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LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Don't forget to join us at the SAE Carnival this Sunday from 2-6pm. This is a fun, family event for all to enjoy. You won't want to miss it. If you haven't pre-purchase tickets they will be \$15 for students, parents and children under 3 are free.

Special thanks to Jesse Puckett, Dina White and their team for planning and coordinating another fantastic Spirit Week. Students dressed, wacky, supported their favorite team, wore pajamas, were patriotic and wore school Spirit Wear throughout the week. The school was decorated with banners, streamers and posters made by the students. We also had a couple of surprise visits from "Wolfie" our school mascot. Parents will have the opportunity to see all of the decorations as you come to school for conferences the next two weeks.

Next week we will observe "National Walk to School Days" on Tuesday, October 6th and Wednesday, October 7th. Students and parents may walk to school from home or park and walk from the parking lot at North River Baptist Church. National Walk to School Day promotes student wellness by encouraging students to increase their physical activity.

Parents are welcome to attend our next Local School Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 7:30am. I will be reviewing our school plan for this school year along with results from last year.

In closing, please remember that next Friday, October 9th is a Teacher Workday and Conference Day. Students do not attend school on this day.

-Lenny Forti, Principal

Partners in Education

Chick-Fil-A

Children's Dentistry

Knowledge Points

KooKoo Bear Kids

Mathnasium

North River
Baptist Church

Publix
King Plaza

Publix
Village Walk

Shane's Rib Shack

Starbucks

Tara Humata

PTA Information

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continuous updates at:
www.sweetapplepta.com*

Dates to Remember

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| Oct. 4 | SAE Carnival 2-6pm |
| Oct. 6 & 7 | Walk to School Days |
| Oct. 7 & 8 | 5th Grade Trip to Rock Eagle |
| Oct. 8 | Story Time at KooKoo Bear Kids |
| Oct. 9 | Teacher Workday No School |
| Oct. 10 | Roswell Youth Day Parade |
| Oct. 13 | EPMS Cluster Concert 7pm |
| Oct. 14 | Early Release Day-Dismissal 11:15 |
| Oct. 15 | LSAC Meeting 7:30am Media Center |
| Oct. 15 | 4th & 5th Grade Chorus Concert 7pm |
| Oct. 21 | "Fitness w/ Forti" Bike Around Sweet Apple |
| Oct. 22 | 4th Grade Lunch Bunch |
| Oct. 22 | Story Time at KooKoo Bear Kids |
| Oct. 23 | 5th Grade Lunch Bunch |
| Oct. 27 | Boosterthon Student Pep Rally |

Wolfie's Words of Wisdom



Education is more than filling
a child with facts.
It starts with posing questions.

SAE CARNIVAL

The CARNIVAL is SUNDAY!!!

**You won't want
to miss this one!**



This is a Fabulous, Fun, Family Event. Please join us for this Awesome Afternoon of Activities and Food! We THANK YOU for your support of Sweet Apple Elementary and the PTA!

Roswell Youth Day and Parade

Roswell Celebrates

"Our Heroes"

for the

59th ANNUAL YOUTH DAY PARADE!

Saturday, October 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Story Time at KooKoo Bear Kids

October Times and Dates for

"Story Time"

at KooKoo Bear Kids

10:00am 1:30pm 4:00pm

October 8th "I Can Do It Myself"
Written by: Diane Adams
Illustrated by: Nancy Hayashi

October 22nd "Albert the Fix-it Man"
Written by: Jane Lord
Illustrated by: Julie Paschkis

October 29th "Trick or Treat on Monster Street"
Written by: Danny Schnitzlein
Illustrated by: Matt Faulkner



Technology Club

Sweet Apple Technology Club

Have you thought about entering the Fulton County Technology Fair but you just don't know where to start? Have you just been curious about how to use the computer to do some cool stuff? The Technology Club is open to 4th and 5th grade students who wish to learn more about using technology to create projects. There will be 10 sessions this school year. The topics covered will be: multimedia applications, non-animated graphic design, digital photography, digital video editing, and internet applications. This will not include keyboarding or robotics. The hope is that having time with the technology will spark some kids to submit entries for the Fulton Technology Fair, but it is not a requirement.

The club will meet from 2:45-4:00. Students will need to have access to a digital camera and have their own flash drive. Students will be given a software list in case parents want to download or purchase home copies of some of the programs used at school. Many of the categories for the Technology Fair require students to have the program loaded on a laptop so they can explain the creation process.

Parents, please be sure your child is committed to attending because only 20 spaces are available.

Tech Club will meet Thursdays

October 15th-Jan 21st*

2:45-4:00

*no meetings on 11/5, Thanksgiving Day , 12/17, or during Winter Break.

Club participants will be selected, by random drawing from the applications that are turned in by the deadline.

(cut below and keep top portion)

I give my child _____ permission to attend the Sweet Apple Technology Club.

I understand that I will be responsible for arriving in the computer lab to pick up my child at 4:00 on the days that the club meets.

Parent signature _____

e-mail address _____

Student name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

***Application Deadline: Thursday, October 8, 2009

You will be notified by e-mail on Oct. 9 if you are selected in the random drawing.

Flu Vaccinations

We will be offering flu vaccinations for students and parents as part of our Health & Wellness initiative. The vaccine (injection and mist) will be offered on **October 6th and October 27th** (for those needing follow-up vaccinations). The cost is \$25. Payment will be accepted at the time that the injection is administered. If you are interested, please contact the ladies at the front desk.

Notable News from Knowledge Points

Bringing the Writing Home... Without the Frustration!

Step 5: Publishing-This is the 5th and final step. After they have planned, organized, written a rough draft, done a revision, and then an edit, they are ready to rewrite (or type) their final work.

This final draft should be spotless. Presentation is half the battle. If it looks sloppy or there are mistakes within the first few sentences, then they have already set an expectation of mediocrity. A final draft should be done 1-2 days before the paper is due. This allows for any last minute revisions/changes before it is handed in.

We have now gone through all 5 steps in the writing process. Understand that the younger the student, or the weaker their skills are, you will have to break down each of these 5 steps into smaller lessons in order to not overwhelm your child.

The more advanced your child is (or becomes), you will see them doubling up and overlapping these steps, such as planning and writing a rough draft in one sitting making small revisions along the way, or doing an edit and final draft on the same day.

Remember, your child has to start where they are at and it may take a while to get them to where they need to be. Be patient. By following the 5 steps of the writing process, breaking them down into manageable chunks, and giving your child tools to help during the process, you will see the frustration drop and the grades go up.

If you would like a copy of a scoring rubric, an editing checklist, or further information on how to help your child, please contact KnowledgePoints at www.knowledgePoints.com or 678-240-0936.

Clinic Needs

If your child has outgrown their clothes, we ask that you recycle them. The Clinic is in desperate need of children's shorts, pants, sweatpants and jeans. They have plenty of tops, but bottoms are always needed.

Please have your child drop them off at the clinic and know that they will be put to good use.

Thank you for your donations.

Mrs. Serwotka & Mrs. Hotchkiss in the Clinic

Rap & Snack

"RAP-AND-SNACK" THANKS

Over 200 students participated in our recent 'Rap-and-Snack' book club meetings!! Thank you to Sweet Apple's teachers, staff and parent volunteers for making this a fun and successful event. Special thanks to Babs Alexander, Cynthia Kornetzke, Paige Santmeyer, Melanie Pickett, Roswell Library and Barnes and Noble book store for all their help.

Our next 'Rap-and-Snack' meeting will be held in February. Please look out for information in the Slice and the Sweet Apple PTA website in the new year.

Pat Travers and Renee Minahan (PTA Book Club Chairs)

Reflections Information

Reflections 2009-2010 "Beauty Is. . ."

With one month left to go, now is the time to get started on Reflections entries. Parents please reference the web site, <http://www.georgiapta.org/leadership-reflections.html> to download the entry forms and rules and regulations. It is important to check the rules pages due to size limitations and other specific procedures for each category. All entry forms MUST have an artist statement and parent signature.

All entries must be turned in ON Friday, October 23rd between 7:20-8:00. We will be in the atrium to accept all artwork. We can't wait to see your child's creative masterpieces.

As always, you can reach Tracy Shinnars at trshinnars@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns.

Flood Victim "Jeans" Drive

Jeans Donations Needed

Junior Girlscout Troop 25332 is conducting a "Jeans Drive" for the recent Georgia flood victims.

Please donate new, worn or outgrown clean jeans. All sizes are accepted, including adults, children and toddlers. The Junior Girlscouts will be collecting thru next week. They will be at the school each morning to receive the items.

All donations will go to the Red Cross. Thank you!

Walk to School Days

PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Sweet Apple Elementary will host its 3rd annual Walk to School Day on Tuesday, October 6th and Wednesday, October 7th 2009. Families from nearby neighborhoods will be walking to school. Other families who are farther away will drive to school and do a one mile walk around the school trail at 7:15 am.

If you prefer, you are also invited to walk with the families around the trail at 7:15 am. Mayor Jere Wood will be joining us on Wednesday morning.

This walk is part of International Walk to School Day and last year schools in all 50 states walked on this day.

Sweet Apple includes this walk as part of the Healthy Kids initiative that includes a healthy tips newsletter, free after school sports activities with the Mr. Forti and more.

For additional information, please contact Heather Trainor at heather@johntrainor.com or 770-310-5325.

For more information on Walk to School day, please see <http://www.walktoschool-usa.org/about/index.cfm>

Thank you for subscribing to the Sweet Apple SLICE. Look for the weekly additions each Friday during the school year. For additional information, please go to the SAE website: www.fultonschools.org/school/sweetapple.

Sincerely,

The Administration and Staff of
Sweet Apple Elementary

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