



# Sweet Apple Slice

NEWS FROM SWEET APPLE ELEMENTARY

August 14, 2009

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to thank parents, students and staff for a great first week of school. Our students arrived Monday morning smiling and quickly have gotten into the school routine. Special thanks to our PTA for their involvement in a successful Open House. Parents joined PTA, purchased Spirit Wear and signed up to volunteer for school events during the year.

The revised schedule for Curriculum Nights is:

Wednesday, August 19th

5:00pm - 5th Grade      6:15pm - Kdg. & 2nd

Thursday, August 20th

5:00pm - 4th Grade      6:15 - 1st & 3rd

Parents will go directly to classrooms for Curriculum Presentations. Teachers will begin at the assigned starting time.

Please read the article below about SLICE being sent via e-mail starting in September. Also, I thank Kevin Newhall for the new design on our website. Please visit it at [www.fultonschools.org/school/sweetapple](http://www.fultonschools.org/school/sweetapple). PTA has a new website as well, [www.sweetapplepta.com](http://www.sweetapplepta.com). Both websites provide up to date information and resources for parents.

The staff would like to thank Lidia Gelobter, Tami Godfrey and the PTA Executive Committee and Event Chair people for an outstanding luncheon last Thursday. As always the food was delicious and we can't thank you enough for your time and energy.

**-Lenny Forti, Principal**

## GOING GREEN-GOING PAPERLESS

In every effort to help the environment and to save time and money, we are going to send the weekly newsletter "SLICE" via e-mail. However, there will be hard copies available at the front desk if needed.

We are using a company called CONSTANT CONTACT. There is no cost to you.

There are 2 ways in which you can sign up:

- Go to the SAE website and scroll down (near the bottom of the page) to the on-line SLICE registration box.
- Register on the computer in the front office next time you come in to the school.

Our intention is to be paperless as of September 1st. Therefore, the SLICE will be sent home the first three weeks of this school year. After that, check your e-mail or the website.



## WOLFIE'S WORDS OF WISDOM

The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.

## 2009-10 School Year

### First Semester

Aug. 3-7	Pre-planning
Aug. 10	First Day of School
Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 16	Early Release Day*
Oct. 9	Teacher Workday (students off)
Oct. 14	Early Release Day*
Nov. 18	Early Release Day*
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 18	End of Semester
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Winter Holidays
Jan 4.	Teacher Workday (students off)

### Second Semester

Jan. 5	First Day of Second Semester
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb. 12	Student/Teacher Holiday
Feb. 15	Presidents Day Holiday
Feb. 24	Early Release Day*
Mar. 12	Teacher Workday (students off)
Mar. 24	Early Release Day*
Apr. 5-9	Spring Break
May 21	Last Day of School
May 24-25	Teacher Workdays
May 31	Memorial Day holiday

\*\*\*Students dismissed starting at 11:15



## Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming early this year. Mark your calendars! The fair will run from Sept. 11 - 17<sup>th</sup>. More details will be coming to you in the next few weeks.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 14-16	Tanner Family Photos
<b>Aug. 18</b>	<b>Linda Schultz Community Mtg. 9:30 am @ SAE</b>
Aug. 18	Boy Scout Night 6-7:30pm
<b>Aug. 19</b>	<b>PTA General Mtg. 8:15 Volunteer Mtg. 9:00</b>
Aug. 19	Curriculum Night Kdg. 2nd & 5th
<b>Aug. 20</b>	<b>Curriculum Night 1st, 3rd &amp; 4th</b>
Aug. 25	Chick-Fil-A-Night 5-8
<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>Hearing &amp; Vision Screening 1st, 3rd, 5th</b>

## BIRTHDAY TREAT SCHEDULE

- Kindergarten Second Tuesday of the month
- First Grade Second Thursday of the month
- Second Grade Second Wednesday of the month
- Third Grade Third Tuesday of the month
- Fourth Grade Third Friday of the month
- Fifth Grade Third Wednesday of the month

You may provide a birthday snack on the day designated above in the month that your child has a birthday. Please coordinate with other parents of children with birthdays in the same month.

**Cut and save this schedule for future use.**



Mark your calendar for  
**Grandparents Day &  
Book Fair Sneak Peek**  
Friday, Sept. 11  
More info. to come in your child's VIP

## NEWS FROM THE CAFÉ

It has been a great first week in the SAE Café. As you know, meal prices have gone up but they are still a great value. We also meet all guidelines for fat, cholesterol and sugar.

Feel free to call and check on your child's account. If the account goes in the negative, I will send a "charge notice" home. Please rectify it as soon as possible.

I look forward to dining with your children each day.  
Kathy Amos, Cafeteria Manager

## COUNSELING CORNER

We are pleased to welcome all students. The school counselors at SAE are here to serve all students and families through a combination of classroom guidance, small group guidance and individual counseling.. This year, Ms. Lynn Haldaman will support grades K,3 and 4. Mr. Tom Perrine will work with grades 1, 2 and 5. You may keep up with our monthly topics on the Sweet Apple website. Let's have a successful 2009-10 school year!

## "Thank You" from the PTA...

Wow! We are off to a great start after the amazing turnout for the OPEN HOUSE! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who planned, and planned, and planned, and worked at the Open House! A BIG THANK YOU also goes to Mr. Forti and Ms. Toomer... they are true partners with our PTA... they are supportive, helpful, and encouraging and we appreciate them so much! We also appreciate the many parents and teachers who have already joined PTA, signed up to Volunteer, bought Spirit Wear, or have helped in any way. Your support is vital to the success of our organization and school! We also want to thank Angie Carter for her recent efforts to frame and hang our various PTA award certificates and for updating the award plaques in the lobby!

## Show Your Sweet Apple Spirit!

Based on the overwhelming demand for the girl's and ladie's "Pink Peace, Love, Paw Print t-shirts," additional shirts have been ordered and will be available for purchase during the Curriculum Nights next week.

In addition, we have many additional items that will be available for sale, including boy's and girl's short-sleeve, long-sleeve and tie-dye t-shirts, sweatshirts, notepads, magnets, Smencils and Bruster's coupons. Please make sure to bring your checks or cash and show your Sweet Apple Spirit! We look forward to seeing you there!

## Notable Notes from Knowledge Points

### READY. SET. GO!

Starting the school year off right!

Starting the year off right is a goal every child and parent sets for themselves. Achieving that yearly goal is as simple as looking at 4 areas that make a big impact on how the rest of the year will go.

**Area 1: Agenda's and Advance Planning.** The school agenda is the first tool in teaching your child how to plan in advance, keep track of homework, plan projects, keep up with outside activities and learning time management skills.

Set 10-15 minutes aside on Sunday nights and have your child open their agenda to the coming week. Use the blank spaces at the end of the day to write in outside activities, homework and study times, family activities and study and project times. Don't forget to include the times when these things will take place. *Don't forget the weekends.*

*You are teaching them to start seeing the bigger picture; to anticipate what is coming up, set goals, prioritize and plan their own schedule. They are also learning how to manage their time on a day to day basis and do long term planning for projects, tests and other activities.*

### Emergency Procedures

All Fulton County schools are required to conduct two safety evacuation drills within the first ten days of school, as well as monthly safety drills during the school year. Teachers and staff members discuss and practice procedures with students to ensure they know how to respond when and/or if an emergency situation arises.

Additionally, in the event of an emergency which necessitates evacuation of the school, students and staff will go to Roswell High School. The administrative staff will provide directions for assembly, transportation and communication.

If you are visiting the building during one of our monthly safety drills or during an emergency situation, please follow the directions of the school administrators and staff.

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