

Eagle Edition

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A NEWSLETTER FOR HAYNES BRIDGE MIDDLE
SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- *September 14th Library Card Day during lunch*
- *September 15th Interim Reports Home*
- *September 16th Early Release Day—students dismissed at 12:30*
- *September 21st-25th ITBS—8th grade*
- *September 26th Campus Cleanup/Flu Clinic*
- *September 28th—October 2nd Book Fair in Media Center*

Flu Update

State of the School

Like many schools in our area, HBMS is experiencing widespread flu-like symptoms. Thus far, we have less than a dozen confirmed cases of H1N1 (commonly known as the swine flu), but seasonal flu is already taking hold, as well.

The school has responded with an unprecedented effort to keep things clean. Specifically, bathrooms are checked & cleaned hourly, and hand sanitizer (recommended by the CDC) restocked in every bathroom in between classes. Bathrooms are cleaned with bleach each night. In addition, most classrooms have hand sanitizer and tissues.

Flu Symptoms

If your child presents with any of these conditions, please be aware that they may be contagious and take customary precautions.

Fever

Runny nose

Vomiting

Headache

Sore Throat

Diarrhea

Cough

Fatigue

What can you do?

- Keep your child at home if you suspect he/she is ill. Students should not go to school if they have had a fever or have vomited within 24 hours.
- Encourage your child to wash his/her hands (or use hand sanitizer) often, especially after touching his/her nose/mouth and before eating. They can even carry a personal sized bottle with them to school.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with the elbow rather than their hands, preventing germs from spreading into the air and getting on hands where they can be transferred to other surfaces (desks & doorknobs).
- Send bottles of hand sanitizer and boxes of tissues to your homeroom teacher, periodically.
- Get vaccinated! The PTA is sponsoring a Flu Vaccination Clinic on Sept 26th from 9-12. Pre-register at www.flubusters.com/pta and click on the "Schedule a Vaccination" link in the upper right hand corner. **Online registration deadline is September 17th!** After that, you may come as a walk-in.



Free or Reduced Price Meal Benefits

To continue free and reduced price meals for students each household must complete a new application each year. F & R benefits will end on September 21st, if the household has not reapplied for this year. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment until the application has been approved. To help assure continuation of benefits, the household must have a new application turned in to the school cafeteria manager by September 16th. Be sure to list all students in the household. If you have any questions, please call the School Nutrition Program—Meal Eligibility Desk at 404-305-2220.

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Mighty Knights Band Yard Sale

Saturday, October 3rd from 10am-2pm Centennial High School, 9310 Scott Road. There are two options in which to participate.

1. Donate items for the Band to sell with all proceeds to benefit the band.
2. Rent a vendor booth for your “yard sale” items or crafts.

Contact Ms. Irita Mullen at mullein@fultonschools.org or by telephone at 770-650-4230, ext. 132 for information on drop off times for donations and to sign-up to rent a booth. The booth rental cost will be \$25, if paid by Monday, September 28th. After that date, the fee is \$35. The cost of the trip is \$900 per student. The purpose of the Yard Sale is to defray expenses associated with the trip. The band is Gator Bowl bound.

Student Council Election Results

Congratulations! The votes are in. We congratulate all the students who ran for office, posted signs and gave speeches. Our officers for the 2009-2010 year are as follows:

President: Nate Bramel
Vice President: Karestiah Lawson
Treasurer: Fisher Cooper
Secretary: Stuart Way

ITBS Testing for 8th graders will take place September 21st-25th. Please do not plan early morning appointments as these tests will begin promptly at 8:30 am and last 2 1/2 hours daily on average. Students who arrive late will be directed to the media center and will take the missed section during make-up time in the afternoon thus missing an academic class.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of September 28th, in the media center. Not only does the Book Fair help raise funds to purchase library resources, it encourages reading among our students. As students grow older, it is so important to keep books in their lives. Students who remain readers now are more likely to be lifelong learners. The book fair will be open from 7:30 am—4:00 pm (Monday-Thursday) and

from 7:30am—1:00 pm on Friday. At our fair, we will also have a Classroom Wish List board on display for anyone interested in helping our teachers add more books to their classroom libraries. Students will visit the Book Fair with their Language Arts classes and are welcome to stop by anytime as long as they have a pass from their teacher. Parents and community are invited and encouraged to stop by and shop the book fair.



Interim Reports

Interim reports go home on Tuesday, September 15th. Please review with your student. Keep in mind that the cumulative averages are based on a minimum of 8 grades in most classes. These averages can be greatly affected by one or two missing assignments. If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher. Email addresses are located on our website.