



Hembree Highlights

From the Desk of Kalpana Raju, Principal

September 11, 2009

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend! I had a relaxing one...just stayed home and did nothing! It was a nice change!

On Wednesday students will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. so that staff can attend professional training sessions that afternoon. Please remember to make child care arrangements if necessary.

Your child brought home a Sally Foster envelope. This is a fundraiser run by our PTA. Please help us with the sales. The PTA gets 50% of the total sales. Don't forget that you can also order on-line....so you don't have to leave out your relatives and friends who live in other places!

Out of the mouth of babes..... A first grade teacher asks her students (who were reading books) if they were ready to come to her table. One little boy responds (without taking his eyes off of his book), "Give me another minute I want to finish reading!" Here's a child who loves to read!

A second grade teacher asks her students what they learned in math the previous day. One little boy answers, "We learned about ones, tens, and valium!" He meant (place) value!

The best one is one that I read somewhere..... Teacher: "What is the difference between a teacher and a principal? Student: "A teacher works and a principal doesn't!" Ahhh....the joys of teaching....

I hope you will encourage your child to participate in the Reflections competition of "Beauty Is." Often children do not realize the talents within themselves. It's up to us to give them a little nudge to help them develop these skills. Entries can be art work, poetry, essays, music pieces or videos and photography. If you need the applications, just call Dee at 770-667-2902.

Sincerely, Kali Raju

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 15 Linda Schultz Community Mtg @ Crabapple Middle School; 9:30 a.m.
- September 16 Early Release Day – Students Dismissed at 11:15 a.m.
Cici's Pizza Family Night; 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- September 17 FCBOE Board Meeting @ Dunwoody Springs; 6:30 p.m.
- September 18 Food Drive Ends
- Sept. 21-25 ITBS Testing; Grades 3 & 5

FIRST FAMILY NIGHT

Please join us at CiCi's Pizza in Roswell for our first family night on Wednesday, September 16, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A percentage of all funds goes to our PTA for school enrichment.

A NOTE FROM THE CAFETERIA

Did you know that we serve breakfast daily? Our breakfast service begins at 7:20 a.m., and the cost is \$1.

The cafeteria requires a new or updated doctor's excuse yearly for all allergies (i.e. milk).

When you come to enjoy lunch with your child, please bring in small currency. We have only a small daily bank amount and have a hard time breaking large bills.

To help move children through the lunch line more efficiently, please send in exact change for ice cream (.75 cents) and for treats (.25 cents to .75 cents).

The charges in the cafeteria have become extremely high with the new cost of lunch. Please check your child's book bag daily. We process charge letters every other day at a minimum.

We also will contact the parent by phone. After three lunch charges, the principal will be notified and your child could receive an alternative meal.

FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

To continue free or reduced price meal benefits for students each household must complete a new application each year. Free and Reduced Meal Benefits will end on September 21, 2009, **if** the household has not reapplied for SY2009-10. If there is an interruption in benefits or the household does not reapply, the household is responsible for payment of meals until the Free and Reduced Application is approved. **To help assure continuation of benefits, the household must have a new application turned in to the school cafeteria manager before September 16, 2009. Be sure to list all the students in the household on the application.** Keep in mind, the application may take up to 10 days to process. If you have any questions, please call the Fulton County School Nutrition Program Meal Eligibility Desk at 404-305-2220.

YOUTH DAY PARADE FLOAT

Would you like to help build the Youth Day Parade Float? The Youth Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2009, at 10 a.m. The theme this year is "Our Heroes." If you would like to be part of the Youth Day committee, please contact Lisa Cowles at cowlesfamily@bellsouth.net or call 678-358-6545. If you can draw, paint, use a jig saw, hold a hammer, etc., we need your expertise. Come help our school build a float that will be "out of this world!"

Working together to learn and grow beyond our dreams!

CALL FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE 2009 YOUTH ARCHITECTURE FAIR

The K-12 Task Force of the American Institute of Architects Atlanta will host the 2009 Youth Architecture Fair on Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia. This event will occur in conjunction with the John Portman Exhibition at the High Museum. This unprecedented collaboration between the AIA Atlanta and the High Museum raises public awareness of our profession, celebrates the accomplishments of one of Atlanta's most significant architects, and gives the AIA Atlanta an impressive backdrop for the Youth Architecture Fair.

Both organizations are inviting students and teachers from elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the state of Georgia to participate in this event. The afternoon begins with an orientation of the architecture profession along with a question and answer session. Students will proceed to an exciting design activity based on their skills. The central activity of the Youth Architecture Fair is a design charette to be held in the atrium of the High Museum. The goal of this event is to enlighten students and K-12 educators about architectural design, to inform them about the possibilities in the field of architecture, and to foster interaction between the students and architects.

Registering for the event allows attendees into the High Museum at a reduced rate (half -price). Registration is necessary to organize the students and volunteers into teams. Registration is available online through the [AIA Atlanta website](http://www.aiaatlanta.org). Registration forms are available for volunteers, teachers and students, and families and students. Payment will be made to the High Museum on the day of the event. Please register to attend the 2009 Youth Architecture Fair by Friday, September 25, 2009.



BOX TOP\$ AND TYSON PROJECT A+ CONTEST

It is time to turn in your Box Top\$!

Just clip the label from your favorite cereals, snacks, Ziploc items, and hundreds of other participating products! Box Top\$ are worth 10¢ each when our school redeems them.

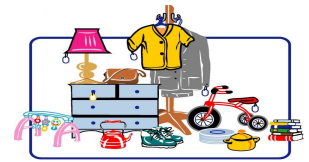
We are also participating in the Tyson Project A+ program. In your grocer's freezer section, look for Tyson Products that display the Tyson Project A+™ logo. The label you save is easily identified by looking for the simple 1, 2, 3 program steps. Each label is worth 24¢.

Turn in your Box Top\$ and Project A+ labels now in the box in the lobby. **All labels must be turned in by October 15.** Put your child's teacher's name on your Box Top\$ and Project A+ labels to ensure that your class gets credit! The class that earns the most money for our school will win a prize! Please e-mail boxtops@hembreespringspta.org with any questions.

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"A FAMILY AFFAIR" CONSIGNMENT SALE at Elkins Pointe Middle School

October 9-10



Elkins Pointe warmly welcomes Hembree Springs families to join them in their first ever "A Family Affair" Consignment Sale! The sale begins on Friday, October 9, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, October 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Elkins Pointe PTA school enrichment programs.

The school gym will be bursting with bargains on children to adult size clothing, shoes, electronics, toys, furniture, books and more. Our items are all in excellent working quality. Our team of past and present Hembree Springs' parents will be there to make this a fun and well-organized event for the whole family! Please join us as a seller or buyer!

If you are interested in becoming a seller, buyer, or to find out more, please go to the Elkins Pointe Website at <http://www.elkinspointe.com/>. Once there, click on to the PTA Consignment Sale Link.

READY GEORGIA

Ready Georgia is holding an art and essay contest for fifth graders across the state in recognition of National Preparedness Month in September. The theme, "Get Ready Georgia," is an important message for students and their parents, since 79 percent of Georgians are not prepared for emergencies.

- What items should you keep in a Ready Kit?
- How long should you be prepared to make it on your own following a disaster?
- How would your family reconnect if you were not together during an emergency?

Being prepared for an emergency means knowing answers to these questions and a lot more. Help your student and your family get ready by encouraging them to participate in the "Get Ready Georgia" contest.

We also invite you to visit <http://ready.ga.gov/Get-Involved/ReadyKids>, a new section on the Ready Georgia Web site designed just for kids. Fun games and easy-to-understand materials educate kids on emergency preparedness and help them take an active role in making sure their families are ready.

All contest entries must be postmarked or submitted via e-mail by September 30, 2009. Mail your contest entry and completed entry form to: Ready Georgia Contest, c/o Cookerly Public Relations, 3500 Lenox Rd., Suite 510, Atlanta, GA, 30326. Artwork must be mailed in a flat envelope no larger than 11" x 13". Essay contest entries may also be e-mailed to contest@ready.ga.gov.

If you have questions about the contest, please respond via e-mail at contest@ready.ga.gov. The winning entries will be selected, and the winners notified in October. Winning entries will be featured on the Ready Georgia website and first, second, and third-place winners will receive prize packages including a Ready Kit, donated by The Home Depot.

All entries become the property of Ready Georgia and will not be returned. Entries may be used to promote emergency preparedness in various media including, but not limited to, the Ready Georgia website.

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