



The Lion's Roar

'Recognize the Roar'

Autrey Mill Middle School

November 2, 2009

A Message From the Principal:

Greetings from Autrey Mill!

Tuesday, November 3rd will be a special day at Autrey Mill as one of our very own students will serve as **Principal for a Day!** All families who joined the PTA at the red carpet or platinum level earned one entry into the **Principal for a Day** contest. Eighth grader, **Brett G's** name was drawn early last month, and he will serve as principal on Tuesday.

Brett has been at Autrey Mill for all three years of middle school. He went to State Bridge Elementary school from kindergarten through fifth grade. Brett likes soccer and plans to try out for wrestling. He also enjoys football. Brett has two brothers and a dog named Shadow. Although Brett is not exactly sure what he wants to do as an adult, he hasn't ruled out education as a field of interest. He may want to be a social studies teacher, and he thinks being a principal might be interesting.

Brett says that if he was the principal of Autrey Mill he would implement a 15 minute recess for all students and would incorporate more games into the school day. As Brett observes teachers with me on November 3rd, he will be looking for teachers who are "fun, enthusiastic, and don't get mad easily!"

Congratulations to Brett for being selected as **Principal for a Day!**

Ann Ferrell

Calendar of Events

Nov. 4 5:00 p.m.
Volleyball vs.
RTMS
(HOME)

Nov. 5 4:00-5:30 p.m.
7th Grade
Dance

Nov. 6 5:00 p.m.
Volleyball vs.
Haynes Br.
(AWAY)

Nov. 13 5:00 p.m.
Volleyball vs.
WBMS
(HOME)

Nov. 18 **Early Release
Day**
Students
Dismissed at
12:55 p.m.

Career Day

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

Nov. 25—27
Thanksgiving
Break

PTA News—We Need Your Help!

Each year the staff at AMMS is treated to a big holiday luncheon in early December. We like to show them how much we appreciate them and wish them **"Happy Holidays"** by giving each staff member a gift card. These are donated by our parents. This year, we are asking for gift cards in \$5 or \$10 increments, so each teacher will be able to have one. They can be to any store, restaurant, gas station, grocery...GET CREATIVE! Just have your child drop them off at the front office in an envelope to our attention. We hope this will give you plenty of time to get this done before the real holiday rush begins!

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you so much!

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From the Counselors' Corner

AMMS is committed to creating a learning environment in which every student feels safe and secure. To assist in doing so, the counselors have addressed the entire student body on teasing and harassment through classroom guidance lessons. Students seemed receptive as the following was explained:

- Teasing/harassment is any behavior that is done on purpose with the intent to hurt someone. It is behavior that continues even after you have been told to stop.
- Teasing/harassment can be verbal, emotional, physical, sexual, or electronic.
- AMMS addresses issues of teasing/harassment by...
 - 1st offense— immediate consequence in classroom
 - * Ex. Strike, seat change, discussion with teacher
 - 2nd offense—meeting with grade level counselor
 - 3rd offense and any there after—office referral
- Students with concerns about teasing/harassment should talk with an adult. AMMS counselors can be contacted in the Counseling Office or as follows:
 - 6th grade- Mrs. Zebarjadi
 - * 770-521-7622, ext. 132
 - zebarjadi@fultonschools.org
 - 7th grade- Mrs. Shiver
 - * 770-521-7622, ext. 131
 - shiverl@fultonschools.org
 - 8th grade- Mrs. Meredith
 - * 770-521-7622, ext. 136
 - meredithf@fultonschools.org

The Counseling Department is currently looking at student survey data to determine necessary follow-up activities for the remainder of the school year. Parents are welcome to view the classroom guidance PowerPoint presentations by following the link to the [counseling web page](#).

Tennis Anyone?

Do you like to play tennis?

Tennis players of all levels are welcome to join the **Double Aces** tennis program! Autrey Mill tennis players will have the opportunity to play matches against other North Fulton middle schools on Saturday mornings beginning November 14th and running through mid-December. For those players interested in lessons after school, join us at the AMMS courts on Tuesday afternoons from 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

The Double Aces program is administered by **Tennis Kids and Teens, Inc.** with local merchants as sponsors. Applications are at the front office, or see Coach Buice. Call Melissa Anthony at 770-778-1715 with questions. Check out the website: www.tenniskidsandteens.com.



7th Grade Fall Dance

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Thursday, November 5th
4:00—5:30 p.m.
\$5.00

Calling all 7th Graders!

Put on your neon shirts and dancing shoes and join all of your classmates in the AMMS cafeteria.

- Music with a DJ
- Pizza and Drinks (included in price)
- Photos for \$1.00
- Candy for 25¢ and 50¢

Tickets can be purchased from November 2—5th before school in the 7th grade hallway. Come and join an afternoon of fun with your friends!

(Parents please pick up your children promptly at 5:30 p.m.)



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!



AMMS Spirit Days at Chick-Fil-A—Coming

Get ready to **“Eat more chicken!”** Chick-Fil-A® at Alpharetta Commons is our November **Business Partner of the Month**. On November 10th, 11th and 12th **Chick-Fil-A®** at Alpharetta Commons will host **Autrey Mill Spirit Days**. On those days 20% all profits from Autrey Mill families will go back to Autrey Mill. The winning team will get a free chicken biscuit breakfast. Last year the Aviators won. Who will it be this year?

Stay tuned for more information coming in the next Lion's Roar.



We Didn't Invent The Chicken,
Just The Chicken Sandwich.®

Career Day '09—Volunteers Needed

Career Day '09
November 18th 2009
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

The faculty of Autrey Mill, the PTA, and the Johns Creek Rotary Club co-sponsor this fun event, and we are looking forward to another successful Career Day this year!

We will have speakers for all three grades, so we are looking for 50 people who are willing to speak to groups of 30 students each during four 30 minute periods. IF you can volunteer, please contact the PTA parents below, who are lining up the speakers. Please let us know your contact information (e-mail, mailing address, and phone number) , a description of your career, and if you have a child at Autrey Mill. (If so, please tell us the name and the grade.) Thank you!

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Future Focus Fair—November 14th at Georgia Tech

Fulton County Schools will be holding its first **Future Focus Fair** on **Saturday, November 14th, 2009**. All parents of 7th -12th grade students attending Fulton County schools are invited to come and hear advice on how to best prepare their children for a variety of post secondary options.

This event will take place at the Georgia Tech Student Center between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be **Nancy McDuff**, *Associate Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management* at The University of Georgia. Ms. McDuff will also be serving as the moderator for a panel of guest speakers representing the following higher education institutions: Georgia Tech, Georgia Perimeter College, Spelman College, SCAD and Argosy University.

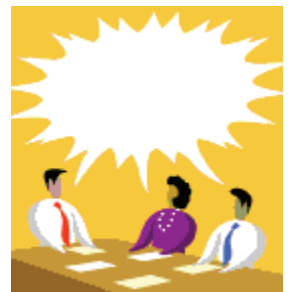
The panel discussion will be followed by break-out sessions featuring confirmed representatives from the following: GA DOE (CTAE), College Board, Georgia College 411, GA Student Financial Commission (HOPE), KAPLAN and the ROTC. There is free parking on Saturdays, and we hope many families will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



PTSA Special Needs Meeting—November 4th

The next PTSA Special Needs meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 4th** at Centennial High School, hall I – room 12, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. These meetings are open to all parents (no matter where your child goes to school), teachers, and anyone interested in helping special needs students.

Dr. Peter Scire will be speaking about **Brain Balance**. Brain Balance is a unique learning center designed to work with children suffering from autism, ADHD, dyslexia, learning delays, sensory processing, tics, Tourette's and other neurological issues. They typically work with children from pre-K to 9th grade. They have three centers, with one located on Crossville Road in Roswell. Feel free to check out their web site www.brainbalancega.com. Contact Bonnie Petrukovich at tpetrokovich@charter.net or 770 642-6810 for more information.



Community News

Online Education Now Available for Middle Schoolers

The **Georgia Virtual School** (GAVS) division of the Georgia Department of Education has expanded its online course offerings to meet the demands of middle school students as well as those in high school. While most courses are designed to provide opportunities for accelerating the curriculum or retaking a class, other courses are alternatives to the traditional music, art, and business electives.

The classes follow Georgia Performance Standards and are taught by highly-qualified certified teachers. Tuition is \$150 per course. The nine-week courses are preceded by an orientation that familiarizes the student with the online platform. Students can register for classes in math, science, language arts, Spanish, French, and electives in health care science or career management.

Historically, GAVS students have scored higher on End-of-Course tests than their brick-and-mortar counterparts. Since different students log into GAVS courses at different times of the day and work at different paces, GAVS teachers can communicate and work with students one-on-one. There actually IS someone on the other end of the computer. However, students also get to know each other via online discussion boards and weekly live classroom chats.

Every school system in Georgia has a facilitator who acts a liaison between the student and his or her brick-and-mortar school to ensure that a student's final grade in a GAVS course is reported to his/her school.

Registration is now open for spring courses. To register, you will need you're your child's GTID (Georgia Testing Identifier) number. If you do not know it, contact your child's school counselor.

For more information, go to <http://www.gavirtualschool.org/>. If you have additional questions, please contact Julie Floyd at julie.floyd@doe.k12.ga.us.



New Johns Creek High Youth Wrestling Program

Would you like to get your child involved in a safe, fun sport with a long and storied tradition, that breeds great discipline and dedication?

The new Johns Creek High School wrestling team is starting their inaugural **youth wrestling** for kids ages 5 to 14. Our youth wrestlers will have access to excellent facilities and instruction, and will experience the excitement of competitive wrestling. There is opportunity for all to compete, and wrestling provides great conditioning, even for younger participants. We will work hard and have fun!

Sign ups are **Tuesday November 10th, 2009** starting at **6:15 p.m.** in the Johns Creek Wrestling Room. On **Sign up Night**, you'll meet Georgia 2001 State Wrestling Champion Josh Sims, Head Coach of Johns Creek High School, and the team will have practice immediately after sign ups. Once you've wrestled, you'll never turn back! Come and be part of a tradition in the making, Johns Creek Youth Gladiators!

Program fee is \$175.00, and the program runs November through February. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the wrestling room at Johns Creek High School. For more information please contact **Coach Josh Sims** at SimsJ@fulton.k12.ga.us, or Booster Club Representative **Rob Murphy** at remurph@yahoo.com, or check out the wrestling page at johnscreekglad.com.

