



The Lion's Roar

'Recognize the Roar'

Autrey Mill Middle School

November 16, 2009

Calendar of Events

Nov. 18 Career Day

Early Release Day
Students Dismissed at 12:55 p.m.

Nov. 23 7:00 p.m. Fall Play

Nov. 25—27 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 10 PTA Lunch

Dec. 10 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Winter Concert Shows

Dec. 15 Exams Lang. Arts & Science

Dec. 16 Exams Math & Social Studies

Dec. 17 Exams Reading & World Lang.

Dec. 18 Last Day of Semester

Students of the Month

November Students of the Month!

Every month a group of Autrey Mill teachers selects students to be honored as Autrey Mill's **Student of the Month**. Students are chosen based on their good citizenship, responsibility, and overall kindness toward others.

Each student is invited by Dr. Ferrell to eat lunch in the media center with a friend of their choosing. This month's Business Partner, **Chick-Fil-A**, donated **Ice Dream** sundaes for the Student of the Month luncheon.

6th Grade

Tatiana F.
Catherine C.
Fatima F.
Seth S.
Carmella I.
Allie L.
Shaun D.
Josh C.
Fiona V.
Anna S.
Kennedy K.
Timo C.
Meredith M.
Moo Jin K.
Sharon S.

7th Grade

James B.
Peyton M.
Alyssa S.
Nick M.
Nash B.
Andres R.
Akash H.
Marlie H.
Chan P.
Sarah D.
Sofia B.
Madison D.
Yuna K.
Hayley L.

8th Grade

Santiago T.
Elisabeth S.
Devon F.
Kashian S.
Ryan C.
Jackie H.
Adriel M.
Andrew K.
Kate J.
Meredith P.
Nick L.
Tate K.
Katie B.
Megan R.

Congratulations!



AMMS Drama Club Wins 1st Place!

The Autrey Mill Middle School Drama Club won the state **One Act Festival** this weekend at Carver Middle School in Monroe, Georgia. The AMMS Drama Club presented "**The Audition**" by Don Zolidis at the **Kotler Memorial One-Act 2009 State Festival for Middle Schools**. The cast and crew is made up of approximately 35 sixth, seventh and eighth graders. **Walker S., Sage W., Lauren G. and Jacob K.** took home awards for individual performances. **Maggie S.** led the crew backstage.

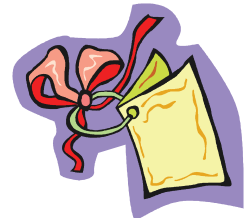
PTA News—We Need Your Help!

On Thursday, December 10th, the AMMS hospitality committee will host the annual Holiday Luncheon for all of the staff and teachers. We appreciate those who have donated gift cards so far, but we still need over 100 more so ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS can have a special gift. Please drop off a \$10 gift card to any great store, Starbucks, grocery, gas station (BE CREATIVE) at the front desk.

We also need great bakers to supply delicious desserts for the lunch! If you would like to help us, please contact Julie Abes at julieabes@h2sr.com and let her know what you can bring. Desserts must be dropped off either on Wednesday, December 9th (all day) or Thursday, December 10th before 10:00 am. Thank you so much!

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770-442-1984



Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Do something special for your middle school graduate!

Purchase an ad in the AMMS yearbook to show them how proud you are and wish them well in high school. You can create it directly on-line and, **Jostens®** will take care of the rest. Your support of the ad program allows us to fund extra pages for our fabulous yearbook. http://shop.jostens.com/yrbk_recognition.asp



Student Council News

SAVE LIDS TO SAVE LIVES

Now through December 18 Student Council representatives are collecting **pink Yoplait®** yogurt lids. The **Yoplait®** company donates ten cents to **Breast Cancer Research** for every lid. Please send clean, **pink Yoplait®** lids to school with your child – every lid gets us closer to the cure!



What Drama!

The Autrey Mill Middle School (AMMS) Drama Club and 8th Grade Drama Class will be presenting three one act plays under the billing, ***A Night of One Acts*** on Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. on the AMMS stage. All productions are under the direction of Mrs. Amy Creamer, AMMS Drama teacher and Drama Club sponsor.

The Audition, presented by the AMMS Drama Club, recently won a **superior rating** at the **2009 Kotler Memorial One-Act Competition** in Monroe, GA. The play deals with the funny and sometimes serious behind-the-scenes moments of students at a high school auditioning for the school play. The talented cast is made up of 6th, 7th and 8th graders and features monologues, song and dance. **Rachel E., Caroline C., Lauren G., Walker S. and Sage W.** were awarded certificates for their performances at the competition. Ms. Liz Goodwin choreographed the show.

The 8th grade Drama Class will be presenting two contrasting plays. The first, ***School Daze***, takes a light-hearted look into the first day of middle school for both new and returning students. The play asks the questions that run through every middle-schooler's head: Is middle school going to be scary? Will the teachers be nice? Will I make it to class on time? Who will I sit with at lunch?

The Tale That Wagged the Dog, the second play presented by the 8th grade Drama Class, takes place in a Boston hotel in the 1870's and depicts the story of Rudolph, the valet of the famous waltz king, Johann Strauss, who has made a side business selling off locks of his employer's hair to adoring female fans. Rudolph's no-nonsense, hardworking wife Trudi has other ideas on how her husband should spend his time.

All three plays are backed by the solid work of the students who work backstage crew, and are under the direction of 8th grader **Maggie S.**, Technical Director.

To find out who makes the school play, how the students survive their first day of middle school and how Rudolph's business is doing, attend the one and only performance of ***A Night of One Acts***. Tickets can be purchased in the front rotunda before school the week before the show as well as at the door. General admission price is \$5. All proceeds go the Drama Club.



From the Counselors' Corner

CRCT Reading preparation is underway at AMMS! During the month of November, students will practice with a variety of reading passages. They will focus on the following skills:

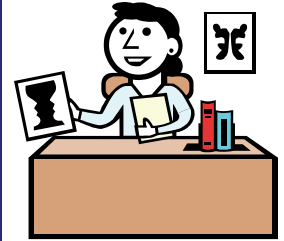
- Reading comprehension
- Strategies for effectively reading the given passage
- Strategies for effectively answering questions related to the passage
- How to eliminate answer choices
- Using vocabulary in context

To reinforce these skills at home, have students check out the Language Arts section of Brain Pop on the AMMS website- Student Resources page. If you have questions or concerns about the CRCT, please contact your grade level counselor.

6th grade- Sogol Zebarjadi

7th grade- Lyn Shiver

8th grade- Fran Meredith



Community News

Tryouts for Jr. Gladiator Boys' Lacrosse!

When: Saturday, December 5, 2009
 Time: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
 Place: Johns Creek High School Stadium field

Now is the time to get in on the fastest growing game in the South. Tryouts are open for 6th—8th grade boys in the Johns Creek High School district. Information packet and tryout forms are on the website: www.juniorgladiatorlacrosse.com



Mark Your Calendars for a Great Community Event!

The Johns Creek High School basketball program has organized a community-wide basketball game between the Johns Creek fire department and the Alpharetta public safety department (police and fire).

The basketball game will be held at the Johns Creek High School gym on **Johns Creek's Founders Day**, which is **Saturday, December 5th**. The community event is to show appreciation for our area public safety departments. The game will start around 6:00 p.m. immediately following the boys' varsity basketball game which begins at 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free!

