. We are thankful that we had four parents volunteer to serve on the LSAC and look forward to establishing our LSAC for this school year.

Have you heard of the novel *Fat Boy Chronicles*? The story tells the painful yet heartwarming story of an overweight and bullied 9th grader, Jimmy Winterpock. It has received praise from students, parents and educators for its realistic, yet hopeful, depiction of life in today's thin-obsessed society. The Sandy Springs Education Force will be showing a screening of the movie, adapted from the award winning novel, at North Springs High School Auditorium, Sept. 15, at 7:00 pm. The actors, director, and writers will attend the screening and participate in a panel discussion on the issues, along with experts in bullying and obesity. The screening will coincide with Childhood Obesity Education Month.

If you are interested in purchasing movie tickets, please visit:

<http://sseffatboychronicles.eventbrite.com> ; <http://sseffatboychronicles.eventbrite.com>

For an update on our facilities, the locking of the side doors has gone smooth and students are safely able to get from one classroom to another. Our boys and girls locker room is almost completed. The company installing the lockers was back this past weekend to clean up a few loose ends. Your children may not have even noticed that work has been getting done, since it happens after the children have left for the day. Many of our main lockers in the school have been repaired. We are waiting on ~50 new locks, several latch fingers, and a few striker plates to be installed. The expected completion date is in two weeks.

Garrison Ramey, HBMS student, Wins Bronze Medal at National Junior Olympics

Garrison Ramey finished in 3rd place in the Midget Boys Pentathlon at the 2011 USATF National Junior Olympics Track & Field Championships at Cessna Stadium at Wichita State University in Kansas this past July. The temperature was 108 degrees on the day of the meet! The Pentathlon consists of the following five events: 80M Hurdles, Shot Put, High Jump, Long Jump and 1500M run. Garrison qualified for the national competition by winning the gold medal at the Region 3 competition held earlier in July at Mill Creek High School in Hoschton, Georgia. He won the southeast region meet by a slim 15 point margin, setting personal bests in all five events: 80M hurdles 13.5, Shot Put 31 ft 8 in., High Jump 4ft 7 in., Long Jump 14ft 8 in., and 1500M 5:35. Garrison is a hard-working and dedicated athlete! Coach Kim Dickie along with his other coaches as well as Haynes Bridge are proud of his outstanding accomplishment!



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Haynes Bridge Middle School Local School Advisory Committee (LSAC) Ballot

For the 2011-2012 school year, there are two open seats for the Local School Advisory Committee (LSAC) at Haynes Bridge Middle School. Each seat will serve from 2011-2013.

Please place an **X** next to the TWO people that you would like to vote for to serve on the LSAC.

_____ **Laura Kaufman**-Ms. Kaufman would like to serve in order to provide input and feedback from the community to the school administration and the school board. She believes that information shared concerning the curriculum, individual school and FCS budgets, policy recommendations, and communication strategies are very important. Ms. Kaufman is involved in the school community. As a parent representative she pledges to serve as a liaison between the parents and the school. Ms. Kaufman's involvement in the community includes: service on the Barnwell LSAC for the past six years; representative for the Centennial Cluster LSAC while at Barnwell; served as chairperson for college visitations at Centennial High School for 11-12; served as a volunteer at Haynes Bridge and Centennial media centers; helped with career day and games day at Haynes Bridge; co-chaired publishing project (writing initiative) at Barnwell for the last ten years; member of The National Charity League (mother/daughter philanthropic organization that serves 12 organizations in our community).

_____ **Kristin J. Hothersall**-Ms. Hothersall has served on the LSAC at Northwood Elementary when her son attended school at Northwood. Her son is now at Haynes Bridge and would like to serve on the LSAC.

_____ **Meredith Guffey**- Ms. Guffey would like to help connect parents' and students' opinions and viewpoints with those of the school leadership. She would use her communication and leadership skills to connect the two and thereby improve Haynes Bridge Middle School.

_____ **Caroline Truax**- Ms. Truax would like to assist the LSAC by providing input and support on initiatives, activities, and public relations at Haynes Bridge. Her community involvement includes: LSAC Chair at Hillside Elementary school; Tutoring Program chair at Hillside Elementary; Media Center Volunteer Coordinator at Hillside Elementary; Parent Information Night Chair at Centennial High School; Active in attending monthly Fulton County school board community meetings, Centennial cluster initiatives, and all Fulton County BOE redistricting efforts

Ballot must be returned by **September 16, 2011** to the main office at Haynes Bridge Middle School

*Ballots that do not have a total of TWO X's will not be counted.

Would you like to show your support of our fantastic teachers and staff at Haynes Bridge?

We are in need of a few more volunteers to provide the Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts. These are held five times a year and are a great and easy way to be involved and show our support of the staff. All you have to do is sign up to bring an item from the provided list and bring it to school at 7:15. If you are interested please contact Kirstin Risse, ktresse@comcast.net or Sue Swanson, sueswanson@aol.com. First breakfast is September 30, 2011.

Junior Knights Basketball Tryout Info

Junior Knights basketball tryouts will be held the week of September 11th through September 18th. Please stop by the front desk to get a flyer with the information on it. You can also visit <http://centennialbasketball.com> and click on the Junior Knights link for all the information. Feel free to contact Jon Bennett at heycoachjon@comcast.net with any questions.