

# Crabapple Crossing Elementary School

## Principal's Newsletter

George B. Freiberger, Ed.S, Principal

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### From the Principal's Desk.....

Dear Crabapple Crossing Families,

Much has happened at Crabapple Crossing in the last few weeks and there is still more to come!

In April, we completed the CRCT for the 2010-2011 school year. Our students and teachers worked very hard to prepare for this important assessment, and I look forward to seeing our results.

We will receive notification of the students who scored at level 1 ("does not meet expectations")

by Wednesday, May 18. Kimberly Bowsher or I will contact all parents of these students as soon as we get that information.

Individual student reports will arrive at our school sometime later in May. Historically, these reports are sent to us after school is dismissed for the summer. We will mail all results to students' home addresses so please make sure we have your current address if you have changed residences.

Field days are coming up soon (May 19<sup>th</sup> - Opening Ceremonies and Grades K-2, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Grades 3-5), and class parties on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. With all these events we still have much to teach and learn! Please encourage students to keep up the good work with on-time arrivals, plenty of rest, and a continued commitment to doing their best work right through the end of our school year! Let's keep our momentum going strong, learning lots, and being great citizens!

Have you seen the property that borders our carpool area? Last year, we began working on this additional play area. After evaluating the cost and scope of work, we reached out to various community groups and the City of Milton Parks and Recreation Department. Since October, CCES has partnered with the City of Milton to build a new park/play area here, scheduled to open in October, 2011. Included in this project will be a pavilion, walking trail, irrigated field, fitness stations, and a play pad area. I am very excited about this partnership! The park will meet many needs in our community as well as provide much needed space for our students to play. I want to personally thank the Milton City Council, Fulton County Board of Education, Cyndee Bonacci, Director of Milton Parks and Recreation, and countless others who have assisted me with this undertaking. After 8 years of working on the project, I am glad to finally see progress and a timeline for completion. Thank you for your support and patience as we work through this final stage.

Congratulations to our 5th graders who will be transitioning to Middle School next year. They have many achievements to be proud of and they have become wonderful role models to our younger students. They will be missed! We recently received our 5th grade writing scores and they are tremendous - 97% of our 5th graders met or exceeded standards!

The PTA, led by Holly Townsend and Ashley Paden, has been integral in our success and I want to thank them for their wonderful leadership. I also want to thank all the volunteers who helped this year's events run so smoothly.

Last but not least, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your support of Crabapple Crossing and our children. It has been a positive, fun-filled year with many new activities, and none of it would have happened without you. What a great year it's been!

I wish you a happy and safe summer and look forward to seeing all of your children's smiling faces when school begins in August.

GO COLTS!

George B. Freiberger, Ed.S  
Principal





**“CCE Colt Celebration”  
Bike/Walk to School Day**  
Wednesday, May 18th  
*Wear CCE Spiritwear!*

**CCES Olympic Field Day**

Please join us for our 6th annual Olympic Field Day on:  
Thursday, May 19th (K-2nd gr.) and  
Friday, May 20th (3rd -5th gr.)

We will kick off the celebration at 8 a.m on the 19th with our opening ceremony. The classes will parade onto the field in the colors representing their country. We will have a special presentation by senator John Albers and our guest speaker will be World Series Champion and former Atlanta Braves player Mark Wohlers. The events for both days will take place from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!



**End of Year Reminders**

**Clinic**

Medications in the clinic will need to be picked up by the last day of school, Friday, May 27th. Fulton County policy does not allow medications to be stored over the summer. Anything that is not picked up will be discarded.



**Lost and Found**



If you can't find your child's lunchbox, sweater, jacket, or coat, please stop by the school and check for it in the overflowing CCES lost and found located by the gym. Now is the time to claim missing items! Anything left at the end of the school year will be donated to various charities.



**Media Center**

All books are due back **now**. If you still have a checked out book, please return it ASAP. Remember, your child's report card will be held until all books are returned or paid for. Thank you for your cooperation.



**CCES  
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

Thursday, May 19 &  
Friday, May 20  
(all day during field day)

Room A 155 (Sadler's Art Room)

Please come by for a Light Breakfast,  
Lunch, and/or a Snack  
and give us the opportunity to  
*Thank You for all you do!*

**TOGETHER WE SHINE!**



**Looking Ahead.....**

- May 13-23 Spring Book Fair
- May 16 5th grade visits NWMS
- May 17 Katie Reeves' Community Meeting @ Lake Windward ES - 9:30 a.m.
- May 18 “CCE Colt Celebration” Bike/Walk to School  
Wear your favorite CCE Spiritwear
- May 19-20 Volunteer Appreciation
- May 19 Field Day - K,1,2, Volunteer Appreciation
- May 20 Field Day - 3,4,5, Volunteer Appreciation
- May 23 5th grade Breakfast with Dad
- May 24 5th grade Yearbook Signing & Donuts
- May 25 5th grade Promotion Ceremony @ NWMS
- May 26 5th grade Finale Party  
K-4 End of year parties
- May 27 Last Day of School, Report Cards go Home
- May 30 Memorial Day
- May 31-June 3 Post Planning



**HELP STAMP OUT LUNCH CHARGES**

On May 2, the cafeteria started to tighten the reins on lunch charges. If your child has charges over \$3.00, they will not be able to purchase any extras, including water or orange juice. Once their charges go over \$6.00, parents will begin receiving phone calls from the school to assist in having accounts balanced.



*PLEASE make sure your child has money on their account.* It's not too late to set up an account with [mealpayplus online](#). Even if you don't pay online, it is an easy way to check your child's account to see if they need money.

If you have not set-up an account with mealpayplus yet, please call our cafeteria manager, Wanza Malcom at 770-740-7078, and she will give you the student account number you need to get started. FYI, your child's account number is also on the charge letters that get sent home when your child's account is out of money.

**Note:** Any balance remaining on your child's account will be there when you return next school year. Even if they are going to middle school, their money follows them.

**2011-12 CCES Start and End Times (same as this year):**



Student Arrival 7:10 a.m.  
School Starts 7:40 a.m.  
Dismissal 2:20 p.m.

**August - Back to School!**

- August 10 Open House (8:00-10:00 a.m.)  
*Class lists will be posted at Open House*  
**NOTE: Class lists will not be available prior to this date**
- August 11 Back-to-School Night (for Parents only!)  
Kindergarten (5:30-7:00 p.m.)  
1st grade (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
- August 15 First Day of School
- August 16 Back-to-School Night (for Parents only!)  
2nd grade (5:30-7:00 p.m.)  
4th grade (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
- August 18 Back-to-School Night (for Parents only!)  
3rd grade (5:30-7:00 p.m.)  
5th grade (6:30-8:00 p.m.)



For the complete Fulton County 2011-2012 school calendar, [click here](#).



**Parent Perception Survey**

The confidential answers you provide will help your school's leaders plan improvement strategies. No identifying information about you or your child is collected. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete. [Take Survey](#)

**Final Redistricting Recommendation**

The final redistricting recommendation for 2012-13 North Fulton HS and MS boundaries has been posted on the [website](http://www.fultonschools.org/redistricting/), <http://www.fultonschools.org/redistricting/>. A web form has been created and posted on the website as well. Parents are encouraged to use this means of communication rather than email to ensure all Board members receive the feedback.



**Vote for the Fulton Education Foundation to receive 400,000 in Microsoft Software!**

The Fulton County School System has a chance to earn up to \$400,000 in free software from Microsoft! You can help by visiting [www.microsoftstore.com/giving](http://www.microsoftstore.com/giving) (which redirects to Microsoft Store's Facebook site) before May 26 and casting your vote for the Fulton Education Foundation. Microsoft will donate \$20 for every vote, and if voters post a message on their Facebook wall, Microsoft will donate an additional \$20. It's that easy! Please vote today and share with all of your Facebook friends!

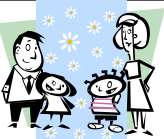
**Immunizations for Rising 6th Graders**

Ga. law requires that children entering 6th grade show proof of: \*Two doses of the measles vaccine, \*Two doses of the mumps vaccine, \*One dose of the rubella vaccine, and \*Two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or proof of immunity documented by a physician. If you know your child has had all of these immunizations, please ask your doctor to provide a new Cert. of Immunization (GA Form 3231). For your convenience, the doctor can fax the form directly to our office at (770) 667-2841. If you have questions, please call Lynn Greene at (770) 740-7055 ext. 129.



**Are You Applying to Private School?**

Please deliver transcript requests to the front office to be processed. Evaluation forms will be forwarded to your child's teacher and/or counselor. Records will be copied and sent to the requesting school, along with the completed evaluation forms. When submitting your request, please attach three stamps (do not place on an envelope). Your child's records will then be mailed to the requesting school via the U. S. mail. Please contact Lynn Greene, Data Clerk, at 770-740-7055 x 129 with questions.



**Spring Dress Code Reminders**

With the warmer weather upon us, please note these reminders from the CCES dress code: Short shorts, see-through clothing, and tee shirts containing inappropriate language or pictures are not permitted. Children are asked to refrain from wearing open-toe shoes or slides on the playground during recess. Students' clothing must cover the midriff. Sleeveless shirts should have bands at least three fingers wide. Shorts should be long enough to meet finger tips when arms are at rest by side.

**Spring Scholastic Book Fair**

The Spring Book Fair will be held in the atrium each day:

**Fri., May 13<sup>th</sup> – Mon., May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:15 a.m. – 3:p.m.**

All classes have been scheduled for a 30 minute time slot to Browse and Buy. Parents are highly encouraged to come and shop with their child's class. The Browse and Buy schedule was sent home with your child.

The Spring Book Fair raises funds for the Media Center to purchase new books and materials for the students and teachers at CCES. It will also give students an opportunity to select books for Summer Reading.

If you would like to volunteer to help at our Book Fair this year, please contact Jessica Jackson at [jacksonjm@fultonschools.org](mailto:jacksonjm@fultonschools.org) Thank you in advance for your support. ☺



**Welcome New Colts!**

New Student Registration

*We will be registering new students all summer long beginning June 1st on the following days and times:*

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Please be aware of the following registration requirements:**

**Age:** Georgia Law requires that children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 in order to enroll in Kindergarten. To enroll in first grade, children must be 6 years old on or before September 1.



**Documents:** *No student may register unless all required documents are in hand. Please review list below carefully.*

1. Parent Driver's License
2. Georgia Immunization Form 3231
3. Georgia State Hearing, Vision, & Dental Form 3300  
Note: both the pediatrician and dentist must fill out their portions of this form.
4. Child's Social Security Card
5. 2 Current Proofs of Residency (any 2 of the following)
  - Copy of home mortgage payment book
  - Copy of home contract
  - Current paycheck stub
  - Receipt to have utilities connected
  - Current bank statement
  - Apartment lease showing name of lessee
  - Homeowner's/Renter's insurance registration card
  - One current utility bill (gas, electric, or water only)
6. All new and returning students are required to have a notarized Affidavit of Residency.

When your registration is complete, students will be asked to sign up for a 30 minute assessment. Please bring your calendar to registration so that you will know your availability.

If you have any questions regarding the registration procedure, please contact Lynn Greene, 770-740-7055 x 129 or e-mail [greenecl@fultonschools.org](mailto:greenecl@fultonschools.org)



### **Fulton County Music Program Receives Honor**

For the 12th consecutive year, Fulton County has been named one of the "Best Communities for Music Education in America" by the NAMM Foundation. Fulton County is one of five school systems in Georgia included on this year's list.

Fulton County and Henrico County Public Schools in Richmond, Virginia are the only two school systems named to the list each year it has been published since 2000. Click [HERE](#) to view the complete list. Congratulations to the Music Department for

### **Writing Spark Ignited at Crabapple Crossing!!!**

**By Veronica B. Krapf, CST**

Each year, teachers read numerous books & articles on how to teach the fundamentals of writing, create amazing writing workshops in their classrooms, & attend numerous writing workshops. In addition, they receive direction from the curriculum specialist in their buildings, adhere to the Fulton County writing curriculum and, above all, TRY to ignite a WRITING SPARK in their students.



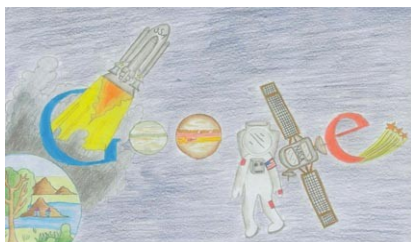
It gives me great joy to report to you that a "WRITING SPARK" has definitely been ignited inside the classrooms of our "MAGICAL" school this year. I can report this as a fact in our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms because Dr. Wayne Bellcross, Chief Assessment & Accountability Officer for Fulton County, recently announced that OUR writing scores increased by 18%.

The reason this 18% increase gives OUR 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students reason to PAUSE and CELEBRATE is because this means that 18% of our students who normally MEET standards on the GA Writing Assessment in years past increased their scores. Our MEETS students are now EXCEEDS students. This demonstrates that all of the time and effort that our school, teachers and students have put into writing this year has paid off. It is also important to note here that it is a difficult task for a student who is already MEETING writing standards to refine their writing craft enough to move into the EXCEEDS category.

In closing, we feel very validated this year to have initiated a writing curriculum fueled by Ruth Culham's "6 + 1 Traits of Writing" and Jeff Hick's TEACHING SPIN on Culham's philosophy. We have been actively finding our COMMON WRITING TEACHER LANGUAGE from Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year and we have experienced success. Our school is MAGICAL and OUR students & teachers are to be CELEBRATED for their efforts.

### **CCES Student is State Finalist Winner!**

Anika Vennel (gr. 3) is the Georgia State Finalist in the Doodle 4 Google contest in the K-3 age group. Her entry is shown below:



Congratulations, Anika!

"Space Exploring New Frontiers..."



### **CCE Kid's Green Team**

The CCE Kid's Green Team has been hard at work helping our school community to be more GREEN! This group was initiated by 3rd. grade student, Riley Fader, in October. The Green Team has worked hard to encourage fellow students at CCE to recycle glue sticks, glue bottles, expo markers and old batteries. The students made 40 receptacles for the collection of these items and distributed one to each classroom. After conducting a school wide collection of these recyclables, the items were sorted by the students and about 1000 glue stick cartridges were emptied and cleaned. The glue sticks were then boxed and brought to a local Wal Mart with the help of parent volunteers to be recycled! The old Expo Markers were donated to Northwestern Middle School where they will be used to make Wii markers. The children are very proud of their efforts to help reduce, reuse, and recycle. They look forward to continuing their efforts next year!



### **Earth Day 2010 DVD Wins \$1,000 for our School!**

Thank you to Jennifer Manual, mother of Bryce (1st) and Kinley (K) for making an Earth Day 2010 DVD that won our school \$1,000 from the Kroger: Earning Plus Learning project called, "Going Green!" Using hundreds of pictures and video, she created this artifact that demonstrated CCE's commitment to reducing, reusing, and recycling. We appreciate your hard work!

### **Clever Colts Participate in Cheetah Cup**

On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, students from Crabapple Crossing participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Math Olympiad Cheetah Cup at Creek View Elementary. Over 45 schools and 240 students participated in the competition at three different grade levels (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>). Crabapple Crossing was represented by two teams of students. These students worked very hard and practiced long hours to prepare for the competition. The 4<sup>th</sup> gr. team from CCE placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the team event. CCE is so proud of all of the students who represented our school so well. Go Clever Colts!



**4<sup>th</sup> grade team members:** Nithik Balachandran, Kareena Dash, Rachel Germany, Owen Schertz, Wilson Sutherland  
**5<sup>th</sup> grade team members:** Mitchell Blair, Josh Germany, Maddy Maurer, Anuhya Tadepalli, Nihar Thatipamula



### **CCES Chess News**

Aryan Dhingra (grade 2) Naren Matcha and Lakshman Ravoori (grade 4), and Maxwell Guo (grade 4) participated in the 2011 National K-12 Chess Championships in Nashville, Tennessee from April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>. The CCES team in the under 800 section represented by Aryan, Naren and Lakshman won 22nd place in the nation and earned a trophy for the school. The trophy was presented to Mr. Freiberger and it is displayed in the front office.

CCES students performed well against the middle and high schoolers. Results from the competition are posted at : [http://main.uschess.org/component/option,com\\_wrapper/Itemid,181/](http://main.uschess.org/component/option,com_wrapper/Itemid,181/). Thank you to Mr. Roy Towns, our Chess Club coach, who encouraged and trained our kids and for the support of CCES.

Congratulations to these students for their great efforts!

## Attention Rising 6th grade Students and Parents:



You are invited to the  
Annual Northwestern Middle School  
**Prowl Celebration**

Wednesday, May 18th from 3 - 6 p.m.

Cost: \$12 Students, Parents Free

Enjoy carnival rides, laser tag, bungee trampoline, inflatable soccer, football & basketball game, human hamster balls, video game van, \*photo booth, professional DJ, Music Matters Rock U Band and \*food (\* extra charge for photo booth and food)

Take advantage of this excellent opportunity to experience NWMS in this casual and fun setting!

### “It’s Just Hair” Cut-a-thon

Do you have long hair? Please consider donating your locks for the 5th Annual “Its Just Hair” Cut-a-thon to benefit Locks of Love and children with long-term medical hair loss. Most of the children who benefit have lost their hair due to an autoimmune disease called Alopecia Areata, a highly unpredictable disease that can cause hair loss in patches or total hair loss including eyebrows and eyelashes. The cut-a-thon will take place on Monday, May 23, 2011 in Alpharetta. Hair must be at least 10 inches and cuts and styles are complimentary. Please contact Diane Cooley for more information at [itsjusthair@gmail.com](mailto:itsjusthair@gmail.com) or 678-521-5639.



### Music Matters After School Band and Orchestra

The Music Matters after-school band and orchestra program will continue next year. Just like this year, instruction is available to students in third through fifth grades. Music Matters will be providing pre-registration and recruiting information to the school soon. Classes will begin in August. The monthly tuition fee will increase to \$55 for one hour-long lesson each week. Parents may rent or purchase instruments from Music Matters or the vendor of their choice. School-owned instruments will also be available to rent for a \$25 annual fee.

### Milton Youth Volleyball Camp

**Dates:** June 6 – June 9    **Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$100    **Place:** Milton High School Gym

*All ages: Beginners and Experienced Players.*

Participants will be separated by skill/experience level. Beginners will learn the game and develop volleyball skills. Experienced players will perfect existing skills; learn more advanced skills, as well as work on team skills.

The flyer/registration form will be sent home in your child’s backpack OR visit our web site at: [www.miltonvolleyball.com](http://www.miltonvolleyball.com), click on registration form to print and fill out. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Schaefer: [schaefer@fultonschools.org](mailto:schaefer@fultonschools.org) or phone: (770) 722-1372.

## Make Money For Crabapple Crossing, The Easy Way!



### TrueBlue Schools Program

Thank you to those who have enrolled in the TrueBlue Schools program with Georgia Natural Gas. We earn funds by getting more parents, family, and friends in the community to participate. If you are a current Georgia Natural Gas customer, Crabapple Crossing will receive a one-time \$25 donation, plus an additional \$5 per month for each month that you remain a customer. If you become a new Georgia Natural Gas customer, the school will receive donations, and you will also be eligible to receive a \$25 VISA gift card. It’s that simple! Please visit [www.trueblueschools.com](http://www.trueblueschools.com) to sign up and view the program details. *Thank you for supporting our school!*



### Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program

Help our school earn **FREE SUPPLIES!** CCES will earn credits equal to 5% of your qualifying school supply purchases every time you shop at Office Depot and give our

**School ID # 70024574.**

For details click on [5% Back to School Program](#).

*Thank you for supporting our school!*

### PurchaseEdge - Earn Points for Recycling Program

Please continue to bring in your empty cartridges (*HP only*) to the front office and place them on the cart inside the door. What a great way to dispose of your cartridges, help the environment, and support the school at the same time!



### More Box Tops and Campbell’s Labels Electronic Collection and Online Shopping

Electronically collect Labels for Education points using your shopper card. Get 100 Labels for Education Bonus Points with the purchase of any (4) Labels for Education products at a participating Kroger Family of stores retailer. It applies for every 4 products purchased.

*Not currently registered for e!Labels for Education?* Learn more and register today – go to [www.elabelsforeducation.com](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com)

Shop online at <http://www.boxtops4education.com> and CCES will earn Box Tops points for your purchases.

The last Box Tops collection for 2010-11 was today (May 13th). Start collecting now for the first collection date next school year!



Thank you.

### Yes I Can Award Winner

Congratulations to 4th grader, Gary Halverson, who received the “Yes I Can Award” for our school at Mercer University! Students in Fulton County Schools are nominated for these awards and are recognized for their accomplishments over time. We are proud that Gary was there to represent all the great learning that happens at Crabapple Crossing!



# Happy Summer!



## Crabapple Crossing PTA Positions for 2011-12

*Ever wonder what is happening at Crabapple Crossing? Want to get involved at your son or daughter's school?*

The CCE PTA needs your help during the 2011-2012 school year. The PTA supports CCE throughout the school year in many ways and right now is your chance to get involved and support our school. This year, CCE won the 2010 Platinum Award and the 2010 Georgia School of Excellence Award. The PTA wants to continue to assist the Principal, Teachers, and Staff at Crabapple Crossing so that we can be the top elementary school in Georgia!

The CCE PTA especially needs 2 people to create the Student Directory or we will not be able to provide one next year. The Student Directory is a one-time project and done early in the school year.

Talk to your friends and neighbors about the open positions. You can always work together on a committee. Many of these open positions are events that the students really look forward to each school year. The Fall Festival and Sock Hop are fund raisers for the PTA. Without the funding, we cannot meet our school's needs.

Please take a look at the list of open positions and contact Claudette Cunnold at [claudettec@mindspring.com](mailto:claudettec@mindspring.com) if you would be willing to serve with the PTA in August.

**Student Directory (2 positions)** - This committee gathers and organizes student data and oversees publication and distribution of the Crabapple Crossing Student Directory. Activities include the technical formatting of directory pages as well as contacting local vendors for ads to underwrite the printing costs. Much of the work can be done from home. Time commitment is required during early fall.

**Fall Festival** - This committee plans and implements a school-wide, family-centered event that promotes school spirit and community involvement while producing a profit to the PTA. Activities include developing and managing a budget, creating an engaging theme, developing a plan to support the theme, contracting with outside vendors, promoting the event, and securing and organizing large numbers of volunteers to man the event. Time commitment is moderate, and occurs in the first two months of the school year.

**Sock Hop** - This committee plans and implements a school-wide, family-centered winter dance event that promotes school spirit and community involvement while producing a profit to the PTA. Activities include developing and managing a budget, contracting with outside vendors, promoting the event, and securing and organizing volunteers to man the event. Time commitment is moderate is heaviest in January and February.

**Reflections** - This committee conducts a local program that is in concert with the National PTA Reflections program, which is designed to give students an opportunity to creatively express themselves in the areas of literature, musical composition, photography, or visual arts. Activities include learning about the theme, rules, and key dates of the national program; planning a budget; promoting the program and encouraging participation; recruiting judges; collecting and exhibiting entries; preparing winning entries for the next level of competition; and providing recognition. Time commitment is moderate, with most of the work completed by the end of March.

**PTA Family Fun Colt's Cup** - This committee plans and implements a 1 mile run coordinating with Northwestern Middle School and Milton High School. The free event is open to the whole community and takes place around the campuses of the three schools. Activities include developing and managing a budget, contracting with outside vendors, coordinating with the city of Milton and the administration of the three schools, promoting the event, and securing and organizing volunteers to man the event. Time commitment is moderate through most of the year but heavy in the weeks leading up to the event.

**PTA Family Fun Movie Night** - This committee plans and implements a school-wide, family-centered movie night on the back lawn of the school. Activities include developing and managing a budget, contracting with outside vendors, promoting the event, and securing and organizing volunteers to man the event. Time commitment is moderate and is heaviest in March.

### **Safe Routes to School Coordinator**

This PTA Rep will work with the CCE Administration on the monthly Walk to School Events.



*Responsibilities include:*

- Maintain the Walk to School Bulletin Board.
- Post signs a week before each event to remind parents & students
- Take down signs following each event.
- Prepare or gather give-away materials to acknowledge the participants.
- Attend each walking event as a greeter at the front door.
- Organize other volunteers to help hand out give-aways.
- Take photos of students at the events.
- Keep track of the number of participants.
- Work with administration to fulfill GA Safe Routes To School requirements.

### **Business Partner Representatives Needed!**

CCE is currently seeking parent representatives to serve on the Business Partner Committee.

*Responsibilities include:*

- maintaining and communicating with current partners,
- seeking and establishing new partners,
- securing partner contributions, and
- arranging school activities with partners.



Please contact Kimberly Bowsher, Assistant Principal, at [Bowsher@fultonschools.org](mailto:Bowsher@fultonschools.org) if you are interested .

## LSAC Responses to Suggestions/Concerns

At our March meeting, the council received one letter with the following questions and concerns:

**1. An inquiry was made about the timeline and costs of the playground development adjacent to CCES.**

*Response:* The city of Milton has made final approval of plans for the park/playground joint venture with Fulton County School System (FCSS). The plan has also received final approval from FCSS. The estimated completion date is sometime in the early Fall. CCES has not spent any money for the park; however, some parents have donated funds – approximately (\$750). These funds are being held until the playground construction becomes active. At this time, the funds will be used for appropriate items such as benches, etc. The City of Milton is spending approximately \$150,000.

**2. A concern was shared about school fundraising. This parent was appreciative of the recent survey regarding fundraising and noted that results indicated we would need to do Boosterthon again since it seems parents are willing to give more to this fundraiser than to a straight giving campaign. The parent wishes that parents would give to the school (and therefore the school would end up with 100% of the money), rather than giving a significant portion to the company that runs the fundraiser.**

*Response:* A CCES parent, Tara Spolan will be chairing a committee during the 2011-2012 school year to determine how we can run a successful check writing campaign in lieu of Boosterthon in the future. At this time, it seemed wise to continue Boosterthon for another year while the committee explores the issue. One change that will occur if we decide to conduct a direct give campaign rather than use a company is that we will need a lot of volunteers involved. Currently, Boosterthon employees make a strong commitment toward supporting a successful fund raising campaign. LSAC also discussed the importance of informing parents about what is funded at our school via fundraising events (primarily Boosterthon). Consequently, parents will better understand what needs to be given to generate the funds needed to sustain and improve the opportunities for CCES students. Please contact Tara Spolan if you are interested in serving on this committee.

**3. This parent suggested that a Teacher Book be created for the front office that includes every teacher/staff member and information about the person such as favorite stores, restaurants, teams, etc. This book would be a great source for parents.**

*Response:* LSAC members think a CCES Teacher/Staff book is a fabulous idea. Perhaps it could even be a part of the handbook or web site. LSAC members offered to begin data collection for compilation for next year.

At our May meeting, the council received one letter with the following concern:

**1. The parents wrote that they are not opposed to students viewing television at school. They see the role it may have in learning and also in providing entertainment during dismissal or indoor recess. This family believes that with so many educational options, however, there is not a need for Disney movies, which the students report watching over time at school.**

*Response:* The committee spent time discussing issues related to this concern such as dismissal, indoor recess, class rewards, end of year, and ratings of movies. In summary,

1) Viewing movies is not a commonplace activity at CCES. When movies are viewed, they must be G rated (unless parent permission is obtained and the movie is related to specific curricular goal). Because many G rated kids' movies are Disney, it is likely that they are selected when movies are shown.

2) For a couple of reasons, dismissal is a long process at CCES. Most importantly, we are the only elementary school in North Fulton that has buses that must take a load then return to school for another load. Dismissal is a time when teachers may put on a show to keep everyone quiet so that packing up and dismissal can occur without distraction.

3) Another time when movies are used is they are sometimes part of a class reward for hard work and good behavior over time. Often, students get to vote on what movie they watch, and Disney may be a popular choice.

4) The last week of school, some grade levels have theme days and movies may be part of those activities.

5) There are many options for indoor recess such as board games, computer time, cards, coloring, blocks, other learning toys, class games, etc.

6) Mr. Freiberger will reinforce appropriate timing and use of movies when the new school year begins.

Please continue to share concerns, questions, ideas, or suggestions with your local school advisory council. It is the job of the council to represent our CCES community. You are welcome to call, email, or complete a form if you have something to ask, share, request, suggest, or laud. Thank you for participating in making CCES a better school!

Congratulations to our two new parent members, Cindy Jackson and Kelley Belkeir,  
and our new teacher representative, Paul Hulsing.  
We welcome you to the council!

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