



# The Lion's Roar

*'Recognize the Roar'*

Autrey Mill Middle School

October 5, 2009

## Calendar of Events

Oct. 8 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
6th Grade  
Dance

Oct. 9 **Teacher  
Workday**  
(No School  
for Students)

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

## A Message from the Principal:

### *Greetings from Autrey Mill!*

October 9<sup>th</sup> is a teacher workday this year, and students will have the day off. Traditionally, this day has been used as a conference day. You are welcome to contact any teacher with whom you would like to meet and schedule a conference. He or she may schedule it for October 9<sup>th</sup>, or may schedule it before or after school or during planning, depending on your wishes. We will not schedule a conference for each student. We are confident that we do a good job of communicating by email, phone, and requested conferences. However, don't hesitate to contact any of your child's teachers if you desire a face to face conference.

It is my pleasure to tell you that we have been awarded two **Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Awards**. These awards are designed to honor schools that have scored at the highest level in performance on our state curriculum exams (CRCT.) We are being recognized for having one of the top ten highest percentage of students in the **"exceeds expectations"** score level. We received this award for achievement in Grade 6 in Science and Reading.

I am very proud of our students, teachers, and parents, and I am confident that these awards represent a great deal of hard work on everyone's part.

*Thank you for your continued support of our school.*

## 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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Lorena Rothfarb [lrothfarb@bellsouth.net](mailto:lrothfarb@bellsouth.net)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Dance

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Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>  
4:00—5:30 p.m.  
\$5.00

*Calling all 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!*

Come and enjoy the 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance with 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 at school from October 5—8<sup>th</sup> before school in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade hallway. Come and join an afternoon of fun with your friends!

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



## 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!



## PTSA Special Needs Parent Meeting—October 8<sup>th</sup>

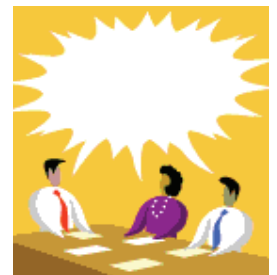
Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.  
Centennial High School – Hall I, Room 12 (Living Skills Room)

The speaker at this meeting will be from Georgia Community Support and Solutions (GCSS), a non-profit agency headquartered in Atlanta, created to provide community-based services and support to people with disabilities and their families. Currently, GCSS has over 300 employees who provide all levels of support in the community to people with a variety of needs, including residential support, employment services, respite care, family support, in-home care and day programs.

**These meetings are open to all parents (no matter where your child goes to school), teachers, and anyone interested in helping special needs students.**

Please join us to hear how GCSS can help our children.

For additional information, please contact Bonnie Petrukovich – Chairman,  
[tpetrukovich@charter.net](mailto:tpetrukovich@charter.net), 770 642-6810.



## Career Day '09—Volunteers Needed

### Career Day '09

November 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

Aleece Ackerman [aleece4@comcast.net](mailto:aleece4@comcast.net)  
Kristan Goldfein [Kristan.goldfein@gmail.com](mailto:Kristan.goldfein@gmail.com)

## 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!



## BOX TOP\$ for Education



### Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's that time again! Autrey Mill is once again getting into full swing with the 2009-2010 **Box Tops for Education** fundraising campaign. We earned nearly \$1,000 last school year, almost reaching our goal. This year, let's meet that goal of \$1,000 through the Box Tops!

**Box Tops for Education** is a school fundraising program sponsored by General Mills®. Since 1996, Box Tops has helped America's school raise over \$125 million to buy materials they need, such as library books and school supplies. The **Box Tops for Education** program offers school supporters three ways to earn cash for schools through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online, and making purchases with a credit card. Schools can earn a total of up to \$20,000 a year! Let's try to raise as much money as we can for Autrey Mill!

**Clip-** Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each when our school redeems them through **Box Tops for Education**.

**Shop-** Shop your favorite online stores at the Box Tops Marketplace. Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is donated to our school.

**Charge-** Earn a full 1% on every purchase for our school with the Box Tops Visa® card which can be used at over 200 million locations worldwide. Enjoy a low introductory APR and no annual fee,.

We will be doing an on going grade level competition. Students can drop off their Box Tops in their grade level box located in the **Media Center**. The school will collect submitted Box Tops and send them to General Mills. Twice a year, General Mills® will send our school a check worth \$.10 for each Box Top redeemed!

There is a link on Autrey Mill's website for details, so make sure to be looking for the Box Tops on the products you purchase. For more information on what products qualify, please go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Please help support Autrey Mill! All you have to do is **clip, shop, and charge!**

Sincerely,

Mandi Mitchell  
mitchellmh@fultonschools.org

## Community News

Play Ball – **Volleyball** that is!!

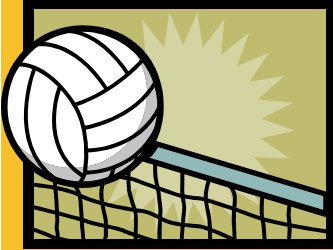
*Did you know that volleyball is one of the fastest growing women's sports in Georgia?*

**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.

**Parent information meetings** will be held at Suwanee Sports Academy on **October 7<sup>th</sup>** and **October 11<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Please plan on attending **one** of these sessions to find out more about GA5.

**Girls ages 12 and under** are invited to a Jamboree on **October 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 27<sup>th</sup>** and **October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Check the website, [www.GA5volleyball.com](http://www.GA5volleyball.com) for more information and to pre-register or email Club Director, Rob Lutz, at [flutz@ssasports.com](mailto:flutz@ssasports.com).



### 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](mailto:ykkimy@gmail.com).



### Community Bazaar at Northview High School October 10, 2009

The **Northview Girls Lacrosse Team** is organizing a community bazaar and second-hand sale in the Northview parking lot on **Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Please come and shop for goods! It's not too early for holiday shopping!

If you have any questions, please email Suzanne at [gadreault@comcast.net](mailto:gadreault@comcast.net).  
*Thank you for your support.*



### 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](#)

