


# Dunwoody Dispatch


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## Upcoming Events:


**Mon. Oct. 20**  
Report Cards Distributed 


**Wed. Oct. 22**  
Vision and Hearing Screening 


**Thurs. Oct. 23**  
DSAC Mtg. at 7:30 a.m. 


**Tues. Oct. 28**  
Student Council Elections 


**Thurs. Oct. 30**  
Band and Orchestra Concert 6:30 p.m. 


**Fri. Oct. 31**  
Lunch and Learn 12:00 p.m.  
Volunteer Day  
Book Character Dress Up Day 


**Tues. Nov. 4**  
NO SCHOOL— Election Day 


**Wed. Nov. 5**  
Lifetouch Picture Re-take and Make Up Day 


**Thurs. Nov. 6**  
PTA Sponsored Cultural Arts Performance  
for Grades 3-5  
“Laughing Matters” 


*New Date*  
**Thurs. Nov. 6**  
State of the School Address 6:30 p.m. 

**Fri. Nov. 7**  
Student Recognition Ceremony 


**Wed. Nov. 12**  
Bernath's Community Mtg. At Haynes  
Bridge Middle School 9:30 a.m. 

**Thurs. Nov. 13**  
DSAC Mtg. at 7:30 a.m.  
Lunch and Learn 12:00 p.m. 

**Nov. 17-21**  
Book Fair in Media Center 

**Wed. Nov. 19**  
Early Release Day 11:20 a.m. dismissal 

**Nov. 20-21**  
Thanksgiving Luncheon 

**Nov. 26-28**  
NO SCHOOL— Thanksgiving Holiday 

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## A Message from Ivy Gainey- Principal

**THANK YOU** to the Ashford Dunwoody Wal-Mart store for donating \$1,000 to our school.

We will use the funds to purchase classroom libraries for our students. The books will be purchased from Scholastic and the classroom libraries will contain a variety of fiction and nonfiction books to support our students as they work to achieve their reading goals this year.

We have also been contacted by Kaiser Permanente and IBM and are in the process of writing grants to secure additional funding to support classroom libraries. The teachers are very excited about having these additional resources and we are looking forward to seeing the kids' reactions as well.

Another Thank You goes out to our friends from Publix at Dunwoody Place. Just last week, they offered up several boxes of school supplies! We know that all of our students will enjoy and benefit from these valuable resources.

We appreciate your support of our Early Release Days. The topic of our October 15 meeting was ESOL Strategies. We learned specific strategies for working with students who are learning English as a second language. The staff was trained by an instructor from the Fulton County ESOL Department who provided tips for general education classroom teachers for supporting these students. We all agreed that the strategies could be used to support all students, but we gained a better perspective on the specific challenges these particular students face.

Please be reminded about our **BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY!** Take advantage of this fun and exciting reading celebration by volunteering to read in your child's class. You'll love seeing the costumes, log a few volunteer hours and enjoy seeing the children's enthusiasm for reading!

*-Ivy Gainey*



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[www.dunwoodysprings.us](http://www.dunwoodysprings.us) or <http://www.greatschools.net> or <http://www.ncfpta.com>

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Look for the next  
**DISPATCH**  
On November 3

**Book Fair News!**

The book fair is coming up and we need volunteers! If you would like to help out during the book fair, please come to the media center and sign up for a day and time that works for you. The book fair will be held the week of November 17-21. All book fair volunteers will receive a free book valued up to 5.00!



**Dolphins Love the Georgia Aquarium!**

Our school has been fortunate enough to have every grade go to the Georgia Aquarium for a field trip! Our classes have had so much fun. Here are some pictures from Ms. Sutton's second grade class at the aquarium. Keep an eye out for more exciting pictures from our school's activities!



**Exciting Dolphin News on the News!**



Last Monday, October 13, was Columbus Day. Our local 11Alive News team came to our school to find out what our Dunwoody Springs Dolphins know about Christopher Columbus! Donna Lowry interviewed many kindergarteners, including Chisom Uwakwe in Ms. Scarbrough's class (above)!

The news crew also went to Ms. Reagan's class to watch them make Columbus' ships (below)! The broadcast aired on October 13 at 6:00 p.m. and the next morning at 6:00 a.m.



**To All Beginning Band and Orchestra Parents and Students**



*A Reminder of Our First Concert*

The Dunwoody Springs Charter School's **Beginning Band and Orchestra** will be presenting our *FIRST* concert Thursday October 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Students will need to be seated in their chairs at 6:00 p.m. **Please don't be late.**

The concert will give students a chance to demonstrate what they have been learning in class. This musical performance is designed to be a class demonstration of how instrumental music classes are organized, and show you the *fundamentals* of our classes.

As this is our first concert for beginning band and orchestra students, we want to make it special by allowing the students to dress up as their favorite book character or costume. Mr. Hedges and Mrs. Smith will also be dressing up in costume, and you will have to be at the concert to see what they have been reading. Even if you don't dress up in a costume, we want ALL beginning band and orchestra students to be a part of this first concert of the year.

We are having a little party after the concert for the kids. If you would like to bring cookies, chips or liter bottles of drinks that would be great. We will provide a cake, cups and plates. Also, if you can help serve the cake, please give us a call here at Dunwoody Springs at **770.673.4060** or e-mail **hedgesd@fultonschools.org**

We look forward to seeing you Thursday October 30!

**Come Learn About Sandy Springs Middle School**



Sandy Springs Middle School, in conjunction with North Springs Charter High School and Woodland Charter Elementary School are proud to host "DISCOVER through the Arts!" on October 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This exciting program will make the arts a more regular, innovative and exciting part of the daily curriculum for all students K-12th grade.

After some brief musical performances from the students and explanations from the principals on how each school will be incorporating this program into their curriculums, the program will then showcase nine Discovery Stations where teachers and students from all three schools will demonstrate unique ways of igniting creativity in the classroom. Guests may choose which Discovery Station to visit and will enjoy refreshments catered by Proof of the Pudding. Together with partner *ArtsNOW*, all three schools invite the community to discover the wonders of their collaborative partnership committed to improving and enhancing the joys of learning - academically, socially and artistically. RSVP to Michele Dumas of Creating Pride by calling 404-668 2480 ext. 8 by October 17, or email **mdumas@creatingpride.org**. The program will be conducted at North Springs Charter High School.

Woodland will present *Discovering Constellations through Printmaking*, *The Incredible Water Show* and *the Model Plant Cell*. Sandy Springs offers *Nature of Sound*, *Casey at the Bat!* and *Become the Art Critic!* North Springs demonstrates *Music and Language: The Perfect Match*, *Using Drama to Increase Memory in AP Psychology* and *Explore Light and Color with Physics*.

**Please help DSCS celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 27. Remind students to wear each day's themes...**



- Monday, October 27-"Put a cap on drugs"- *Wear a hat*
- Tuesday, October 28-"Drugs give you the blues"- *Wear blue*
- Wednesday, October 29-"Sock it to drugs"- *Wear crazy or mismatched socks*
- Thursday, October 30-"Team up against drugs"- *Wear your favorite team jersey or shirt*
- Friday, October 31-"Hooked on books, not drugs"- *Wear your favorite book character costume and bring your favorite book*

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