



The Lion's Roar

'Recognize the Roar'

Autrey Mill Middle School

October 12, 2009

Calendar of Events

Oct. 14 Early Release Day

(Students Dismissed at 12:55 p.m.)

Oct. 19-23

Book Fair

Oct. 20 7:00 p.m.

Orchestra Concert

Oct. 21 6:00 p.m.

8th Grade Parent Mtg. Georgia Trip

Oct. 22 7:00 p.m.

Band Concert

Oct. 23 5:00 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Holcomb Br. (HOME)

Oct. 27 7:00 p.m.

Chorus Concert

Oct. 28-30

8th Grade Georgia Studies Trip

A Message from the Principal:

Greetings from Autrey Mill!

In the past few weeks, we have noticed many children getting checked out very close to the end of the day...sometimes as late as 3:50...five minutes before school is out.

Calling into classrooms at any time of day for checkout is very disruptive, but is especially difficult near the end of the school day. **From this point forward, we will not be able to call children out of class for checkout after 3:30 p.m.**

Any time that you know in advance that you will be checking your child out of school, please send a note with your child indicating the time that he or she is to be checked out and have them bring it to the front office. Your note will serve as his or her pass out of class, and he or she can be waiting for you when you arrive. That way, we will not have to interrupt class.

If you have to check your child out of school unexpectedly, please come to the front office anytime **before 3:30**, and we will call him or her to the office for checkout. **Between 3:30 and 3:55 we ask that you wait in the carpool line for your child.** In addition, if you need to make your child aware of a change in their normal transportation home, please call the office before 3:30 p.m. so we have time to get a message to your child.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to limit interruptions to the school day.

Ann Ferrell

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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Business Partner of the Month—Mathnasium®



Mathnasium - Autrey Mill Parent Approved!

Does your Autrey Mill student struggle in math? If so, you might want to get to know our **October Business Partner of Month, Mathnasium**. Here's what Autrey Mill parents are saying about Mathnasium.

*"My daughter has been going to **Mathnasium** for 3yrs, and loves it! She has raised and kept her math grade up, and has gained tremendous self-confidence as a result."* J.L.T.

*"**Mathnasium** allows my children to excel in math, not merely just get through it. Chris Lee and his staff run an excellent program that makes learning math seem easy. **Mathnasium** is conveniently located and affordably priced, and best of all, my kids enjoy going. As a parent, I highly recommend looking into this program for your own children. You will be so glad you did!"* M.H.

Located just one mile from AMMS in the Carvel Shopping Center on Jones Bridge Road, **Mathnasium's** goal is to significantly increase your child's math skills, understanding of math concepts, and overall school performance, while building confidence and a positive attitude toward math.

"Chris Lee truly takes an interest by first identifying the weaknesses or problems, then working with the child to get them where they need to be. He also tries to make it fun, which the kids really appreciate!", says another AMMS parent.

Typically students participate in two sessions a week. The cost for middle school students is \$190 a month and includes 10 sessions. **Mathnasium** works with elementary students as young as second grade and high school students up to and including grade 12. They have had the pleasure of working with Autrey Mill families for the past four years.

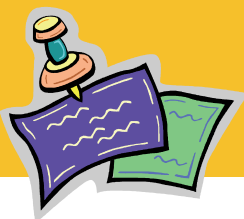
Autrey Mill would like to thank **Mathnasium** for their donation of ice cream cakes for our October Student of the Month luncheon.

For more information regarding Mathnasium, please email Chris Lee at johnscreek@mathnasium.com or call 770-343- MATH (6284). To see studies on their success rate go to: <http://www.mathnasium.com/results.htm>.

Jr. Beta News—Parent Information

To parents of 7th and 8th grade Jr. Beta members: You and/or your child should have received an email from either Ms. Hackler (7th grade) or Mrs. Yin (8th grade) this past Friday. If you did not, please check with your child to be sure that he/she turned in the registration form and look in your email spam folder to see if the message might have been delivered there.

We look forward to a great year of community service together!



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.



Mark Your Calendars—Book Fair

Book Fair Coming Soon!

The Autrey Mill Book Fair will be held in the Media Center the week of **October 19 – 23**, from **8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** It will also be open before the orchestra and band concerts, October 20 and 22, respectively, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Come and see what is new this year at the Book Fair!



Reflections

Reflections entries are due **October 19th**. All students entering the contest will be entered in a draw for a \$50 gift card of their choice: iTunes®, Barnes and Noble® or Hobby Lobby®. Entry forms are available in the media center. This year's theme: **"Beauty Is..."**

Get going, get creative! All work is to be dropped off in the media center.

On another note....

Think you have a good idea for a future Reflections contest? Enter the **Reflections** theme search contest. The winner receives \$100, and their idea will be presented at the National PTA/PTSA conference. Theme search entries are due October 16th and can be dropped off in the media center.



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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Yearbooks on Sale NOW!

Watch your mail for information regarding yearbook sales.

Orders are placed directly with our yearbook company, **Jostens**. **DO NOT send payment to school**. You may either mail in payment with the order form sent to you by the company, or you may pay on-line using the order number given on your invoice.

If you have registered at AMMS within the last few weeks, you will not receive an order form from **Jostens**. You may go to <http://jostens.com/yearbook/index.asp> to place a new order.

The year book price is \$37. This include a full color yearbook, the child's name on the cover, and a DVD full of extra photos from the year. Parents of 8th graders will have the opportunity to place an ad in honor of their children at a later date.

Don't miss out on the excitement!



Community News

Community Health Fair – FREE!

On **Friday, October 23** from **5:00 – 9:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 24** from **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** a Health Fair will be held at 77 East Crossville Road, Roswell, GA 30075. This event is primarily for families with limited or no health benefit resources and will include medical, dental, vision, and chiropractic professionals, as well as many standard screenings and vaccinations.

For more information, [Click here](#).



Community News—Continued



Johns Creek Gladiators vs. Arabia Mountain High School
The Coliseum—Johns Creek HS Stadium
Friday, October 16
7:30 p.m.

Come out and support the Gladiators and **“Cheer for the Cure”** as the Johns Creek Gladiators and fans support **Breast Cancer Awareness**.

It's a **“Pink Out”**
 All fans wearing **pink** will receive a Chick-Fil A coupon at the gate.

JCHS Orchestra Fall Concert

Under the direction of Mr. Young K. Kim, the John's Creek High School Orchestra will perform its Fall Concert on **Tuesday, October 13, 2009** at **7:00 p.m.** in the JCHS auditorium. We are extremely pleased with the synergy our musicians have achieved in such a short period of time and you will be also. Refreshments will be served immediately following the performance in the auditorium lobby. **Admission is free**, and we sincerely appreciate your support of the JCHS music program. For additional information, please contact ykkimy@gmail.com.



Play Ball – **Volleyball** that is!!

Did you know that volleyball is one of the fastest growing women's sports in Georgia?

GA5 Volleyball Club, a locally operated non-profit organization, would like the opportunity to tell you more about the exciting world of girls' volleyball, as we prepare for the upcoming travel volleyball season.

Girls ages 12 and under are invited to a Jamboree on **October 25th** from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Suwanee Sports Academy for free lessons and an introduction to the sport. Bring a friend or two; it's **FREE!**

Girls 13 and older should attend club tryouts on **October 27th** and **October 29th**. Check the website, www.GA5volleyball.com for more information and to pre-register or email Club Director, Rob Lutz, at flutz@ssasports.com.

