



# Hembree Highlights

From the Desk of Kalpana Raju, Principal

September 25, 2009

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the unexpected day off on Tuesday! I loved sleeping in even if it was only an extra hour! For third and fifth graders, the Sources of Information (Maps & Diagrams and Reference Materials) section of the ITBS will now be administered on Tuesday.

We are preparing for our Hands on Atlanta day next Saturday! **We need your help and energy to make it a success!** Roswell Mayor Jere Wood and City Councilman Richard Dippolito (also a parent here) will be here. Please e-mail me at [raju@fultonschools.org](mailto:raju@fultonschools.org) to let me know if you can volunteer. I need approximate numbers to plan for water and refreshments. We will be planting trees and shrubs and painting. I'm confident our community will come together to help out!

Please look for information regarding our playfield project, Go4GREEN. Each student has four pledge forms along with a cover letter from me. If you have any questions about the project or would like to help us with it, please e-mail me. Our goal is to raise \$22,000 by October 30! We are grateful for donations of any amount.

*Sincerely, Kali Raju*

## HEMBREE SPRINGS YEARBOOK

The Hembree Springs yearbook committee is pleased to announce this year's book, bursting with 72 pages of photographs, student portraits, activities, highlights, and of course, space for special autographs. To order a yearbook for your child, please ask your child's teacher for a form and return it to school, along with cash or a check. **We will be accepting "Early Bird" yearbook orders through October 8, specially priced at \$27.**

After that time, the regular price of the book will be \$29. We look forward to a wonderful year...and an equally wonderful yearbook!

## PICTURE DAY OCTOBER 6

**Parents, we need four volunteers to help with Picture Day on October 6.** These pictures will be in the Hembree Springs yearbook. Lifetouch will give a discount coupon for 50% off your total purchase if you volunteer for a full day. Volunteer hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and lunch will be provided. Come spend the day making sure students look their best! Please contact Teri Fezza at [terifezza@yahoo.com](mailto:terifezza@yahoo.com) if you are able to help.

## DON'T FORGET YOUR SALLY FOSTER ORDERS

**Don't forget to turn in your order for Sally Foster products by Monday, September 28.** You won't want to miss out on your opportunity to help raise money for the HSES PTA Educational Enrichment Fund, not to mention the terrific choices available, like bath and body products that are comparable to your favorites found in specialty stores; gift wrap of premium quality, with vibrant colors and exclusive designs. The chocolates are so good they've been served at the White House and at Walt Disney World!

Please remember to write your child's name on any checks turned in. We really appreciate your assistance with this.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Two Hembree Springs fourth graders competed in the Roswell Rise-N-Run, which was held at Hembree Springs this past Saturday morning. Hayden Fravel placed first in the boys ten and under group. Maggie Daiker placed second in the girls ten and under group. Congratulations to Hayden and Maggie.

## PARENT INTEREST SURVEY

The Counseling and Guidance Program at Hembree Springs is in the process of planning a series of workshops for the school year which we hope will be of benefit to your children and to you as parents. We would appreciate your input. The survey is to be taken on the computer and may be accessed on our website by clicking this link:

<http://www.opinionpower.com/Surveys/613057875.html>. A hard copy will be sent home with students who receive a hard copy of the Hembree Highlights. If you receive a hard copy, please fill it out and send it to school with your child.

Once the survey results are tabulated, the topics with the most interest will become the focus of the workshops. By all means though, please feel free to contact us via e-mail or telephone if you would like to discuss any issue privately. All survey input is anonymous.

Thank you for your time and assistance. *Debbie Cagle and Maru Gonzalez, School Counselors.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 30	Shane's Family Night; 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
October 2	Progress Skills Checklists Go Home
<b>October 3</b>	<b>Hands On Atlanta; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</b>
October 5	Teaching Museum - Kindergarten; 10 a.m.
October 6	Fall Picture Day
October 7	PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon
October 8	After School Chorus Rehearsal; 2:30-3:30 pm
October 9	Teacher Conference Day - No School EPMS Consignment Sale; 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Roswell Youth Day Parade</b> EPMS Consignment Sale; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## PTA STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

It is time to have a "Picnic Luncheon" indoors for our Hembree Springs staff. This luncheon will be hosted by all grades. **Join us on Wednesday, October 7, for a luncheon to honor our great staff.** You can help by sending in food items. We still need many donations of different types of salads, sandwich trays, and desserts.

Please contact Kristi Gillam at [kdgillam@yahoo.com](mailto:kdgillam@yahoo.com) if you would like to help. Thanks to everyone in advance for helping us make our HSES staff feel special.

## READY. SET. GO! Starting the school year off right!

**Area 2: Organization of Binders, Backpacks and Study Space.** You have all already bought those all important back to school supplies, binders, subject folders, notebooks, pencil pouches, accordion folders, etc. How many of you buy this with the hope that this year will be the year that your child stays organized? It isn't always the tools that are the problem; it is the time taken to keep things organized.

Let's go back to the agenda and advanced planning. Set aside specific times during the week to go through the binders and back pack. We suggest two times a week: Sunday and mid-week. Schedule this planning time in their agenda so they know it is an important activity. This will also give you a good idea on whether or not the organizational system you have set up is working. If not, then you can begin to modify and tweak a system that better fits your child's needs.

Understand doing this will take more time at the beginning, and your child may need you to walk them through it for a while. As you build this time into your regular routine, it should begin to take no more than 10 minutes to keep everything on track.

Remember, scheduling 15-20 minutes with your child on Sunday night to plan the week and organize their materials sets the tone for the coming week and teaches them basic organizational habits.

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## MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE Saturday, October 17

For a \$5 donation, you will receive an all-day shopping pass for 20% off fashions and 10% off home goods. You also receive a one-time only 25% off fashion or home item. Enter to win a \$500 gift card. Please call Dee at 770-667-2902 or e-mail Dee at [duzak@fultonschools.org](mailto:duzak@fultonschools.org) for more details. Cash only. Proceeds benefit Hembree Springs.

## BOX TOP\$ AND TYSON PROJECT A+ CONTEST

Please remember to 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](mailto:boxtops@hembreespringspta.org) with any questions.

## REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST

Wondering what to do over the weekend? Why not get started on your Reflections entry? Is drawing not your thing? No worries! Try your hand at writing a poem or taking some pictures instead. There are six categories to choose from: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Musical Composition, Film Production, and Dance Choreography. This year's theme is "Beauty Is...." Parents, please encourage your child to participate. All students will be honored at a special reception in November.

Remember, the class with the most entries will receive a cookie cake party. The top teachers will receive School Box gift certificates. Entry forms are available at the front desk. **All entries are due by Monday, October 12.** Drop off your finished work in the big yellow Reflections box in the front lobby area. Questions? Please e-mail Julie Daniels and Elke Monahan at [reflections@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:reflections@hembreespringspta.org).

## SUMMER READING CLUB

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Club! Prizes will be going home this week. Be sure to check your child's Friday folder. Great job reading!

## ANNUAL RECYCLING CONTEST

**The Recycling Contest will run October 1 through October 30.** Each classroom will be provided a receptacle for the recyclable items along with a flier stating which items are accepted. The receptacles will be collected weekly after school. The classroom standings will also be posted weekly.

Hembree Springs has been partnering with Cartridges for Kids for the past few years on our recycling program. The recycling program earned the school over \$800 during the 2008-2009 school year. The contest is a great way to kick off a successful recycling year. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Tia Bohannon at 770-754-5755 or by e-mail at [environment@hembreespringspta.org](mailto:environment@hembreespringspta.org).

## LUNCH BUNCH

Students in fourth and fifth grades will soon be involved in a book club! The optional reading program will require students to read a specific book over a month. The small group of 10 students will then discuss the book over lunch. The session will be facilitated by a parent who will be provided with a guide for the lesson. It will last only 30 minutes. If you would like to volunteer, please contact fourth grade parent, Karen Johnson, at 770-772-7293 and fifth grade parent, Julie Daniels, at 770-751-4400.

## UPCOMING HEMBREE SPRINGS PTA FAMILY NIGHTS

September 30	Shane's Rib Shack	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
October 14	Chuck E Cheese	3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
November 12	Chick-Fil-A	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
December 1	Barnes and Noble	3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
January 7	Jump Zone	
January 21	Chick-Fil-A	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
March 11	Domino's Pizza	
April 15	Chick-Fil-A	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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